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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Zeppelin Timber Sale, App. No. 93611 and Forest Practice Application No. 2815498 . Variable retention harvest (VRH) of 3,620 MBF of timber from 137.1 (137) acres. Proposal includes up to 2,036 feet of road construction and 37,049 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 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of Township 38 North, Range 5 East and Section 4 of Township 37 North, Range 5 East, W.M. Proposal is located 2 miles northeast of Acme, in Whatcom County, off of S.R. 9, Mosquito Lake Road and the VZ-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 November 15, 2016 . Comments must be submitted by November 29, 2016 .

Responsible official: Jean Fike

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Date: 11-10-16 Signature: [Signature]

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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MITIGATED MEASURES

Zeppelin Timber Sale, App. No. 93611

Streams:

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

Slope Stability:

A Licensed Engineering Geologist (Forest Practices “qualified expert”) made an onsite visit and identified potentially unstable features. 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.

Green tree retention and wildlife:

1,148 trees have been designated to be left uncut on this proposal. This represents an average of eight of the existing trees per acre. 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.