



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Singletary Timber Sale, App. No. 89642 and Forest Practice Application No. 2813860 . Variable retention harvest (VRH) of 6,898 MBF of timber from 187 acres. Proposal includes 7,882 feet of road construction, 3,380 feet of road reconstruction, up to 9,142 feet of temporary road construction to be abandoned, after completion of use, if built.

Description of mitigation: See attached sheet.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sections 33 and 34 of Township 28 North, Range 9 East and Section 3, 4, and 10 of Township 27 North, Range 9 East, W.M. Proposal is located 6 miles northeast of Gold Bar, in Snohomish County, off of S.R. 2, Reiter Road and the MY-ML forest road.

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.

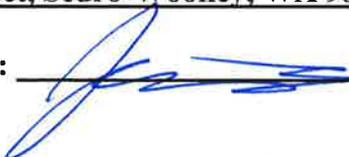
There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from March 11, 2014. Comments must be submitted by March 25, 2014.

Responsible official: Jean Fike

Position/title: Northwest Region Manager **Phone:** 360-856-3500

Address: 919 North Township Street, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Date: 3.10.14 **Signature:** 

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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MITIGATED MEASURES

Singletary Timber Sale, App. No. 89642

Streams:

- 1 type 1 stream with a 165-foot, no-harvest buffer.
- 4 type 3 streams with a 165-foot, no-harvest buffer.
- 5 type 4 streams with a 100-foot, no-harvest buffer.

Wetlands:

- 2 forested wetlands, greater than 1 acre in size, with a 165-foot, no-harvest buffer.
- 1 forested wetlands, less than 1 acre in size, with a 165-foot, no-harvest buffer.

Road building and abandonment will take place within the WMZ's of 2 forested wetlands. A mitigation plan will be implemented for acre-for acre replacement of the WMZ area impacted by new road construction, which will be abandoned after completion of use.

Roads:

Exposed soils on cut and fill slopes will be revegetated to lessen sediment impact to streams. Installation of a 70-foot span pre-constructed modular type steel bridge over type 1 stream; installation of a 42-foot span pre-constructed modular type steel bridge over type 3 stream; installation of a 50-foot span pre-constructed modular type steel bridge over type 3 stream; installation of a 40-foot span gravel decked log stinger bridge over a type 4 stream. 9,142 feet of road will be abandoned after completion of use.

Green tree retention and wildlife:

1,464 trees have been designated to be left uncut on this proposal. This represents an average of eight of the existing trees per acre. Trees are both scattered and clumped throughout the proposed harvest area.

Logging methods:

Proposal will be yarded by cable and ground-based systems. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.

Aesthetics:

The placement of leave trees was intended, in part, to provide visual breaks and soften the visual impact of the variable retention harvest. Riparian and wetland management zones provide additional visual buffers. Along the trail system in Unit 1 of the proposal, leave trees were not marked with the traditional ring of blue paint. Instead, all trees to be harvested were marked with orange paint. In essence, after the completion of harvest, none of the remaining tree boles will have paint markings which helps to maintain the aesthetics of the site.