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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Q FLY BY NIGHT Timber Sale, Application No. 30-106349, and FPA No. 2707628. The proposal includes a 629 gross acre timber sale consisting of 13 harvest units. The proposed timber harvest will remove approximately 3.265 million board feet of commercial timber utilizing a variable retention harvest prescription. All units will be variable retention harvest. This proposal also includes 435 feet of road construction, 56,035 feet of maintenance, 8,985 feet of reconstruction, and 5,255 feet of road abandonment. The site has mild to medium slopes and ground-based logging will be utilized across the entire proposal area.

Description of mitigation:

- Skid trails will be water-barred to reduce channelization from runoff, and roads will have drainage structures (cross drains, ditch outs, etc.) to collect runoff and distribute it back to the forest floor.
- Slash generated from harvest operations will be placed on skid trails to reduce erosion.
- Selected roads will be abandoned post-harvest to reduce the potential for sedimentation and runoff.
- To support and improve the ecological functions of a fish stream and its surrounding forest, two culverts will be removed from one fish stream to enhance the aquatic habitat.
- All potentially unstable slopes are excluded from the proposed boundary.
- 6 trees of the largest diameter classes per acre will be left in all the units. Selected units will be planted with preferred species that are expected to be more suitable for future site conditions.
- Retained snags that pose a hazard as defined by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries may be felled, but must be left in place.
- If a Gray Wolf den site is discovered or suspected within 1 mile of the timber sale, a no-harvest temporary seasonal timing restriction will be enforced immediately from March 15-July 30 unless permitted to do so granted in writing by the State.
- The proposal has been designed to avoid impact to all known cultural resources. Any cultural resources identified during operations will be protected. Should archaeological materials or cultural items be discovered during operations, all work in the vicinity will be stopped and the associated tribes and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) will be contacted. DNR will comply with the April 2023 Cultural Resources Inadvertent Discovery Procedures outline in PR#14-004-010, available at the Southeast Region office located in Ellensburg, Washington.

Proponent: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources.



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Location of the proposal, including street address, if any: Sections 4, 6 in Township 20 North, Range 20 East, W.M., Kittitas County, and Section 32 in Township 21 North, Range 20 East, W.M., Chelan County, approximately 20 miles south of Wenatchee, Washington. The sale is located off of Pole Flats Road (S1400) off Upper Basin Loop road from Malaga Alcoa HWY in East Wenatchee, Washington.

Lead agency: State of Washington, 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 March 28, 2024. Comments must be submitted by April 11, 2024.

Responsible official: Larry Leach

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Date: 3/28/24 Signature: Larry Leach

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

11/09/00