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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Tracy Cooper, 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:

Lobster VRH RMZ Timber Sale #97606 and Forest Practice Application #2816737 proposal is a variable retention harvest on 88.4 acres and a variable density thinning on 1.1 acres, for a total harvest of approximately 3,482 MBF of timber from 89.5 acres. The proposal includes 5,067 feet of road construction, up to 4,448 feet of temporary road construction, to be abandoned after completion of use, if built, and 41,763 feet of pre-haul maintenance. Located in Sections 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 10, 11, 15, 21, and 22, Township 38 North, Range 04 East, W.M., Whatcom County.

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

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa>

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 **December 5, 2018**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **December 19, 2018**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.