MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Mozzarella VRH Thin Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-098126 and Forest Practices Application No. 2936185 This is a thinning and variable retention harvest with 67 acres in 1 thinning unit, 80 acres in 4 units of variable retention harvest, and 4 acres of right of way harvest in 4 units, for a total of 151 acres in nine units, with 1,297 feet of road construction, 3,110 feet of road reconstruction, and 15,680 feet of pre-haul maintenance, removing approximately 1,553 MBF of timber.

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

- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 168 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.
- Wetland Management Zones (WMZs) are a minimum of 100 feet wide adjacent to harvest areas around wetlands between 0.25 and 1 acre in size, measured from the edge of the delineated wetland. These measures are intended to protect water quality, sensitive wetland soils, and to maintain hydrologic function and natural water flow.
- 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: Sections 33, 34, & 35 Township 04 North, Range 04 East, W.M., and Sections 2 & 3 Township 03 North, Range 04 East, W.M., approximately 21 miles by road, east of Battleground, off the L-1100 road system 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 43.21C.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 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 ________________ April 16, 2019 ________________. Comments must be submitted by ________________ April 30, 2019 ________________.
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There is no agency SEPA appeal.