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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Whatcom County, Planning Director SEPA Register, ECY
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 Ferndale Ready Mix & Gravel, Proponent R. Skov/N. Damer, DNR

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:

Surface Mine Reclamation Permit 70-011870 is a revision of an existing DNR reclamation permit that would allow for importation of clean backfill materials to be used in reclamation of the mine. Backfill material will originate from construction projects in the local area, and will be used to restore the final grade of the mine to match surrounding grades at adjoining mine sites. The subsequent use of the mine site will be open space. Located in Section 11, Township 39 North, Range 03 East, W.M., Whatcom County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Application for Reclamation Permit 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 **July 21, 2020**. We will consider comments on this proposed MDNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **August 4, 2020**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, 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.