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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Twayblade SWT Timber Sale, App. No. 94599 and Forest Practice Application No. 2815497 . Variable density thinning (VDT) harvest of 800 MBF of timber from 161.1 (161) acres. Proposal includes 26,154 feet of pre-haul road maintenance.

Description of mitigation: See attached sheet.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sections 7, 18, 19 and 34 of Township 37 North, Range 5 East and Sections 12 and 13 of Township 37 North, Range 4 East W.M. Proposal is located 1 mile southwest of Acme, in Whatcom County, off of S.R. 9 and the CC-ML forest road.

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 Mitigated DNS.

This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from November 16, 2016 . Comments must be submitted by November 30, 2016 .

Responsible official: Jean Fike

Position/title: Northwest Region Manager **Phone:** 360-856-3500

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Date: 11-14-16 **Signature:** 

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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MITIGATED MEASURES

Twayblade SWT Timber Sale, App. No. 94599

Streams:

7 type 4 streams with a 100-foot buffer which will be generally thinned up to the 25-foot inner core zone.

Wetlands:

1 forested wetland, greater 1.0 acre in size, with a 175-foot buffer which will be thinned.

Slope Stability:

Potential areas of instability and any sustained steep hillslopes were excluded from the proposal.

A Licensed Engineering Geologist (Forest Practices “qualified expert”) made an onsite visit. Part of the office screening process included a review of the Forest Practices Landslide Inventory via GIS.

Green tree retention and wildlife:

This proposal is a small wood thinning and approximately 160 trees per acre will be retained.

Wildlife timing restrictions are: Harvest, yarding, truck loading, and road maintenance activities shall be prohibited from one hour before official sunrise to two hours after official sunrise and one hour before official sunset to one hour after official sunset from April 1 to August 31.

Logging methods:

Proposal will be yarded by low pressure ground-based equipment systems. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.