



**DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**October 31, 2024**

**Notice of Final Determination  
Class Dismissed Timber Sale #30-103593  
SEPA File No. 24-101401**

The Department of Natural Resources issued a  Determination of Non-significance (DNS),  Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS),  Modified DNS/MDNS on **October 14, 2024** for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2).

This threshold determination is hereby:

Retained.

Modified. Modifications to this threshold determination include the following:

It was discovered the SEPA checklist for Class Dismissed did not state all downstream water bodies. The answer to B.3.a.1) a. should read: ***Waddell Creek, Stony Creek, Dempsey Creek, Black River***. Due to mitigation described in the checklist, no impacts are anticipated.

Trees over 60 inches diameter at breast height (DBH), even if not marked for leave, will be retained through contract requirements. Two trees over 60 inches DBH identified during the comment period were marked to provide visual indication for retention.

Withdrawn. This threshold determination has been withdrawn due to the following:

Delayed. A final threshold determination has been delayed due to the following:

Summary of Comments and Responses (if applicable):

**Comment:** Received on October 24, 2024 from Squaxin Island Tribe. No specific cultural resource concerns, defers to DAHP's recommendations, if applicable.

**Response:** There are no additional recommendations on this proposal from DAHP.

**Comment:** Received on October 27, 2024 individuals from a nearby community regarding slope stability concerns for private property, potential impacts to water resources, nearby residential communities, wildlife, and older forest retention.

**Response:** DNR provided a response to the commenter on October 31, 2024.



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**Comment:** Received on October 28, 2024 from the advocacy organization Legacy Forest Defense Coalition concerning structurally complex stands and DNR's 10 to 15 percent older forest targets.

**Response:** DNR provided a response to the commenter on October 30, 2024 regarding the Department's older forest management. The '*Landscape Assessment to Identify and Manage Structurally Complex Stands to Meet Older-Forest Targets in Western Washington*', May 2024 (Revised September 2024), referenced in Class Dismissed SEPA checklist A.8. was also provided to this commenter and attached for reference.

**Comment:** Received on October 28, 2024 from a staff member of the above-mentioned advocacy organization concerning unmarked trees within the harvest unit that measured over 60 inches diameter at breast height (DBH).

**Response:** DNR provided a response to the commenter on October 31, 2024 confirming commitments and contractual requirements in place that retain these trees, regardless of if they are marked. To provide a visual marking for retention, DNR foresters marked these identified trees as leave trees as described above.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.