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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Snahapish VDT timber sale, agreement #30-094289, and associated Forest Practices application # 2614536, is a Variable Density Thinning (VDT) with 7 Timber Sale Units (TSU) located within the Middle Hoh and Upper Clearwater Watershed Administrative Units (WAU).

The sale is located 17-33 miles south of Forks, WA via the Hoh-Clearwater Mainline, Allen Mill Cutoff Road, the C-2700, and C-2800 road systems. The Snahapish VDT timber sale proposal encompasses approximately 553 acres with an approximate sale volume of 4,077 mbf. Of the 553 gross acres there are approximately; 404 VDT harvest acres, 11 variable retention harvest (VRH) acres, 0.2 Leave Tree Area (LTA) acres, 23.8 acres of existing roads within the units, and 114 acres have been left as Skip. Leave tree areas and scattered leave trees total 96 trees. Approximately 28,065 feet of pre-haul maintenance, 910 feet of new construction, 1,070 feet of reconstruction, and 1,070 feet of deactivation are proposed to meet the needs of the timber sale. The designated rock sources for this proposal are South Winfield and Copper pits. All areas of potential slope instability associated with this proposal were appropriately buffered and have been deferred from harvest.

Description of mitigation: The Snahapish VDT timber sale was designed under the guidelines of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). No mitigation of current HCP procedures is planned in conjuncture with this proposal. The following HCP procedures applied:

- Northern Spotted Owl- (PR-14-004-120)
- Marbled Murrelet- (PR-14-004-320)
- Slope Stability- (PR-14-004-050)
- Riparian and Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ) - (PR-14-004-160)
- Retention Trees- (PR-14-006-090)
- Forest Roads- (PO14-020)

Proponent: Washington State Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Jefferson County

Unit 1 is located approximately 17 miles south of Forks, WA in Section 34, Township 27 North, Range 12 West, W.M. Unit 2 is located approximately 20 miles south of Forks, WA in Sections 5 and 6, Township 26 North, Range 11 West, W.M. Unit 3, 4, and 5 are located approximately 26 miles south of Forks, WA in Sections 20, 29, 30, and 32, Township 26 North, Range 11 West, W.M. Unit 6 is located approximately 28 miles south of Forks, WA in Section 32, Township 26 North, Range 11 West, W.M. and Section 5, Township 25 North, Range 11 West W.M. Unit 7 is located approximately 29 miles south of Forks, WA in Sections 4, 5, 8, and 9, Township 25 North, Range 11 West, W.M. South Winfield pit is located approximately 17 miles south of Forks, WA in Section 35, Township 27 North, Range 12 West, W.M. Copper Pit is located approximately 33 miles south of Forks, WA in Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 11 West, W.M.

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 September 29, 2016. Comments must be submitted by October 13, 2016.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.