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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

The Pistol Pete Sorts timber sale, agreement #30-104814 and associated Forest Practices Application #2618212, is located in Clallam County approximately 8 miles east of Port Angeles off of Blue Mountain Road as well as the PA-F-3100 and PA-F-3200 road systems. It encompasses approximately 240 gross acres with a cruised volume of 3,687 mbf. This sale consists of ten variable retention harvest units, one variable density thinning unit, and four right-of-way units; all of which are located in the Siebert-McDonald WAU. Within the proposal area, there are 56 acres of riparian management zone and unstable slopes, 6 acres of forested wetland, 20 acres of wetland management zone, 8 acres of area designated as Leave Tree Areas (LTAs), and less than 1 acre of pre-existing road. The net harvest acreage is 149 acres. Approximately 7,825 feet of new road construction, 2,145 feet of road reconstruction and 23,005 feet of required pre-haul maintenance have been proposed to meet access needs to the sale area. The designated rock sources will be Prospector Pit, MC Pit, and/or commercial sources.

Description of mitigation:

This sale was designed under the guidelines of the DNR's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Implementation of policy and procedure relating to riparian and wetland management zones establish that the DNR Proprietary HCP Substitution Agreement for Aquatic Resources (2008) will be followed. The agreement states that no road-building shall occur within wetland buffers without mitigation. Roads constructed within wetland buffers require on-site and in-kind equal acreage mitigation located adjacent to or as near as possible to the remaining or original wetland location. The required construction of new haul road through Unit 10 ROW will infringe upon 0.4 acres of WMZ associated with the wetland centered around Units 6, 7 and 8. As mitigation for the infringement, the buffer along the eastern boundary of Unit 6 was equally increased by 0.4 acres. There will be no loss of function to the WMZ. See the SEPA and Region Biologist memo for further details.

Proponent: Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Clallam County – 12 miles east of Port Angeles

T30-0N R5-0W S23 --- (Units 9, 11 & 12)

T30-0N R4-0W S30 --- (MC Pit)

T30-0N R4-0W S31 --- (Unit 4)

T30-0N R5-0W S24 --- (Units 1, 2, 3, 13 ROW, 14 ROW, 15 ROW & Prospector Pit)

T29-0N R5-0W S01 --- (Units 6, 7, 8 & 10 ROW)

T30-0N R5-0W S36 --- (Unit 5)

Lead agency: Washington State 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 WAC 197-11-350; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from January 9, 2024. Comments must be submitted by January 23, 2024.

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Date 01/02/2024 **Signature** *William Wells*

There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.