MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Slash Gordon Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-097951 and Forest Practices Application No. 2936130. This is a variable retention harvest with 173 acres in 8 units of variable retention harvest, and 1 acres of right of way harvest in 3 units, for a total of 174 acres in 11 units, with 7,334 feet of road construction, 1,380 feet of road reconstruction, and 19,901 feet of pre-haul maintenance, removing approximately 3,807 MBF of timber.

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

- Approximately 28 acres of the original proposal were excluded from the harvest area due to potentially unstable slopes.
- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 152 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.
- Excluding approximately 6 acres of cliffs and rock out crops from harvest activities within Leave Tree areas.
- 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 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 & 32, Township 3 North, Range 6 East, W.M., approximately 23 miles by road, northeast of Washougal, off the W-1470 and W-1490 road systems in Skamania 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 March 13, 2019. Comments must be submitted by March 27, 2019.
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There is no agency SEPA appeal.