MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

a. Description of proposal: Copper Creek Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-097953 and Forest Practices Application No. 2936135. This is a variable retention harvest with 180 acres in 4 units, and 3 acres of right of way harvest in 3 units, for a total of 183 acres in 7 units, with 9,479 feet of road construction, 3,165 feet of road reconstruction, 3,956 feet of road abandonment, 6,504 feet of pre-haul maintenance, and 2,565 feet of post-haul maintenance. Removing approximately 5,232 mbf of timber.

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

- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 150 feet wide adjacent to the harvest area on Type 1 and Type 3 streams, 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 23, 24, and 25, Township 04 North, Range 04 East, W.M., approximately 20 miles by road, east of Battleground, off the USFS-41 road systems in Clark 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 43.21 C.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 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 15, 2019. Comments must be submitted by March 29, 2019.
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There is no agency SEPA appeal.