



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

### **Description of proposal:**

The N-1100 VDT (Variable Density Thinning) and VRH (Variable Retention Harvest) timber sale, agreement #30-090940 and associated Forest Practice Application #2612877, is located approximately 25 road miles south of Forks via HWY 101 and the N-1000 road system. It is located within the Kalaloch Ridge, Cedar, and the Lower Clearwater WAUs and is a 6 unit timber sale proposal encompassing approximately 578 acres, with an approximate sale volume of 3.46 mmbf.

This proposal has four VDT units, one Variable Retention Harvest (VRH) unit, and one unit that is designated for pit development. This sale totals 578 gross acres: 405 thinning acres, 20 acres of VRH, 101 acres of skip, 7.1 acres of gaps, 0.35 acres of Leave Tree Area, 3 acres of proposed pit development, and 42 acres of existing roads. Skips consist of Riparian Management Zones (RMZ's), Wetland Management Zones (WMZ's), or forested wetlands, and potentially unstable slopes. Thinning of the exterior wind buffer will leave a minimum of 70% shade for all Type 3 streams as per Forest Practice requirements. Using skips and gaps together will increase the complexity of the forest structure, provide protection for RMZ's, promote stand diversity, and create openings for wildlife use.

Approximately 2,555 feet of new road construction, 15,467 feet of reconstruction, 1,651 feet of deactivation, and 93,388 feet of pre-haul maintenance are proposed to meet access needs into the sale area. The designated rock sources for this proposal are: North Winfield Pit located in Section 35, Township 27 North, Range 12 West, W.M.; South Winfield Pit, located in Section 35, Township 27 North, Range 12 West, W.M.; Red Creek located in Section 34, Township 27 North, Range 11 West, W.M.; Pistol Pit, located in Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 13 West; and the development of Miser Pit (Unit 5) located in Section 14, Township 25 North, Range 13 West, W.M. and Nolan Stockpile located in Section 19, Township 26 North, Range 12 West, W.M..

### **Description of mitigation:**

The N-1100 VDT and VRH timber sale was designed under the guidelines of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). No mitigation of current HCP procedures is planned in conjuncture with this proposal. The following HCP procedures applied:

- Northern Spotted Owl- (PR-14-004-120)
- Marbled Murrelet- (PR-14-004-320)
- Bald Eagle- (PR-14-004-330)
- Slope Stability- (PR-14-004-050)
- Riparian and Wetland Management Zones (RMZ) - (PR-14-004-160)
- Forest Roads- (PO14-020)

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:**

T25N R12W S7  
T25N R13W S1  
T25N R13W S2  
T25N R13W S4 (Pistol Pit)  
T25N R13W S11  
T25N R13W S12  
T25N R13W S13  
T25N R13W S14 (Miser Pit)  
T25N R13W S15  
T26N R12W S19 (Nolan Stockpile)  
T27N R11W S34 (Red Creek Pit)  
T27N R12W S35 (Winfield Pit North & South)

**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.

This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from June 30, 2015. Comments must be submitted by July 14, 2015.

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**Date** 6-25-15

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**There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.**