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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Flashback VRH and VDT Timber Sale #30-091746 and associated Forest Practice Application No. 2418800; more than 102 acres considered for harvest was reduced to 98 net acres consisting of four variable retention harvest (VRH) units and one variable density thinning unit (VDT) and three right-of-way units, removing approximately 3,011 MBF of merchantable timber. Road work associated with this proposal consists of 4,424 feet of new construction, 1,682 feet of reconstruction, 14,091 feet of pre-haul maintenance to existing roads, 1,085 feet of road decommissioning of newly constructed roads.

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

Northern Spotted Owls – Units 1, 2, and 5 are located in the Pleasant Valley Nesting Roosting and Foraging (NRF) Spotted Owl Management Unit (SOMU) within the South Puget HCP planning unit. The Pleasant Valley NRF SOMU is at 0.84 percent total NSO Habitat. Units 3 and 4 are in lands not designated for Spotted Owl management. This activity will not change any current amounts of total movement habitat with the Pleasant Valley NRF SOMU. This proposal is consistent with DNR's HCP and PR 14-004-120 Northern Spotted Owl Management (Westside) and PR 14-001-030 Settlement Agreement.

Marbled Murrelet – This proposal is within the South HCP Planning Unit, which does not have a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat Model. This proposal is not in nor within 300 feet of any identified potential, newly identified, or suitable habitat, PR 14-004-320,

Riparian Management Zones (RMZs) – There is one Type 3 water with a 185 foot average no harvest buffer. There are nine Type 5 streams that are protected with 30 foot equipment limitation zones, leave trees, or are excluded from the sale. There is one Type A wetland that is protected with a 185 foot average no harvest buffer. There is one Forested wetland that is protected with a 185 foot average no harvest buffer. 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 in VRH units. VDT units will remain fully stocked after harvest, PR 14-006-090,

Roads – Rock for this proposal may be obtained from the existing State owned Peavy 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 25, 35 and 36, Township 15 North, Range 04 East and in Section 29, Township 15 North, Range 05 East, W.M. This proposal

is located approximately 8 miles by road southwest of Elbe off State Route 7, within Lewis County. See the associated Forest Practices Application and driving map.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources, State Lands

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 August 9, 2016. Comments must be submitted by August 23, 2016

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