DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The Smoke Management Plan regulates the use of prescribed fire on forest land to protect air quality. The plan is being revised to better regulate burning to reduce fuel loading, to restore forest ecosystems, and to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire. The proposed changes are:

- Changing the timing of the decision to approve or deny large burns from the morning of ignition to the afternoon prior to ignition.
- Removing the prohibition on weekend summer burning to allow ignition under more favorable consumption and transport conditions.
- Changing one of the standards for analysis of large burns from preventing intrusions of smoke to preventing exceedances of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and setting a specific pollutant concentration to trigger action against an intrusion.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Statewide

Lead agency: 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

[X] This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from July 16, 2019. Comments must be submitted by July 30, 2019

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.