

Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for lead agencies

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions (Part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in "Part B: Environmental Elements" that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

A. Background

[Find help answering background questions²](#)

1. **Name of proposed project, if applicable:** Golden Fleece

2. **Name of applicant:** Inland Empire Paper CO. (IEP)

3. **Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:** Ryder Bricker, Forester for Inland Empire Paper Co. 3320 N. Argonne Rd. Spokane, WA 99212 Phone: (406)925-9288

4. **Date checklist prepared:** 8/17/2023

5. **Agency requesting checklist:** Washington Department of Natural Resources, Northeast Region

6. **Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable):** December 2023/ January 2024

7. **Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.** None

8. **List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.** There will be a required Forest Practices Application prepared for this activity. This will include a slope stability report prepared by a qualified expert who is a Geologist

9. **Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.** None FPA #
3026631

10. **List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**
None

11. **Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on**

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) Timber Harvest

FPA #3026631 indicates a timber harvest of 107 acres, removing 1,200 MBF.
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12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. This proposed timber harvest is located Section 20, 21, 28 , T40N R39W Latitude 48.93861, Longitude -117.86838. Located south of Sheep Creek and east of Gold Creek.

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions³](#)

- a. **General description of the site:** This is a moderately forested site with traverse ground in the immediate area ranging from 10% to 35% sideslope. The site is timbered with mature Western Cedar, Doug Fir and Western Larch

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, **mountainous**, other:

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 40%

Risk Assessment
mapping tool
Lidar shows areas
of up to 55% slope

What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. *Texture* is given in the standard terms used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These terms are defined according to percentages of sand, silt, and clay in the fraction of the soil that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter. "Loam," for example, is soil that is 7 to 27 percent clay, 28 to 50 percent silt, and less than 52 percent sand. If the content of particles coarser than sand is 15 percent or more, an appropriate modifier is added, for example, "gravelly."

Classification of the soils is determined according to the Unified soil classification system (ASTM, 2005) and the system adopted by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO, 2004).

- c.

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

- d. **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.** Yes, there is potential for groundwater recharge areas for landslide features which are glacial deep seated landslides, are located downslope of the proposed harvest unit. However, evidence suggests these landslides are not associated with activity directly or currently from groundwater recharge. Two inner gorges were identified and were removed from the harvest areas. Deep seated landslides are partially located within the harvest boundary, but are considered dormant- indistinct to relict and would not meet the criteria of a category E feature. Relative geomorphic ages of deep-seated landslides were determined in Keaton and DeGraff(1996), which also is referenced in the Board Manual 16 (table2, modified). This age classification is for landslide activity in Rocky Mountain Type Climates, which is similar climatically with the regional area of northeast Washington. The geomorphic features were analyzed on lidar, as well as confirmed in the field by a licensed Geologist. Please review FPA/N #3026631 to view full Geological report prepared by Isabelle Donziaple Hoygaard.
- e. **Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.** Timber Harvest. There will be no filling, excavation. Post-harvest grading for logging road maintenance will take place after logging operations have been completed.
- f. **Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.** Possible erosion could accrue from sediment runoff.
- g. **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?** None
- h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.** Within the Unstable Slope Report identifier 6, 9 and 10 there will be no timber harvest due to those areas being under protection from the existing Riparian Management Zone buffer of 50ft thus leaving 50ft of no timber harvest. leaving the standing timber on the site.

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions⁴](#)

- a. **What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. None**

- b. **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. No off-site sources of emissions will be generated.**

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: Yes** there would be emissions from logging equipment and dust created from vehicles and equipment. Emissions are regulated by the vehicles and equipment exhaust systems and emissions controls.

3. Water

[Find help answering water questions⁵](#)

a. Surface:

[Find help answering surface water questions⁶](#)

1. **Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.** Yes Gold Creek and gold creek is a tributary to Sheep Creek. Washington typed Np steams is located within the middle of the proposed logging unit has had a fifty buffer placed around it with Orange Riparian Management Zone. This buffer is to completely exclude all logging activities and equipment within fifty feet of the stream channel. Please refer FPA/N# 3026631 Slope Stability Report Appendix D.
Available on FPARS FPA #3026631
SEPA Center TC 10/11/23

2. **Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.** Yes harvest will accrue within 50 feet typed Np stream. 50 feet Riparian Management Flagging is in place to exclude all timber harvest activities. Please see attached Slope Stability Report identifier 9.

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

3. **Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. There will be no fill or dredge material within the timber harvest area.**
4. **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No, there will be no surface water withdrawals or diversions within the timber harvest area.**
5. **Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. No it does not lie within a 100-year floodplain.**
6. **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. No**

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions⁷](#)

1. **Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No**
2. **Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. There will be no waste material discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources.**

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

1. **Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. Possible soil runoff may accrue after timber harvest.**

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

2. **Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.** No waste materials will enter ground or surface waters during timber harvest and after timber harvest.
3. **Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.** No
- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:** There is a 50 foot Riparian Management Zone buffer in place to complete exclude all activities within stream buffers thus there will be no timber harvest leaving all existing vegetation none disturbed.

4. Plants

[Find help answering plants questions](#)

a. **Check the types of vegetation found on the site:**

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. **What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**

This is a proposed Timber Harvest, Doug Fir, Western Larch, Red Cedar, Lodgepole pine, Ponderosa Pine and Grand Fir will be harvested.

c. **List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

None

d. **Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.**

There will be no proposed landscaping after timber harvest.

e. **List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.**

N/A

5. Animals

[Find help answering animal questions⁸](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include: Various types of unknown songbirds and Blue Jays have been noticed.

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: None
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: None

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

There is no threaten or endangered species within or near the site observed.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

NO

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

None

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. No invasive animal species have been known to occupy or be near the proposed timber harvest.

The wedge wolf pack is in the Area shown with the Risk Assessm Tool. Per DFW there are no known Denning sites at this time.

Yes this is part of the Pacific Flyway

6. Energy and natural resources

[Find help answering energy and natural resource questions⁹](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. None this is a timber harvest

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

NO

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

No kinds of energy conservation features will be included within this timber harvest.

7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)¹⁰

- a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

Yes, there could be a possible fuel leaks, oil leaks and hydraulic leaks from various types of logging equipment and vehicles.

1. **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

No possible contamination presently and past uses.

2. **Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

No hazardous chemicals/conditions are within timber harvest boundary

3. **Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

No hazardous chemicals have nor will be stored, used, or produced.

4. **Describe special emergency services that might be required.** Logging operators are required to have a spill kit on site for any possible clean up do to machinery by the department of Ecology and also a requirement for Inland Empire Paper.

5. **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

Logging Operators are required by Inland Empire Paper to regularly inspect and maintain all equipment on site.

b. Noise

1. **What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**

None.

2. **What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?**

Short term, typical logging construction noise

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

No measures are in place. Timber harvest is located in a remote area far from the public.

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)¹¹

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. None

Current use Industrial timber land, adjacent properties Industrial Timber Land. There will be no effect on current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties. There will be no development of any structures residential or commercial buildings after logging activity are finished. This is privately owned industrial timber property.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

Forest Lands, none will be converted it will be maintained as forest lands for industrial Timber management.

1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?

NO

c. Describe any structures on the site. There is no structures on site.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Timber production

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Industrial timber harvest

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

No shoreline master program

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

NO

- i. **Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

~~Up to five personal will be working for timber harvest~~ None

- j. **Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

None

- k. **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.**

N/A

- l. **Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.**

Timber harvest contract will be in place before the start of any timber harvest.

- m. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:**

Logging operator will be under contract to comply with Inland Empire Paper timber lands as well as the Department of Natural Resources.

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions¹²](#)

- a. **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

No Housing this is a timber harvest on industrial timber lands.

- b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. No units will be eliminated within the timber harvest boundary.**

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**

No housing will be impacted within timber harvest on industrial timber ground.

10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions¹³](#)

- a. **What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

No building of any structures.

- b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

None

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**

None

11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)¹⁴

- a. **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

Lights from logging equipment will be on during the early morning hours from 4am to 8am. And possible in the evening hours from 5pm to 8pm.

- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

No

- c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

None

- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**

None

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

None

- b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

None

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**

None

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹⁵

- a. **Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

*No Known
Historic or
Cultural
Site exists
per Risk Asses
Tool*

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

No

- b. **Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

No

- c. **Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

Consultation, historic map, GIS data was all used

- d. **Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

No Resources are within the proposed Timber Harvest

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)¹⁶

- a. **Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

County Road Sheep Creek located in Steven County. Please refer to Haul Route map within the Forest Practice Application.

- b. **Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

No public Transit. 15 miles to the nearest transit

- c. **Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

NO

- d. **Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

NO

- e. **How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of**

¹⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Estimated 8 logging trucks per day based on past logging operations with the operator.
Peak volumes will be from 5:00am to 2:00pm

- f. Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

NO

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

None

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions¹⁷](#)

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. NO**

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

No measures need to be put in place. This is a Timber sale located within Inland Empire Paper property industrial timber lands.

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸](#)

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**

No utilities are on site.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

No utilities are within the timber harvest project area.

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign¹⁹](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

¹⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

Signed by:

Ryder Bricker

Type name of signee: Contact person Ryder Bricker

Position and agency/organization: Forester, Inland Empire Paper Co. (IEP) (406)925-9288

Date submitted: 9/27/2023

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet²⁰](#)

Do not use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

- 1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?**

Not very likely, some sediment may accrue however very unlikely after timber harvest

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

Riparian Management Protection Zone of 50 feet has been put in place. No vegetation within the buffer will be disturbed.

- 2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?**

No plants, animal, fish or marine life will be affected by the proposed timber harvest.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:**

Riparian Management Zone buffers for stream protection of 50 feet have been put in place.

- 3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**

Not very likely

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

Stream buffers have been put in place to the Department of Natural Resources guidelines.

- 4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as**

²⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Not very likely. There are no environmentally sensitive areas such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers. Nor is there any threat to endangered species habitat or historic or cultural sites. No wetlands, floodplains and prime farmland are within the timber harvest boundary.

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**
No measures or in place do to the nonexistent areas on the landscape.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

Timber harvest activity will not affect land use or shoreline use

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:** No shoreline is present on the landscape within or around the project area.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

There will be no increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:**
No measures are in place.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

There are no identifying features that may propose any conflict with local, state, or federal laws. Timber harvest will operate within the guidelines of Washington Department of Natural Resources.