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Notice of Final Determination
Special Characters Timber Sale, App. No. 30-100607
SEPA File No. 20-061603
FP No. 2937611

The Department of Natural Resources issued a [X] Determination of Non-significance (DNS), [] Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS), [] Modified DNS/MDNS on June 30, 2020 for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2).

This determination is hereby:

[X] Retained.

[] Modified. Modifications to this proposal include the following:

[] Withdrawn. This proposal has been withdrawn due to the following:

[] Delayed. A Final Determination has been delayed due to the following:

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Summary of Comments and Responses (if applicable):

We received one informational comment from the Washington State Department of Ecology. We received a comment letter from Mr. Stephen Kropp.

Revised 9/19/02

Comments: Specific comments included information Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Older Forest targets within DNR's Policy for Sustainable Forests.

Response:

This proposal is consistent with Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Performance Measure 4.1. DNR's policies and procedures under the HCP and PSF do conserve biological diversity at the stand and landscape levels and support a diversity of native forest cover types across landscapes.

This proposal is consistent with agency procedure Identifying and Managing Structurally Complex Forests to Meet Older Forest Targets (Westside) which sets targets for old forest conditions by HCP Planning Unit, not by the individual WRIA as the commenter calculated.

After reviewing the proposal checklist and the comments it was determined that this proposal is consistent with all applicable laws, rules, policies and procedures, including the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Policy for Sustainable Forests (PSF). In doing so, the Special Characters timber sale as currently designed avoids significant adverse impacts to the environment