DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

The On The Line timber sale, agreement #30-102018 and associated Forest Practices application #2616975, is located approximately 6 miles west of Joyce, WA. off the PA-S-1000 and PA-S-1100 road system. It is a 5-unit proposal with an associated right-of-way located in the Twin Rivers-Deep Creek and Lake Crescent Watershed Analysis Units. It encompasses approximately 158 gross acres with a cruised sale volume of 4,944 mbf. Within the proposal area, there are 32 acres of Riparian Management Zones and unstable slopes, 10 acres of wetlands and 22 acres of Wetland Management Zones. There are approximately 6 acres of Leave Tree Areas (LTAs), and 1 acre of existing roads. The net harvest acreage is 87 acres. Approximately 6,355 feet of new road construction, 2,605 feet of reconstruction, and 45,800 feet of pre-haul maintenance are proposed to meet access needs into the sale area. The designated rock source will be Sirloin Pit, Mammoth Pit and commercial sources.

DESCRIPTION OF MITIGATION:

The On The Line 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 construction of PA-S-1040 will infringe upon the WMZ associated with the wetland complex associated with units 1 & 2. As mitigation for the infringement, the buffer was widened along its southwestern edge. There will be no loss of function to the WMZ.

The Sirloin Rock Pit, which is situated within a marbled murrelet occupied site buffer, will be expanded as part of this proposal. Expanding an existing rock pit within an occupied site buffer is an allowable activity per the Marbled Murrelet Long Term Conservation Strategy, as long as expansion activities occur outside of the marbled murrelet breeding season or adhere to the limited daily operational period if they must occur within the breeding season. If pit expansion must occur between April 1st to September 23rd, work will be limited from two hours after sunrise to two hours before sunset. In compliance with our habitat conservation plan, no other special protections are required in regards to the marbled murrelet.

PROONENT: Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

T30-0N R9-0W S06
T30-0N R9-0W S07 (Unit 5 and Mammoth Pit)
T30-0N R9-0W S10 (Sirloin Pit)
T31-0N R9-0W S31
T31-0N R9-0W S32

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 May 13, 2021. Comments must be submitted by May 27, 2021.

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Date 5/6/2021 Signature Mona Griswold

There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.