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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Saddle Mountain Timber Sale #30-096776 and associated Forest Practice Application No. 2420753; more than 166 acres considered for harvest were reduced to 155 net acres consisting of two variable retention harvest units, removing approximately 6,202 MBF of merchantable timber. Road work associated with this proposal consists of 45,695 feet of required pre-haul maintenance and 4,162 feet of optional pre-haul maintenance.

The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls – This proposal is not within a designated Spotted Owl Management Unit, nor within any Owl Areas and is available for the full range of silvicultural activities permitted under the HCP, PR 14-004-120,

Marbled Murrelet – This proposal is within the Straits Planning Unit, which is in Step 5 of the interim HCP Marbled Murrelet Conservation Strategy. This proposal is not in any released habitat, nor in or within 100 meters of reclassified habitat or occupied sites, and is therefore available for the full range of silvicultural activities, PR 14-004-320,

Riparian Management Zones (RMZs) and Wetland Management Zone (WMZ) – This proposal has one Type 4 stream protected with a 100 foot minimum no-harvest buffer, and seven Type 5 streams protected by 30 foot wide equipment limitation zones. There is one wetland over one acre in size associated with this proposal, that is protected by a 172 foot buffer. All buffers meet or exceed HCP commitments, PR 14-004-150,

Retention Trees – A minimum of 8 leave trees per acre will be retained in a combination of individual trees and leave tree clumps, PR 14-006-090,

Slope Stability – All areas of potential instability have been excluded from the harvest area, PR 14-004-050,

Roads – Rock for this proposal may be obtained from the existing State owned Saddle Rock Pit.

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources, State Lands

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The harvest units and associated rock pit of this proposal are located in Sections 14, 15, 16, 21, and 22, Township 23 North, Range 4 West, W.M. This proposal is located approximately 10 miles east of Hoodspport, via State Route 119 in Mason County. See the associated Forest Practices Application and driving map.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources, State Lands

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

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from January 16, 2019. Comments must be submitted by January 30, 2019.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.