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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

The Hardtak Sorts timber sale, agreement number 30-093651 and associated forest practice number 2614544 is a variable retention harvest consisting of seven units comprising 159 net harvest acres, and an additional 1 acre of associated right-of-ways, with an estimated volume of 5,249 mbf. The initial proposal evaluated 187 acres. Harvest of 160 acres represents a 15% reduction from the initial proposal. The reduction is a result of delineating wetland management zones (WMZs), riparian management zones (RMZs), a historic rock pit, and establishing leave tree area (LTA) clumps. The proposal will include 6,411 feet of new construction, 328 feet of reconstruction, and 31,869 feet of maintenance of forest roads. Existing stockpiles in the Jimmycomelately Pit will provide rock.

Description of mitigation:

The Hardtak Sorts timber sale was designed under the guidelines of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). A wetland over 1 acre in size is buffered by a 158 ft site index buffer. This buffer was adjusted, removing 1 acre of buffer along the south edge and extending the buffer to capture 1 acre of available timber that would have required a designated crossing of the wetland to access. The result of the mitigation is that no designated crossing is needed, which ultimately provides greater separation between the harvest area and the wetland. The following HCP procedures applied:

- Northern Spotted Owl- (PR 14-004-120)
- Marbled Murrelet- (PR 14-004-320)
- Riparian and Wetland Management Zones- (PR 14-004-150)
- Managing Forest Stand Cohorts- (PR 14-006-090)
- Identifying and Protecting Cultural Resources- (PR 14-004-030)
- Forest Roads- (PO 14-020)

Proponent: Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

T30N R2W Sec. 31 & T29N R2W Sec. 20, 28, & 29; approximately 6 miles east of Sequim.

Lead agency: Washington State 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 October 18, 2016. Comments must be submitted by November 1, 2016.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.