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## MEMORANDUM

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File No. 20-101201

TO:                   Whatcom County, Planning Director                   SEPA Register, ECY  
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                          DFW SEPA Desk   Matt Comisky AFRC  
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                          Nooksack Indian Tribe                                  Northwest Clean Air Agency  
                          Lummi Fisheries Tribe                                  Samish Indian Tribe  
                          Other Interested Parties                                 Upper Skagit Tribe  
                          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 70-013095 is for the revision of an existing mine that would allow for the importation of clean backfill materials to be used in the reclamation of the mine. Backfill material will originate from the 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 agriculture. Located in Section 10, Township 39 North, Range 01 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 **October 12, 2020**. We will consider comments on this proposed MDNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **October 26, 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.