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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Bessie Sorts Timber Sale #101720 and Forest Practice Application #2818338 proposal is a variable retention harvest of approximately 6,391 MBF of timber from 166.5 acres. The proposal includes 11,215 feet of road construction and 20,840 feet of pre-haul maintenance. Located in Sections 25, 26, 36, Township 37 North, Range 04 East, and Section 31, Township 37 North, Range 05 East, W.M., Whatcom County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Forest Practice Application can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **November 9, 2021**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **November 23, 2021**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.