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## MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

**Forest Practice Application #2706961 proposes a total of 15 acres of even age timber harvest, comprised of three units. All proposed units are located inside the White Salmon Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area (SOSEA) and inside the 1.8 mile radius median home range circle of Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) site #774 (aka Dairy Creek). The total 15 acre project would yield 420 MBF, and be conducted with ground based equipment, with no new road construction.**

**As the footprint of this proposed project is within the White Salmon SOSEA and located within the median home range circle of a Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) site as well as mapped NSO sub-mature habitat, this project is a Class IV-Special forest practices, and requires SEPA. As per the August 31, 2020 report for NSO site #774, there are currently 2715 acres of suitable habitat mapped for this circle, and the proposed project would remove a total of 15 acres, leaving the circle above the 2605 goal. Located in Section 08, Township 07 North, Range 12 East, W.M., Yakima County.**

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Forest Practice Application can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **September 10, 2020**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **September 24, 2020**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, [sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov) or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.