MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The GALAXY Timber Sale, Application No. 30-100455 and FPA No. 2707300, is a proposed 426 net-acre variable density thinning (VDT) and shelterwood harvest of approximately 4,495 MBF of merchantable timber. The site will be harvested with ground-based equipment and there are no typed water courses within the proposal. Existing forest road systems will be used with 7,500 feet of maintenance and 7,365 feet reconstruction. There will also be 600 feet of required construction with this proposal.

Description of mitigation:

All Ns waters have been given equipment limitation zones.

Legacy trees and all trees over 30” DBH will be retained.

Retention of smaller diameter trees (<8” DBH), advanced conifer regeneration, large woody debris, and shrub understory in no-harvest areas.

Existing snags and snag recruitment trees will be left for wildlife, and will only be felled if they pose a safety hazard as defined by Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.

In the event that any unknown archeological resources are discovered during the operations, ground-disturbing activities will be halted and the Department of Natural Resources Archeologist will be contacted to develop a site protection plan.

Proponent: Washington Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Parts of Sections 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 16 of Township 5 North, Range 10 E W.M. in Klickitat County approximately 15 miles north of White Salmon, Washington.

Lead agency: Washington State 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.

This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from May 24, 2022. Comments must be submitted by June 7, 2022.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.