DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

The Penny Wise timber sale, Agreement No. 30-102261 and Forest Practices Application No. 2617425, consists of seven units of variable retention harvest (VRH) and associated right-of-ways. The proposed sale is located largely within the Big Quilcene WAU. A small portion falls within the Little Quilcene WAU. The timber sale units total 137 net harvest acres and an estimated volume of 5,151 MBF. The total acreage includes deductions for leave tree areas and existing roads within the gross traversed unit boundaries. The proposed sale is to be logged using both ground-based and cable harvest systems, with applied timing and equipment restrictions. The proposal involves 6,275 feet of required road construction, 2,435 feet of optional road construction, 150 feet of required reconstruction, 100 feet of optional reconstruction, 13,640 feet of required pre-haul road maintenance, 5,410 feet of optional pre-haul road maintenance and expansion of the existing Penny Rock Pit. The timber sale was designed under the guidelines and procedures of the State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

Proponent: Washington Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The timber sale units are located in eastern Jefferson County, approximately 4 miles west-southwest of Quilcene, off of Penny Creek Road. Legal description: Township 27N, Range 02W, Sections 9, 15, 16, 21, 22.

Lead agency: Washington 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 DNS

[] This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from April 19, 2022. Comments must be submitted by May 3, 2022.
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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.