MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Connectivity Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-098244 and Forest Practices Application No. 2936121. This is a variable retention harvest with 110 acres in 7 units, and 1 acres of right of way harvest in 1 units, for a total of 111 acres in 8 units, with 2,930 feet of road construction, and 55,350 feet of pre-haul maintenance, removing approximately 3,471 MBF of timber.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

➢ Approximately 45 acre(s) of the original proposal were excluded from the harvest area due to potentially unstable slopes.
➢ Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 183 feet, 193 feet, and 197 feet wide adjacent to the harvest area on Type 3 streams and a minimum 100-foot RMZ adjacent to the harvest area along Type 4 streams have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
➢ Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Section 27, 28, 29, 33, and 34, Township 13 North, Range 06 West, W.M., approximately 12 miles by road, southeast of Menlo, off the HM Mainline road systems in Pacific County, Washington.

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.

[X] There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from March 22, 2019. Comments must be submitted by April 5, 2019.
Responsible official: Mary McDonald

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.