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.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Block 18N09W025

2. Name of applicant: Rayonier Forest Resources LP

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: 
   Wendi Lubinus (360)589-2936  3033 Ingram Street, Hoquiam, WA 98550
4. Date checklist prepared: March 10, 2022

5. Agency requesting checklist: Department of Natural Resources

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): ASAP

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.
   Site will be reforested upon completion of project with Doug Fir and Western Hemlock.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. Geotechnical Report prepared by Julie J. Dieu, a Washington State Licensed Engineering Geologist which will be attached to this FPA and available at the Region Office.

   Geotechnical report and slope stability information form and map are available with FPA 2617416 on FPARS.

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. No

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. Approved Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N) to be viewed on FPARS and at region office once the number is issued. FPA 2617416 is available on FPARS.

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

   Geotechnical issues related to the harvest of approximately 4358 mbf of timber and 697 tons of Biomass in and over Inner gorge, Bedrock Hollow, Dormant Deep Seated landslides and Groundwater recharge areas have resulted in the requirement to complete SEPA environmental checklist. These features have a low probability of delivery of sediment to typed waters. There is also a need for yarding corridors through inner gorge to harvest the timber on the site. The geotechnical issues have been reviewed by Julie J. Dieu, A Washington State Licensed Engineering Geologist and a geotechnical report is attached to the FPA. The recommendations of the above stated report will be strictly adhered to during the harvest operations.

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.

Confirmed via Question 19 of FPA 2617416.
B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth
   a. General description of the site:
      (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other __________

   b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 95%
      See geotechnical report for descriptions of potentially unstable slopes. Geotechnical report is available for review on FPARS with FPA 2617416.

   c. 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: See next page for response.

   d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.
      Bedrock Hollows, Inner Gorges and landslides are present and adjacent to the proposal

   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.
      None

   f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
      All potential erosion has been addressed in the plan and should be minimal

   g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
      The only impervious surfaces on the project will be the constructed roads, the roads are constructed with native rock and gravel.

   h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:
      The roads meet current Forest Practice standards, including proper cross drains and silt traps.

2. Air
   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. Insignificant amounts of engine exhaust from logging equipment and dust from passing of log trucks.
B. Environmental Elements

l. c. Soils
The soils in Unit 18N09W025 are mapped as Hoquiam silt loam and Lytell silt loam (Pringle, 1986). The Hoquiam silt loam, 8-30 percent slopes and 30 to 65 percent slopes, is mapped on the modest gradient upland areas of Unit 18N09W025 (#46 and #47, respectively, on Exhibit C). It is generally described as a humus layer of moss, twigs and leaves about 3 inches thick, a surface layer of dark reddish brown silt loam about 18 inches thick, and a subsoil of dark brown gravelly silt loam that may extend to a depth of 40 to 55 inches. This soil is described by Pringle (1986) as being formed in old alluvium deposited over glacial drift; the depth of 40 to 55 inches is where the contact to glacial drift is located.

The Lytell silt loam, 30 to 65 percent slopes, is mapped along valley walls of Bear Creek (#74 on Exhibit C). It is described as a deep, well-drained soil on slumps of uplands, formed in colluvium derived from siltstone or fine-grained sandstone (Pringle, 1986). It is covered with a mat of twigs and needles about 3 inches thick. The surface layer has an upper 11 inches of dark brown silt loam and a lower 6 inches of dark brown silty clay loam. The subsoil is dark yellowish brown silty clay loam about 33 inches thick. At a depth of 50 inches, partly consolidated siltstone is present, transitioning to more solid siltstone by 60 inches. This fine-grained soil may be derived from weathering of the Astoria Formation, Mm1.
b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:
The logging equipment that will be used for this operation are equipped with emissions systems that meet current standards.

3. Water

a. Surface Water:

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. The proposal has unnamed F, Np, Ns type streams. All the streams are tributaries of Chehalis river Confirmed via FPA 2617416 Question 25, 26.

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 (see attached map and Geo- Report) There will be felling and bucking on Ns and Np water as per Forest Practices. Confirmed via FPA 2617416 Question 15.

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. None

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. No

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 Water:

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 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 (for example: 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. None

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. Storm water and ditch run-off will be routed to the forest floor through cross-drains.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. No

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: Cross-drains and silt traps

4. Plants
   a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:
      
      X deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
      X evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
      X shrubs
      ___ grass
      ___ pasture
      ___ crop or grain
      ___ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
      X wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, 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? Confirmed via Question 19 of FPA 2617416. Harvest of approximately 4358 mbf of timber and 351 tons of biomass

   c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. none

      FPRAM review showed no potential conflict with T&E plant spp.
d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: None know but Filipendula occidentalis is shown to be contained within the areas along Chehalis River. The streams in this application are tributary to Chehalis River and could contain the species. The RMZ and Unstable slopes buffers will double as protection for this species if it is found to exist.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. None

5. Animals

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

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: ravens, robins
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other __________

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

None FPRAM review indicates the proposal falls within a MM detection area and within a 1.5mi MM buffer.

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

The Fish Streams support migration of anadromous fish. Washington State is part of the Pacific Flyway as well. All of Washington state is part of the Pacific Flyway; however, no effects are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

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.

None

6. Energy and Natural Resources

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. Petroleum products to perform the logging operations operations

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: None

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

No Any hazardous waste or toxic spills discovered will be reported to the Department of Ecology.  

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

None

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.  

None

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. None

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. Fire retention services (DNR) Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: Spill Kits will be on site during any operations with heavy equipment and Spill prevention procedures will be taken to limit spills,  

6) Proponent must contact the Dept of Ecology if contamination is suspected.

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. Logging equipment operating at less than 85 dba during daylight hours only

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: The equipment being used meets the current emissions and noise standards

8. Land and Shoreline Use

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. Commercial Forest Land No

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 as a result 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? The Project site is working forest land. None of the site will be converted post operations

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. None

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? No

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? Commercial Forest Land

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

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

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. No

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? None

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? None

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: None

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: None needed. This proposal is compatible with existing land use

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: None

9. Housing
a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. None

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: N/A

10. Aesthetics
a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? N/A

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: None

11. Light and Glare
a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? None

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
a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
   Hunting and Fishing

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. No

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**

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

   *FPRAM check indicates no conflict with cultural historical sites or resources.*

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

   *FPRAM check indicates no conflict with archaeological or cultural sites or resources.*

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.

   **Historic Maps and GIS data**

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.

   In case of inadvertent discovery all operations will stop and contact will be made with DAHP, affected tribes and DNR to develop a plan before proceeding forward.

   *In the event that any unknown historical/archaeological resources are encountered, ground disturbing activities must be halted and DAHP and local tribes contacted.*

14. **Transportation**

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.

   This site can be accessed via highway 12 then through private forest roads

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, approx. 3 miles*

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? None

d. 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).

   *Existing forest roads will be maintained per Forest Practice Standards.*

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. No

f. 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 the volume would
be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? None

g. 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

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: None

15. Public Services

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. None

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:
   electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
   other ___________ None

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. None

C. Signature

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.

Signature: __________________________

Name of signee Wendi S. Lubinus ________________________________

Position and Agency/Organization Forest Engineer III __________________________

Date Submitted: 03/11/2022