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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: DNR Carbon Project; 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.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The proposal is located on forested state trust lands in western Washington.

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 DNS

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from September 28, 2022. Comments must be submitted by October 12, 2022.

Responsible official: Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn

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Date: 09/25/2022 **Signature:** *Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn*

There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.