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MEMORANDUM

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File No. 24-032903

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FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Ghost Town Sorts Timber Sale #104392 and Forest Practice Application #2942287 proposal is for a variable retention harvest of 235 acres in 6 units, and 2 acres of right of way harvest in 2 units, for a total of 237 acres in 8 units, removing approximately 5,518 MBF of timber. The proposal includes 2,025 feet of road construction, 3,080 feet of road reconstruction, 27,771 feet of pre-haul maintenance, and 565 feet of road abandonment. Located in Sections 16, 17, Township 10 North, Range 02 East, and Section 03, Township 09 North, Range 02 East, W.M., Cowlitz County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Forest Practice Application can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **March 29, 2024**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. **April 12, 2024**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.