DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The proposal is for a new Surface Mine Reclamation Permit (#70-013266) to establish a clay mine for brick material. The planned mine is 63 acres in size and will be mined in phases to a depth of seven feet below original ground surface. The proposed subsequent use of the mine is agriculture/grazing.

Proponent: Mutual Materials Company

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The site is located off Bennett Road, approximately 2 miles southeast from the town of Usk, within a portion of the NW quarter of Section 7, Township 32 North, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, in Pend Oreille County.

Lead agency: 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 DNS

[x] This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from August 4, 2020. Comments must be submitted by August 18, 2020.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.