MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

The Ode to Joyce timber sale, agreement #30-100666 and associated Forest Practices application #2616849, is located approximately 13 miles west of Port Angeles off the PA-J-1000 road system. It is a 4-unit proposal with an associated right-of-way located in the Salt Creek WAU. It encompasses approximately 211 gross acres with a cruised sale volume of 6,240 mbf. This proposal consists of four variable retention harvest (VRH) units and one right-of-way unit. Within the proposal area, there are 17 acres of Riparian Management Zones, 51 acres Wetland Management Zones, 2 acres of unstable slopes. There are approximately 12 acres of Leave Tree Areas (LTA’s), and 2 acres of existing roads. The net harvest acreage is 127 acres. Approximately 4,710 feet of new road construction, 4,645 feet of reconstruction, and 32,740 feet of pre-haul maintenance are proposed to meet access needs into the sale area. The designated rock source will be Striped Pit, Place Pit and commercial sources.

Description of mitigation:

The Ode to Joyce timber sale was designed under the guidelines of the DNR’s Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Implementation of policy and procedure relating to riparian and wetland management zones establish that the DNR Proprietary HCP Substitution Agreement for Aquatic Resources (2008) will be followed. The agreement states that no road-building shall occur within wetland buffers without mitigation. Roads constructed within wetland buffers require on-site and in-kind equal acreage mitigation located adjacent to or as near as possible to the remaining or original wetland location. Right-of-way clearing for reconstruction/extension of PA-J-1025 will infringe upon the WMZ associated with the wetland complex between units 1 & 2. As mitigation for the infringement, the buffer was widened along its southern edge. There will be no loss of function to the WMZ.

Proponent: Washington State Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

T30-0N R8-0W S05
T30-0N R8-0W S06
T30-0N R8-0W S07
T30-0N R8-0W S08
T31-0N R8-0W S31
T31-0N R8-0W S27 (Striped Pit)
T31-0N R7-0W S33 (Place Pit)
**Lead agency:** Washington State 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.

**This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from February 18, 2021. Comments must be submitted by March 4, 2021.**

**Responsible official:** Mona Griswold

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Date 2/17/2021  Signature  Mona Griswold

There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.