



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Flower Potts Timber Sale, App. No. 92915 and Forest Practice Application No. 2815424 . Variable retention harvest (VRH) of 1,829 MBF of timber from 51.3 (51) acres. Proposal includes up to 3,224 feet of temporary road construction to be abandoned, after completion of use, if built and 11,886 feet of pre-haul maintenance.

Description of mitigation: See attached sheet.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sections 32 and 33 of Township 35 North, Range 6 East and Sections 4 and 5 of Township 34 North, Range 6 East, W.M. Proposal is located 15 miles southeast of Sedro-Woolley, in Skagit County, off of Hwy 9, South Skagit Hwy, Potts Road and the DL-ML forest road.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from September 28, 2016 . Comments must be submitted by October 12, 2016 .

Responsible official: Jean Fike

Position/title: Northwest Region Manager **Phone:** 360-856-3500

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Date: 7-29-16 **Signature:** [Signature]

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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MITIGATED MEASURES

Flower Potts Timber Sale, App. No. 92915

Streams:

2 type 4 streams with a 100-foot, no-harvest buffer.

Slope Stability:

Potentially unstable areas were bounded out of this proposal.

A Licensed Engineering Geologist (Forest Practices “qualified expert”) made onsite visits and identified unstable features which were bounded out from the sale area. Part of the office screening process included a review of the Forest Practices Landslide Inventory via GIS.

Roads:

Exposed soils on cut and fill slopes will be revegetated to lessen sediment impact to streams. 3,224 feet of road will be abandoned after completion of use.

Green tree retention and wildlife:

An average of eight of the existing trees per acre have been designated to be left uncut on this proposal. Trees are both scattered and clumped throughout the proposed harvest area.

A wildlife timing restriction will be in effect for any road work, right-of-way timber falling and yarding, rock pit operations, or heavy equipment operation is not allowed from one hour before official sunset to one hour after official sunset from April 1 through August 31, on the following roads:

DL-10 Road (stations 84+30 to 92+47 and 101+69 to 103+82)

DL-1019 Road (stations 2+86 to 5+15)

Logging methods:

Proposal will be yarded by cable and ground-based systems. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.