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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Higher Grounds Timber Sale #94424 and Forest Practice Application #2614491 is a variable retention harvest of approximately 144 net acres with an estimated sale volume of 4,510 MBF of timber. The proposal includes approximately 5,397 feet of new road construction, 3,985 feet of reconstruction, 3,760 feet of pre-haul maintenance, additionally there will be 2,225 feet of deactivation. Located in; Sections 09, 16, 17 and 20, Township 26 North, Range 11 West, WM., Jefferson County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Forest Practice Application can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **August 31, 2016**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. **September 14, 2016**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.