WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

DOUG SUTHERLAND
Commissioner of Public Lands

NOTICE OF ACTION

Notice is given under SEPA, RCW 43.21C.080, that the **Washington Department of Natural Resources** took the action described in (2) below on **May 13, 2003**.

1. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced on or before **June 19, 2003**.

2. Description of agency action: **Adoption of the Loomis NRCA Management Plan. The plan fulfills requirements outlined in the Memorandum of Clarification signed on December 16, 1998 by Northwest Ecosystem Alliance and the Department of Natural Resources, and the Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCA) Act, RCW 79.71.**

3. Description of proposal (if not covered by (2)):

The Loomis NRCA Management Plan includes management goals and actions for ecosystems, wildlife habitat and public use to coordinate conservation of natural features and public use. In addition to low-impact public use (hiking, nature study, photography, research etc.), traditional uses of the Loomis forest; snowmobiling, equestrian activities and livestock grazing are included in the management plan as allowed uses. The traditional uses are permitted to meet the requirements of the 1998 Memorandum of Clarification.

4. Location of proposal (a sufficient description should be given to locate the site, if any, but a complete legal description is not required):

The Loomis NRCA consists of two parcels adjacent to the Loomis State Forest, just south of the U.S.- Canada border in Okanogan County. More specifically, the north block is approximately 18 miles west of Oroville and the south block is approximately 20 miles west of Tonasket. To view a map of the area go to www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa.

5. Type of environmental review under SEPA (include name and date of any environmental documents):

Environmental Checklist, prepared December 2, 2002.
Determination of Non-Significance, signed January 17, 2003
Notice of Final Determination, signed April 10, 2003

6. Documents may be examined during regular business hours at (location, including room number, if any):

SEPA Center, Department of Natural Resources, 4th Floor
1111 Washington Street
Olympia, WA

Northeast Region DNR Office
225 South Silke Rd
Colville, WA

7. Name of agency, proponent, or applicant giving notice:

Natural Areas Program, Asset Management & Protection Division, Washington Department of Natural Resources

8. This notice is filed by (signature of individual and capacity in which the person is signing):

Signature _____ Title manager Date 13 May 2003