

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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: **Prochanu Larch RUP**
2. Name of applicant: **Prochanu Forest Consultants**
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

Engles Timberland Properties, LLC
PO BOX 460329 DEPT 9090
HOUSTON, TX 77056
(Landowner)

Prochanu Forest Consultants, Andy
Holmes
6230 Capitol BLVD SE
Olympia, WA 98501
(Representative)

4. Date checklist prepared: **06/18/2020**

5. Agency requesting checklist: **Washington State Department of Natural Resources**

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): **Summer 2021**

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. 303 (d) – listed water body in WAU: temp sediment completed TMDL (total maximum daily load):

Link to DOE map: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wqamapviewer/default.aspx>

Landscape plan:

Watershed analysis:

Interdisciplinary team (ID Team) report:

Road design plan:

Wildlife report:

Geotechnical report:

Other specialist report(s):

Memorandum of understanding (sportsmen's groups, neighborhood associations, tribes, etc.):

Rock pit plan:

Other: **Forest Practices Board Manual; Forest Practices Activity Maps; Policy for Sustainable Forests (PSF 2006); State Soil Survey; Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP 1997); HCP Checklist; Riparian Forest Restoration Strategy (RFRS); Planning and Tracking Reports and associated maps; Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan (RMAP): # 2900971-2 The following information is provided by DNR's GIS database: Weighted Old Growth Habitat Index (WOGHI); WAU Rain-On-Snow Layer; Marbled Murrelet Habitat Layer; Spotted Owl Habitat Layer; and USGS and GLO maps.**

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.

None known.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

HPA Burning permit Shoreline permit Incidental take permit **1168 & PRT 812521**
 FPA # **TBD** Other:

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.)

Proposal includes temporary construction of approximately 1100 feet of road on state trust lands to facilitate the hauling of forest products from proponents land.

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.

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B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site: Flat, Rolling, Hilly, Steep Slopes, Mountainous, Other: _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

70%

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.

State Soil Survey #	Soil Texture
4222	V.COBBLY SILT LOAM
4220	LARCHMOUNT-ROCK OUTCROP-COMPLEX
4221	V.COBBLY SILT LOAM
7403	COBBLY LOAM
3918	KINNEY-SKOLY-COMPLEX
7519	STAHL-ROCK OUTCROP-COMPLEX
3908	COBBLY SILT LOAM
7528	STAHL-REICHEL-COMPLEX

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

No.

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.

Approx acreage new roads: 1.5 ac

Approx acreage new landings: 0

Approx cubic yards of fill: 0

Fill source: Native

Purpose: Construction of temporary road

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Yes, some erosion may occur as a result of new road construction, culvert installation, and hauling timber.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

0

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Measures to reduce erosion on roads or during active road construction:

- **Roads will be crowned, ditched and cross-drained.**
- **Soils exposed during road construction will be revegetated.**
- **Seasonal timing restrictions will prohibit road construction during wet weather conditions.**
- **Sediment delivery will be addressed as needed during operations with the use of water bars or 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.

Emissions from the use of transportation and equipment for road construction and transportation of rock and logs.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

NONE.

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.

Yes. Unnammed perennial stream and Rock Creek.

- 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.

No.

- 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.

Surface runoff intercepted by forest roads will be captured and be dispersed back into the forest floor through the use of ditches and cross drain culverts, as per forest practice rules.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Waste materials such as sediment or slash may enter surface water.

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 drain culverts, sediment traps, silt fencing, and straw.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, cottonwood, western larch, birch,
other: **Willow and Bitter Cherry**

evergreen tree: Douglas fir, grand fir, Pacific silver fir, ponderosa pine

- lodgepole pine, western hemlock, mountain hemlock, Englemann spruce, Sitka spruce, red cedar, yellow cedar, other: **Noble fir**
 shrubs: huckleberry, salmonberry, salal, other: **Oregon grape, vine maple, thimbleberry, wild rose, trailing blackberry**
 grass
 pasture
 crop or grain
 wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, devil's club, other: **Deer fern, small fruited bulrush**
 water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other:
 other types of vegetation: **Sword fern, bunchberry, vanilla leaf, bear grass**
 plant communities of concern:

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

None. Road prism is through a fresh VRH.

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

None found in database search or observed onsite.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

None.

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.

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, pigeon, other: **Osprey**
 mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: **Northern Spotted Owl**
 fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: **Sculpin**
 unique habitats: talus slopes, caves, cliffs, oak woodlands, balds, mineral springs

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

Lower Columbia River salmonid species (coho and steelhead) are located at lease 1200' downstream within Rock Creek and the East Fork Lewis River and are federally threatened. A status 3 Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) site center (Cold Creek- Lewis R) is

located to the southwest of the proposal on State land. The Federal Listing Status on this species is threatened and the State Listing Status is endangered. The proposal is not within owl habitat, the best 70 site center, or Nesting, Roosting, Foraging (NRF) and Dispersal habitat thus our HCP northern spotted owl conservation strategy does not identify this area within its recovery strategy and does not apply to this activity.

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

This proposal is located in the Columbia River Flyway, which is part of the Pacific Flyway. Migratory waterfowl use the Columbia River Flyway; however, the area in which this proposal is contained is not generally the type of area used for resting or feeding by migratory waterfowl. While migrating through Pacific Northwest Forests, many Neotropical migratory birds are closely associated with riparian areas, cliffs, snags, and structurally unique trees. Riparian areas and special habitats are protected through implementation of the Department's Habitat Conservation Plan.

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 fuel (diesel or gasoline) will be used for heavy equipment during active road building.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?
If so, generally describe.

None.

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.

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

Potential environmental hazards include the risk of a fuel or chemical spill from equipment/vehicles used on the job site.

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.

Toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used or produced during the proposed project are diesel fuel, hydraulic oil and engine oil.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Firefighting by local fire districts will be provided if necessary. Emergency medical and/or ambulance service for personal injuries onsite. Responses by the Department of Ecology if a spill were to occur.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Cessation of operations may occur during periods of time when the risk of fire is increased. Fire tools and equipment, including pump trucks and/or pump trailers, will be required on site during fire season. In the event of a lubricant spill the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Ecology will be contacted. Quick response spill kits are required to be on site in case of smaller spills, as are larger spill kits if hazardous materials are going to be stored on site during operations. No oil or lubricants will be allowed to be disposed of on site.

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.

Normal heavy equipment noises during the normal business day during road construction.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

None.

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.

None.

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?

None.

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?

FR-80 (Forest Resource)

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?

Does not apply.

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.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby 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:

None.

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?

Does not apply.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Views from adjacent forest roads may be altered.

- b. 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?

No.

- 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?

The Tarbell trail system is located within the immediate vicinity of this proposed activity. This trail system is mainly used by hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. Several other informal recreation activities take place in the area such as hunting, horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, and berry and mushroom picking

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

There may be times during operations where recreation may be temporarily displaced.

- 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 located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

No.

- 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.

- 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.

The site was remotely assessed by a DNR Cultural Resource Technician, reviewing GLO and Historic maps, and existing recorded historical sites that have been recorded by DAHP.

- 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 the event that archeological resources are encountered, ground disturbing activities would be halted and a Department of Natural Resources Archaeologist will be contacted to survey the site and update the Site Protection Plan. The Department's Inadvertent Discovery Plan is available at the Region office.

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.

SR 503 to NE Rock Creed Rd., to NE 152nd Ave., to NE Lucia Falls Rd., to NE Sunset Falls Rd., to Dole Valley Rd. which provides access to the forest roads that provide access to the proposal.

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. The nearest transit stop is in Battle Ground, WA which is approximately 25 miles southwest from this proposal.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

No.

c. 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).

There will be approximately 1100 feet of new forest road construction.

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?

Approximately 15 to 20 trips per day are expected during operations. After that, the proposal will generate less than five trips per year, except during forest management activities.

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 ANDY HOLMES

Position and Agency/Organization SENIOR FORESTER - PFC

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