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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Echo Lake Timber Sale #30-093069 and associated Forest Practice Application No. 2418933; more than 61 acres considered for harvest was reduced to 58 net acres consisting of three variable retention harvest units and two road right-of-way units removing approximately 2,086 MBF of merchantable timber. Road work associated with this proposal consists of 5,000 feet of required pre-haul maintenance, 14,285 feet of required post-haul maintenance, 2,917 feet of optional construction, 585 feet of required reconstruction, and 1,672 feet of abandonment, if constructed.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls – This proposal is not within a Northern Spotted Owl Management Unit, nor within any Owl Areas, PR 14-004-120,

Marbled Murrelet – This proposal is within the North Puget Planning. This proposal is not within or near any reclassified habitat polygons nor does it contain potential suitable or newly identified suitable habitat. This proposal is compliant with the HCP interim Marbled Murrelet strategy, PR 14-004-320,

Riparian Management Zones (RMZs) – There are three Type 4 streams that are protected with 100 foot no-harvest buffers. There are two Type 5 streams that are protected with 30 foot Equipment Limitation Zones. All buffers meet or exceed HCP commitments, PR 14-004-150,

Retention Trees – An average of 8 leave trees per acre will be retained in clumps and as individuals, PR 14-006-090,

Slope Stability – All areas of potential instability have been excluded from the harvest area, PR 14-004-050,

Roads – Rock for this proposal may be obtained from the existing State owned Esker Pit.

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources, State Lands

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: This proposal is located in Sections 2, 11 and 12, Township 23 North Range 07 East, W.M. This proposal is located approximately 16 miles by road northeast of Maple Valley off Highway 18, within King County. See the associated Forest Practices Application and driving map.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources, State Lands

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.

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from September 27, 2016 . Comments must be submitted by October 11, 2016.

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