



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The Center 16 Thinning timber sale, agreement number 30-093097 and associated forest practice number 2614089 is a commercial thinning consisting of 18 units totaling 1,029 net harvest acres, and an additional 1 acres of associated right-of-way. The removal prescription will target smaller diameter, or poor form, or less desirable species. Some larger trees will be removed to allow for operability of thinning equipment. The residual stands will be fully stocked with an average TPA of 224 and BA of 170 per acre. The proposal will include 2,286 feet of new construction, 2,900 feet of decommissioning, 13,664 feet of reconstruction, and 176,545 feet of maintenance of forest roads. Expansion of the Buena Vista Pit is planned. Other State pits that may be used include PT-S-5110 Pit, Trooper Pit, Paradise Pit, Jimmycomelately Pit, and Alpaca Pit.

Description of mitigation:

The Center 16 Thinning timber sale was designed under the guidelines of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). This proposal does not require mitigation of HCP procedures. The following HCP procedures applied:

- Marbled Murrelet- (PR 14-004-320)
- Slope Stability- (PR 14-004-050)
- Riparian and Wetland Management Zones w/ Riparian Forest Restoration Strategy- (PR 14-004-150)
- Forest Roads- (PO 14-020)
- Assessing Hydrologic Maturity- (PR 14-004-060)

Proponent: Washington Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

T29N R3W Sec. 14
T29N R2W Sec. 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 19, & 20
T29N R1W Sec. 16
T28N R2W Sec. 2, 11, 35
T28N R1W Sec. 16, 21, 34
T28N R1E Sec. 28, 29, 33

Lead agency: Washington 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.

This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from March 2, 2016. Comments must be submitted by March 16, 2016.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.