



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Mill Wright Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-093904 and Forest Practices Application No. 2932522. This is a variable retention harvest with 114 acres in 2 units of variable retention harvest, and .5 acres of right of way harvest in 1 unit, for a total of 114.5 acres in 3 units, with 3,987 feet of road construction, 18,956 feet of pre-haul maintenance, 1,242 feet of road abandonment, and harvesting approximately 3,378 MBF.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 200 feet wide adjacent to the harvest area on Type 1 streams, averaging 190 feet wide adjacent to the harvest area on Type 3 streams and a minimum 100-foot RMZ adjacent to the harvest area along Type 4 streams have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
- Wetland Management Zones (WMZs) averaging 190 feet wide adjacent to harvest areas around wetlands greater than one acre in size and a minimum of 100 feet wide adjacent to harvest areas around wetlands between 0.25 and 1 acre in size, measured from the edge of the delineated wetland. These measures are intended to protect water quality, sensitive wetland soils, and to maintain hydrologic function and natural water flow.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Section, 4, 5, 6, and 40 Township 08 North, Range 04 West, W.M., approximately 7.5 miles by road, west of Longview, off the Mill Creek road system in Cowlitz & Wahkiakum County, Washington.

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 1, 2016. Comments must be submitted by November 15, 2016.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.