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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Little John Timber Sale, App. No. 93571 and Forest Practice Application No. 2815440. Variable retention harvest (VRH) of 6,764 MBF of timber from 193.7 acres and variable density thinning (VDT) harvest of 352 MBF of timber from 47.4 acres for a total harvest of 7,116 MBF from 241 (241.1) acres. Proposal includes 2,914 feet of road construction, up to 4,865 feet of temporary road construction to be abandoned, after completion of use, if built and 46,399 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 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21 and 22 of Township 36 North, Range 4 East and Sections 11, 12 and 14 of Township 36 North, Range 3 East, W.M. Proposal is located 6 miles east of Alger, in Skagit County, off of Old Hwy 99, Parson Creek Road, Skaarup Road and the AL-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 October 5, 2015. Comments must be submitted by October 19, 2016.

Responsible official: Jean Fike

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

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Date: 9-30-16 Signature: [Signature]

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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MITIGATED MEASURES

Little John Timber Sale, App. No. 93571

Streams:

- 1 type 3 stream with a 158-foot buffer, a portion of which will be thinned up to the 25-foot no-harvest core zone.
- 12 type 4 streams with a 100-foot buffer, a portion of which will be thinned up to the 25-foot no-harvest core zone.
- 1 type 5 stream with a 33-foot, no-harvest buffer.

Wetlands:

- 1 forested wetland, greater than 0.25 acre but less than 1.0 acre in size, with a 100-foot buffer.
- 2 forested wetlands, greater 1.0 acre in size, with a 158-foot buffer, which will be thinned.

Slope Stability:

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. 4,865 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 the variable retention harvest portion of this proposal. Trees are both scattered and clumped throughout the proposed harvest area.

Logging methods:

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