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MEMORANDUM

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File No. 24-022903

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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:

Next Contestant Timber Sale #103625 and Forest Practice Application #2423820 proposal is for 92 net acres for the timber harvest and 41 acres in conservation areas, consisting of five variable retention harvest units, removing approximately 3,576 MBF of merchantable timber. The proposal includes 133 feet of required pre-haul maintenance, 19,861 feet of required post-haul maintenance, 19,861 feet of optional pre-haul maintenance, 2,073 feet of optional construction, and 2,073 feet of abandonment, if constructed. Located in Sections 14, 16, 21, 22, and 23, Township 23 North, Range 04 West, W.M., Mason 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 **February 29, 2024**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **March 14, 2024**. Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.