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Notice of Final Determination

SEPA File No. 24-020601

FPA No. 2819320

Landowner: Washington State Department of Natural Resources

The Department of Natural Resources issued a Determination of Non-significance (DNS), Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS), Modified DNS/MDNS on **February 6, 2024** for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2).

This threshold determination is hereby:

Retained.

Modified. Modifications to this threshold determination include the following:

FPA number changed from 2819254 to 2819320.

Withdrawn. This threshold determination has been withdrawn due to the following:

Delayed. A final threshold determination has been delayed due to the following:

Summary of Comments and Responses (if applicable):

Comment: Received multiple (138) comments from February 9, 2024 through the end of the comment period on February 20, 2024. Each comment was based on templated auto-generated comments from advocacy and environmental groups' websites. The comments opposed the harvest of the proposal, specifically based on ecological, wildlife habitat, and climate concerns.

Response: See attached.

Comment: Received February 10, 2024, from Lys Burden, as a modification of the templated auto-generated comment from advocacy/environmental groups' website requesting to stop the harvest due to its slope stability concerns, older forest concerns, water quality concerns, and climate resilience value.

Response: Response letter from DNR State Lands sent to Lys Burden

Comment: Received February 11, 2024, from Jim Bloss, as a modification of the templated auto-generated comment from advocacy/environmental groups' website requesting to stop the harvest due to its slope stability concerns, older forest concerns, water quality concerns, and climate resilience value.

Response: Response letter from DNR State Lands sent to Jim Bloss



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Comment: Received February 15, 2024, from Lani Suyama. The comment opposed the harvest of the proposal, specifically based on older forest concerns.

Response: Response letter from DNR State Lands sent to Lani Suyama

Comment: Received February 19, 2024, from Stephen Kropp, Legacy Forest Defense Coalition. The comments were regarding management of “structurally complex forests” and opposed the harvest of the proposal, based on slope stability concerns, and older forests.

Response: Response letter from DNR State Lands sent to Stephen Kropp

Comment: Received February 20, 2024, from Luke Fisher, Tulalip Tribes. The comments were regarding slope-stability concerns.

Response: Response sent to Luke Fisher

All comments were considered, and the review of the Ridge Ender Timber Sale has been conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and agency policies. No new information has been provided to change the determination of non-significance for this proposal.

Responsible Official: Kevin Killian

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Date: April 9, 2024

Signature: 

There is no agency SEPA appeal.