MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Rusty Cage Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-097492 and Forest Practices Application No. 2935968. This is a variable retention harvest with 125 acres in 3 units, <1 acre of pit expansion in 1 unit, and 3 acres of right of way harvest in 3 units, for a total of 128 acres in 7 units, with 6,085 feet of road construction, 22,555 feet of pre-haul maintenance, and 4,430 feet of post haul maintenance.

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

- Approximately 3 acre(s) of the original proposal were excluded from the harvest area due to potentially unstable slopes.
- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 163 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) averaging 174 feet wide adjacent to harvest areas around wetlands greater than one acre in size and 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 13, 14, and 24, Township 11 North, Range 02 East, W.M., approximately 12 miles by road, southwest of Mossyrock, off the W-540 road systems in Lewis 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 January 30, 2019. Comments must be submitted by February 13, 2019.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.