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MEMORANDUM

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File No. 24-022901

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FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Choker Bell VRH & RMZ Timber Sale #105129 and Forest Practice Application #2942187 proposal is for a thinning and variable retention harvest, with 25 acres in 4 thinning units, 90 acres of variable retention harvest in 2 units, and 1 acre of right of way harvest in 1 unit, for a total of 116 acres in 7 units, removing approximately 1,788 MBF of timber. The proposal includes 1,378 feet of road construction, 1,910 feet of road reconstruction, 1,690 feet of pre-haul maintenance, and 1,377 feet of road abandonment. Located in Section 36, Township 12 North, Range 02 East, W.M., Lewis County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Forest Practice Application can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **February 29, 2024**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **March 14, 2024**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.