



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: North Zender Timber Sale, App. No. 91633 and Forest Practice Application No. 2814641 . Variable retention harvest (VRH) of 1,949 MBF of timber from 100.2 acres (100) acres. Proposal includes 3,449 feet of road construction, 8,618 feet of road reconstruction, up to 4,988 feet of temporary road construction (road to be abandoned after completion of use), if built.

Description of mitigation: See attached sheet.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sections 20, 23, 33, and 34 of Township 40 North, Range 5 East, W.M.; and Section 4 of Township 39 North, Range 5 East, W.M. Proposal is located 3.5 miles west of Maple Falls, in Whatcom County, off of S.R. 547 and KD-ML and KD-16 forest roads.

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 Mitigated DNS.

This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from July 14, 2015 . Comments must be submitted by July 28, 2015 .

Responsible official: Jean Fike

Position/title: Northwest Region Manager **Phone:** 360-856-3500

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Date: 6-15-15 **Signature:** [Signature]

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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MITIGATED MEASURES

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Streams:

- 1 type 3 stream with a 189-foot, no-harvest buffer.
- 4 type 4 streams with a 100-foot, no-harvest buffer.

Areas adjacent to a domestic surface water intake, located on adjacent private land, were bound out of the proposal. Leave trees within the timber sale were allocated to protect areas of seasonal overland flow, even where they did not connect to any typed waters.

Roads:

Exposed soils on cut and fill slopes will be revegetated to lessen sediment impact to streams. Installation of a log stringer bridge over type 3 stream. 4,988 feet of temporary road will be abandoned after completion of use, if built.

Green tree retention and wildlife:

856 trees have been designated to be left uncut on this proposal. This represents an average of eight of the existing trees per acre. Trees are both scattered and clumped throughout the proposed harvest area.

Logging methods:

Proposal will be yarded by cable and ground-based systems. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.