# MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Oly Blow timber sale application # 30-084779 and the attached forest practice application # 2610090 is a one unit variable retention harvest proposal. The estimated timber volume removal for this proposal is 594 mbf, encompassing approximately 26 acres of harvest.

**Description of mitigation**: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: The sale has been screened for spotted owl habitat and is in non-habitat for spotted owls as identified by structure definition. The proposal is not in an Owl Area. (Procedure PR-14-004-120)

Marbled Murrelet: The proposal is not reclassified marbled murrelet habitat. There is occupied habitat to the southwest of the sale and the portion of the sale south of the PA-L-1000 road will have daily timing restrictions during the critical nesting season. (Procedure PR-14-004-320)

Riparian and Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): This proposal has one forested wetland associated with it. This forested wetland has been protected with a 100 foot buffer. Salvage of down timber lying across or just inside the outer edge of this buffer will occur. No equipment will enter the buffer and no standing trees will be removed. There are two Type 5 streams. No buffers are required, however leave trees were located along the banks to protect them. Downed trees will be salvaged with equipment not allowed near the channels or in the swale upslope from the southern stream. This swale does not contain a channel; however, there is evidence of subsurface water and leave trees were placed along its bank to protect it. (Procedure PR-14-004-150)

Slope Stability: There are no unstable slopes associated with this proposal. (Procedure PR-14-004-050)

Retention Trees: Retaining a minimum of eight trees per acre in the proposal area provides legacy elements for recruitment of future snags, coarse woody debris, multi-layered stands and large diameter trees. There are 167 clumped leave trees and 39 individually painted trees. (Procedure PR-14-006-090)

Roads: No new roads will be constructed for this proposal. Two new landings and approximately 465 feet of abandonment are planned for this proposal.

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any**: The proposal is located approximately 9.5 miles from Sequim on the Hooker, Atterberry, Cassidy and PA-L-1000 roads, in Section 5 of Township 29 North, Range 4 West, W.M.

**Lead agency**: 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.**

X **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from** August 27, 2009**. Comments must be submitted by** September 10, 2009

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**There is no agency SEPA appeal.**
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