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**MEMORANDUM**

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File No. 22-092801

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Rochelle M. Goss, 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:

DNR is proposing a forest carbon project on operable forested state trust lands in western Washington. The project would involve setting aside approximately 10,000 operable acres of forested state trust lands, and generating revenue through the sale of carbon credits rather than through timber harvests. DNR is proposing to choose forest areas that have high conservation value; for example, areas that have important characteristics relevant to biodiversity and species' habitat, ecosystem health, watershed resilience, cultural significance, and community subsistence. Specifically, DNR will seek to identify forest parcels that have these values and where these values might not be maintained or enhanced in the context of timber harvest. It is DNR's goal to simultaneously protect these important forest areas and conservation values, mitigate climate change through increased carbon storage and continued sequestration, and generate revenue for DNR's trust beneficiaries through the sale of carbon credits. The parcels will be selected from DNR-managed forested state trust lands in western Washington.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination and SEPA Checklist can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/carbon-project>

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 September 28, 2022. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2022.

**Comments should be submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7YMQ6CH> or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please do not email comments.**