Date 4/26/2024

Notice of Final Determination "Liberty" SEPA File No. 24-032901

The Department of Natural Resources issued a [X] Determination of Non-significance (DNS), [] Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS), [] Modified DNS/MDNS on **March 29th**, **2024** for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2).

This threshold determination is hereby:
[X] Retained.
[] Modified. Modifications to this threshold determination include the following:
[] Withdrawn. This threshold determination has been withdrawn due to the following:
[] Delayed. A final threshold determination has been delayed due to the following:
Summary of Comments and Responses (if applicable):
A comment received from the Center for Sustainable Economy asking for more analysis and detail on the State's consideration of climate impacts.
Response: The checklist mentions the impacts of a changing climate in several locations where it notes foreshealth conditions are deteriorating and suffering impacts from root rot and fir engraver. The DNR's 20-year

Response: The checklist mentions the impacts of a changing climate in several locations where it notes forest health conditions are deteriorating and suffering impacts from root rot and fir engraver. The DNR's 20-year Forest Health Strategic Plan identifies this watershed as a high priority for restoration. The project is driven by the need to correct the conditions leading to a dying forest and promote regeneration along with resiliency to a changing climate. This proposal is a reaction to a changing climate and the desired outcome is a more stable forest stand that is resilient to further insect and disease impacts along with reducing the risks to local communities due to wildland fire spread.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.