



MEMORANDUM

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File No. 11-062805

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FROM: Rochelle Knust, SEPA Center Manager

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Ripple VDT & VRH Timber Sale #86671 and Forest Practice Application #2811827 is an approximately 180.4-acre even-aged and uneven-aged harvest with 14,084 feet of road construction in the Middle Fork Nooksack Cultural Area. Located in Sections 18, 26, 27, and 28, Township 38 North, Range 06 East, W.M., Whatcom County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Forest Practice Application can be viewed on DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/sepa/Pages/Home.aspx>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on June 28, 2011. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 5:00 p.m. on July 12, 2011. **Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.**