



PETER GOLDMARK
Commissioner of Public Lands

MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Wild Plum Timber Sale, Application No. 30-094409 and FPA No. 2706142 is 595 proposed acres in five units, harvesting approximately 3,302 mbf of timber. Units 1 through 4 consist of a 508 acres of uneven-aged harvest. Unit 5 is a variable retention harvest of 20 acres. 67 of the proposed acres will remain unharvested Riparian Management Zones (RMZs). This proposal also includes 5,965 feet of road construction; 10,635 feet of road reconstruction; 11,658 feet of road maintenance and two road relocations associated with FPA #2706046. The site has moderate slopes and is expected to include both ground based and cable logging.

Description of mitigation:

- Skid trails will be water barred to reduce channelization of runoff, and roads will have drainage structures (cross drains, ditch outs, etc.) to collect runoff and distribute it back to the forest floor.
- Roads will be deactivated and abandoned post-harvest to reduce the potential for sedimentation and runoff.
- Existing snags, legacy, and snag recruitment trees will be left for wildlife along with at least 2 downed logs per acre if available.
- All trees over 30 inches will be left where operationally feasible.
- All F and Np streams have been excluded from the harvest using RMZ buffers. All Ns streams will be protected with a 30 foot Equipment Limitation Zone.
- Where possible, healthy advanced regeneration will be protected from harvest operations.
- In the event that any unknown archaeological resources are encountered, ground disturbing activities would be halted and a Department of Natural Resources Archaeologist will be contacted to survey the site and develop a Site Protection Plan. The Department's Inadvertent Discovery Plan is available at the Region Office.

Proponent: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Parts of Sections 21, 22, 26, 27, and 35 all in Township 19 North, Range 16 East, W.M., Kittitas County, approximately 17 miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA located off of Interstate 90 following Elk Heights and the Morrison roads.

Lead agency: State of 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.

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 September 15, 2016. Comments must be submitted by September 29, 2016

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