

## **SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

### ***Purpose of checklist:***

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

### ***Instructions for applicants:***

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

### ***Instructions for Lead Agencies:***

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

### ***Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:***

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

## **A. Background [\[HELP\]](#)**

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: 3242 road
2. Name of applicant: Weyerhaeuser Timberlands

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: 16506 Vail Loop Road, Rainier, WA 98576, Albert Kassel, Operations Specialist 360-623-9867, albert.kassel@weyerhaeuser.com

4. Date checklist prepared: 9/9/2020

5. Agency requesting checklist: WA DNR Forest Practices

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Fall 2020

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. No

\* \* 8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. A FPA and Geology Report was prepared for this project

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. No

\* \* 10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. FPA

\* \* 11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

This is a road repair to stabilize the uphill side of the landscape and to prevent failure of the hill into a fish bearing stream (Deschutes Watershed)

\* \* 12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Section 23, T15N, R3E, on the Weyerhaeuser 3242 road

## **B. Environmental Elements** [\[HELP\]](#)

### **1. Earth** [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 45% with the exception of the road cut banks (80%)

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. TYPICAL SOILS ARE BAUMGUARD OR SCHNEIDER-BAUMGUARD-COMPLEX IN THIS AREA OF THE TREE FARM. PROPOSAL IS TO REMOVE SOME OF THE SOIL FROM A FAILURE ALONG THE 3242 ROAD AND BUTRESS THE SITE WITH ROCK.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. No surface indicators until recent activity, area appeared to be stable with no issues.

\* \* e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

The purpose of this proposal is to excavate parent material and then buttress the slope with pit run rock to strengthen the slopes to prevent future failures.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. No, preventative measures will be in place to prevent erosion including placing straw on the site and reseeding the vicinity.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? 0%

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: Straw, grass seed, replant trees.

## 2. Air [\[help\]](#)

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. None

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: None

## 3. Water [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

A Np stream in the vicinity that does change to Fish down stream of the site. This is a tributary to Lentz Creek that feeds into Deschutes River.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

This project is adjacent to (within 200 feet) if an Np stream. Preventative measures like silt fencing will be used to mitigate the possibility of sediment traveling to the stream channel.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

16'X16' rock ballist will be installed to assist in stabilizing the slope adjacent to 3242 road.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.  
No

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. No

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the

following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. None

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. Water will flow naturally onto the forest floor from the site by means of silt fencing and culverts to prevent sediment from getting into the adjacent stream.
- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. No
- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. No

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: silt fencing in the ditch to assist in prevention of sediment delivery to the adjacent Np stream.

#### 4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? Logging slash, newly planted Douglas-fir trees, (wich will be replanted upon completion of the project), brush and grasses.

- \* \* c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
  
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: straw for stabilization, native grasses and shrubs, Douglas-fir trees to be replanted in the vicinity.
  
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. None known.

**5. *Animals*** [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:      song birds, hawk, Grouse,  
 mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:      Deer, Bear, Elk, Cougar,  
 Rabbits  
 fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_cutthroat trout

- \* \* b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. Marbled murrelet, spotted owl, county line osprey, in the vicinity.
  
- \* \* c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. No
  
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: none needed,
  
- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. None known

**6. *Energy and Natural Resources*** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. diesel
  
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. none

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?  
List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: none

**7. Environmental Health** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.  
None known

2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. None known

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. None known

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. Environmental protection of the resource and spill kits for any liquids from a damaged machine.

- \* \* 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: proper maintenance of equipment,

**b. Noise**

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? Equipment in the forest environment.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. Equipment in the forest environment.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: none proposed

**c. Land and Shoreline Use** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. Forestry and natural resources

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

Forest land, no change to the long term effects of the landscape.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: no

- c. Describe any structures on the site. none

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? no

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? Forestry

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? Forestry

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? none

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.  
No

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? none

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? None

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: none

- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: none

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: no issues

**9. Housing** [\[help\]](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. N/A

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. N/A

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: N/A

**10. Aesthetics** [\[help\]](#)

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

N/A

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

N/A

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

N/A

**11. Light and Glare** [\[help\]](#)

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

N/A

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

N/A

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

N/A

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

N/A

**12. Recreation** [\[help\]](#)

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

NONE

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

NONE

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

### **13. Historic and cultural preservation** [\[help\]](#)

\* \* a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe.

NONE

\* \* b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

NONE

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

NONE

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

NONE

### **14. Transportation** [\[help\]](#)

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

NONE

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

NONE

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

NONE

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

NONE

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

NONE

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

NONE

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

NONE

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

NONE

### **15. Public Services** [\[help\]](#)

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

NONE

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

NONE

### **16. Utilities** [\[help\]](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,  
other \_\_\_\_\_

NONE

- d. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

NONE

**C. Signature [HELP]**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: AKK

Name of signee ALBERT KASSEL

Position and Agency/Organization OPERATIONS SPECIALIST

Date Submitted: 9/9/2020

**D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [HELP]**

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

- 1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

THIS PROPOSAL WOULDN'T IMPACT THE SURROUNDING AREA VERY MUCH, REMOVING SOME PARRENT MATERIAL AND THEN INSTALLING A ROCK BUTRESS TO ENSURE THE SLOPE IS STABLE.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

THE INCREASE IN ROCK IS MINIMAL AND WOULDN'T EFFECT THE AREA MUCH.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

NEW PLANTS WOULD BEGIN TO GROW ON THE SITE INCLUDING TRAILING BLACKBERRY AND NATIVE BRUSH

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

NO CONCERNS ON DEPLETING ENERGY, THIS PROJECT IS REPAIRING A LANDSLIDE ONTO A ROAD SURFACE.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

SILT FENCING, STRAW, AND NATIVE GRASS SEEDS TO PROTECT ANY SEDIMENTATION FROM ENTERING ANY STREAMS.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

SHOULD BE NO AFFECTS TO ANY OF THE LISTED IN THIS QUESTION.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

A SMALL PORTION OF LAND WOULD BE PROTECTED IN THE FUTURE. THE NEW UNSTABLE SLOPES WOULD BE PROTECTED IN THE FUTURE.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

NONE

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD REPAIR AN UNSTABLE SLOPE AND PREVENT IT FROM FAILING INTO A FISH BERRING STREAM.



## SEPA Environmental Checklist Lead Agency Margin Notes

FPA/N No. 2421886 - Project Name: 3242 Road Repairs

Applicant: Weyerhaeuser Timberlands

I have reviewed this SEPA Checklist and have the following comments:

### A. Background

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8. Environmental information listed is available on [Forest Practices Application Review System](#)<sup>1</sup> (FPARS) with Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N) No. 2421886.
10. FPA/N 2421886 is available for viewing in FPARS.
11. FPA/N 2421886 indicates installing a toe buttress utilizing course rock against a cut slope of an unstable area to prevent future movement. The estimated size of the buttress is 16 feet deep by 16 feet wide.
12. FPA/N 2421886 is located in Thurston County

### B. Environmental Elements

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#### Earth

- 1.e. FPA/N 2421886 indicates approximately 100 cubic yards of spoils to be deposited.

#### Plants

- 4.c. Forest Practices Risk Assessment Mapping (FPRAM) check confirms no conflicts with Threatened and Endangered (T&E) plant species.

#### Animals

- 5.b. FPRAM check indicates no conflicts with T&E animal species.
- 5.c. Washington State is considered part of the Pacific Flyway; however no impacts are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

#### Environmental Health

- 7.a.5. If contamination is suspected, the proponent must contact the Department of Ecology.

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<sup>1</sup> FPARS website: <https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/protection/fparssearch/FPASearch.aspx>

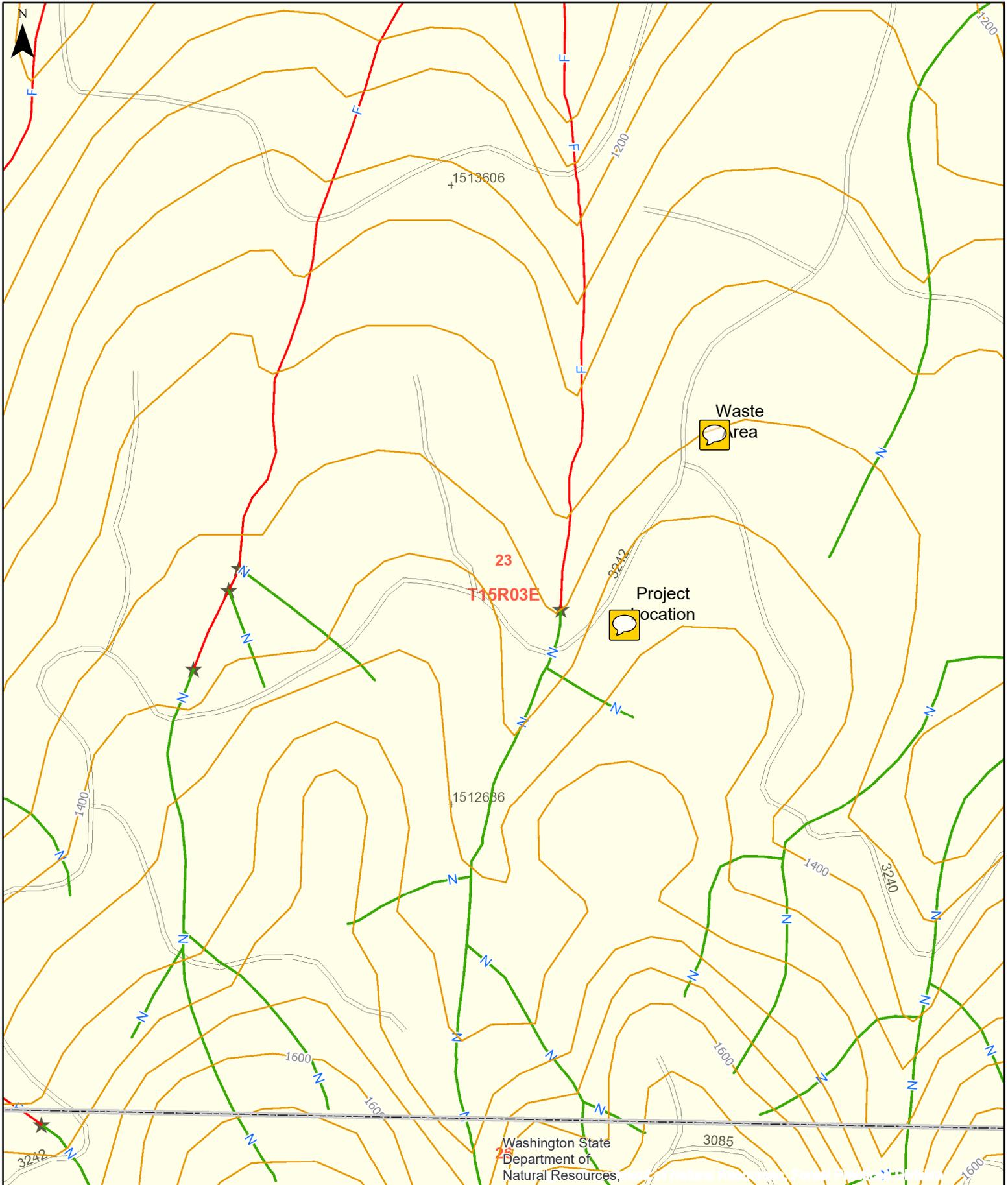
**Historic and Cultural Preservation**

- 13.a. FPRAM check confirms no conflict with cultural historical sites and resources.
- 13.b. FPRAM check confirms no conflict with archaeological or cultural sites or resources.



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# Forest Practices Base Map



Extreme care was used during the compilation of this map to ensure its accuracy. However, due to changes in data and the need to rely on outside information, the Department of Natural Resources cannot accept responsibility for errors or omissions, and therefore, there are no warranties that accompany this material.



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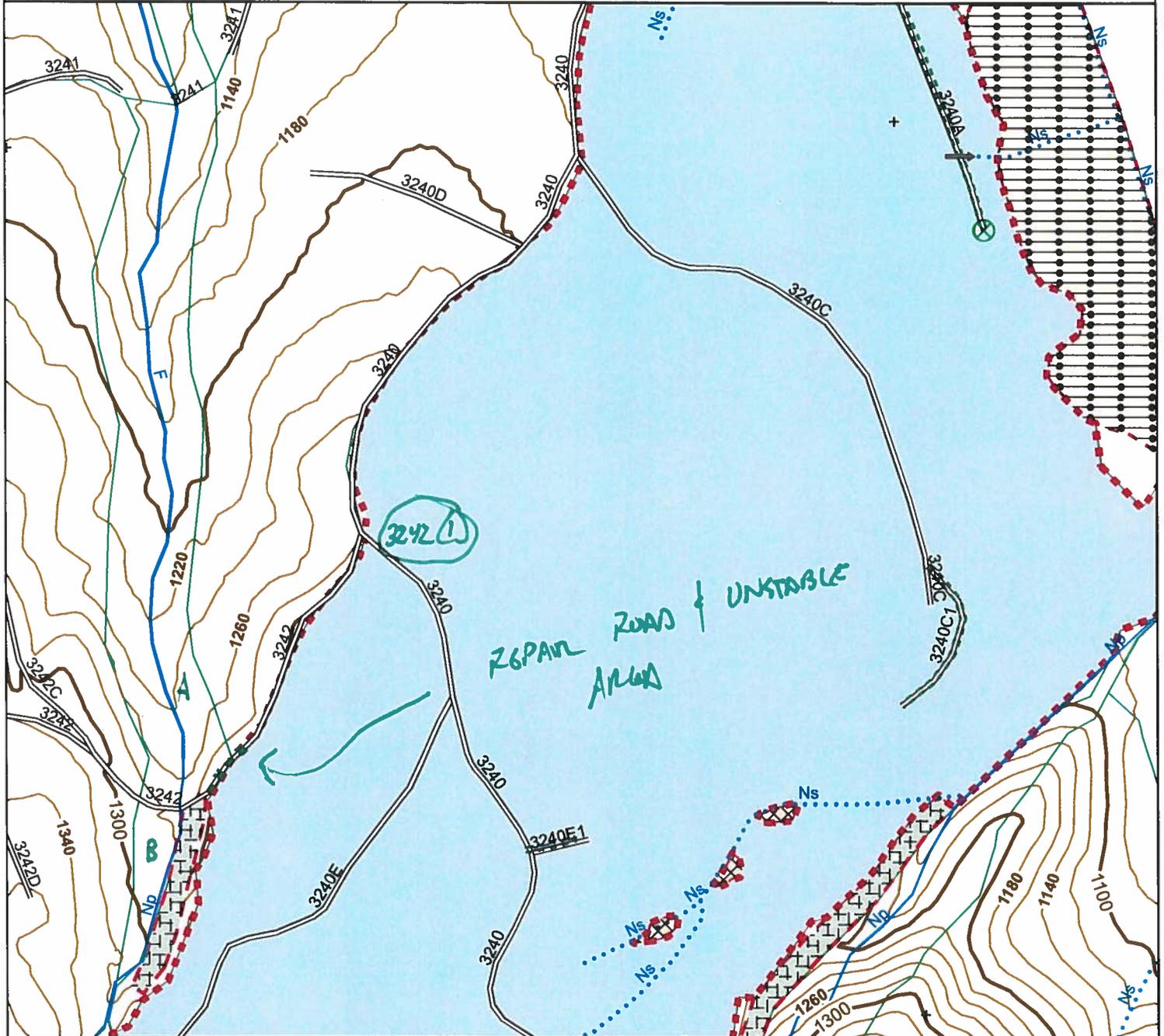
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 Watershed: UPPER DESCHUTES

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 Vail  
 23-15N-3E

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		<b>Engineered Roads</b>
		New Construction
		Maintenance
		Reconstruction
		Loggers Choice
		Temporary
	<b>Harvest Method</b>	Abandon
		<b>Existing Roads</b>
		Street/Highway
		Paved
		Gravel
		Dirt
		Undrivable

**New Road R/W Acres**

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**Timbered R/W**

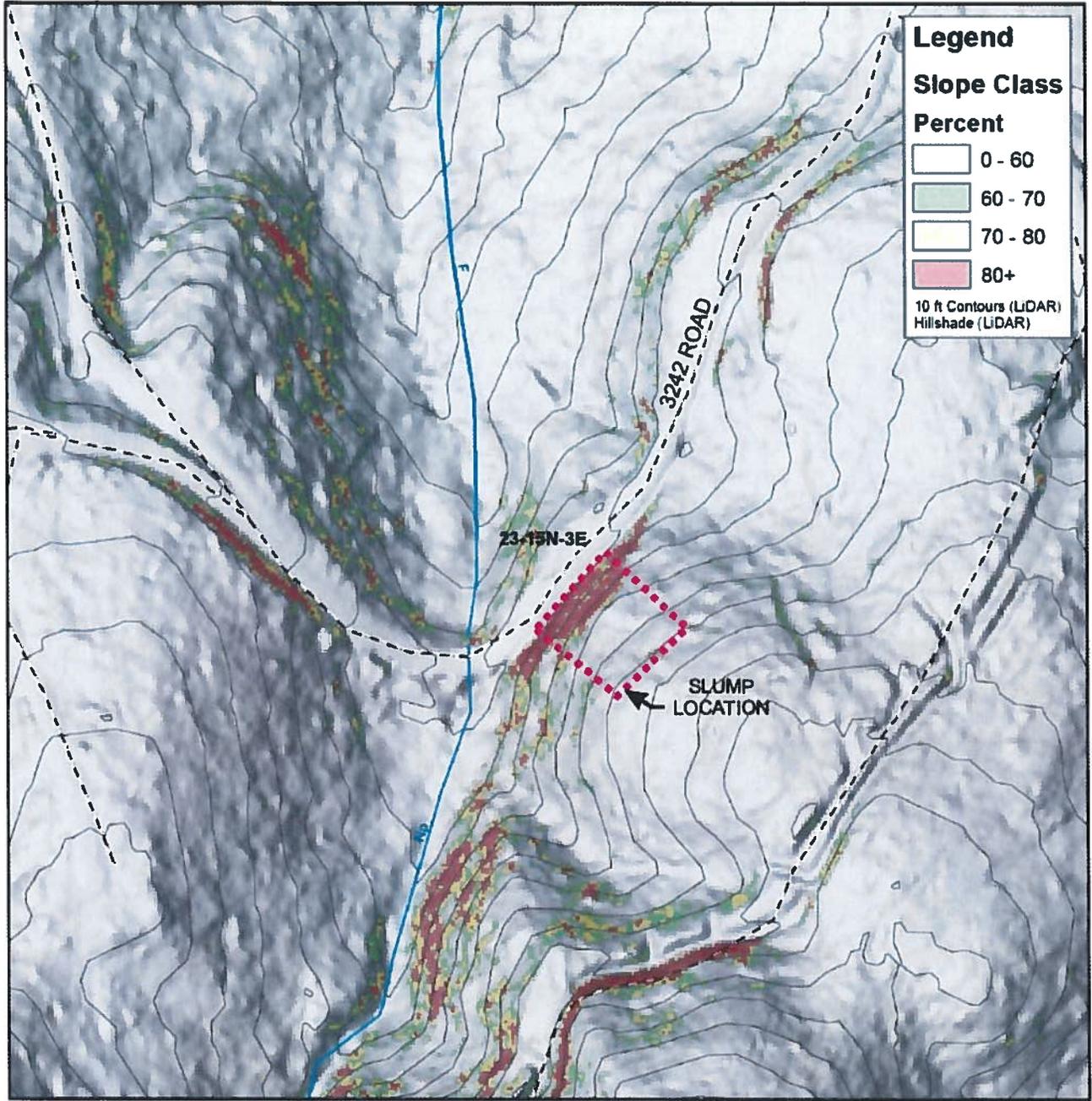
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**Comments**

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 1 inch = 333 feet

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**Pre-slump topography and slope class**

<b>Setting</b>	<b>VAIL 3242 SLUMP</b>
<b>Engineer</b>	<b>C. Yeckley</b>
<b>S.T.R.</b>	<b>Sec. 23 -T15N - R3E</b>

 Weyerhaeuser  
 Prepared by: T. Turner  
 Date: 9/7/20  
 Region: Vail

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