



## DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

### **Description of Proposal:** Forest Practice Applications (FPA) # 2706961

FPA #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.

**Proponent:** Stevenson Land Company

### **Location of proposal, including street address, if any:**

The area proposed for harvest is in Yakima County, Township 07N, Range 12E, Section 08, W.M.

**Lead agency:** Washington 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 MDNS

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from Sept 10, 2020. Comments must be submitted by Sept 24, 2020.

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**Date:** 9/9/20

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**There is no agency SEPA appeal.**