



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Green Thomas Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-086037 and Forest Practices Application No. 2922016. This is a variable retention harvest of 95 acres in 2 units, with 872 feet of road construction, 14,955 feet of pre-haul maintenance and 872 feet of road abandonment.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Approximately 0.25 acres of the original proposal were excluded from the harvest area due to potentially unstable slopes.
- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 180 feet wide on type 3 streams and a minimum 100-foot RMZ along type 4 streams have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Section 31, Township 09 North, Range 04 West, W.M. and Sections 25 and 36, Township 09 North, Range 05 West, W.M., approximately 14 miles by road, west of Longview, off the E-1000 and E-2000 road systems in Wahkiakum County, Washington.

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 February 23, 2011. Comments must be submitted by March 9, 2011.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.