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## MEMORANDUM

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File No. 24-032901

TO: Klickitat County, Planning Director  
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Forest Tax Division, DOR  
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Colville Confederated Tribes  
K. Alexander/A. Durkee, DNR

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:

**Liberty Timber Sale #106233 and Forest Practice Application #2707624 proposal is for 60 net acres of variable retention harvest of approximately 1,016 MBF of merchantable timber. The site will be harvested using ground-based equipment. All the watercourses within or adjacent to the sale area were either bounded out of the sale or given an RMZ buffer. This includes an Np stream where the VRH option is implemented on approximately 30% of the reach per WAC 222-30-022; and leaves a buffer that meets the upper end of basal area requirement for the ponderosa pine habitat type. Existing forest road systems will be used with 7,290 feet of maintenance and 4,015 feet of reconstruction. Located in Section 03, Township 04 North, Range 12 East, W.M., Klickitat 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 **March 29, 2024**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **April 12, 2024**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, [sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov](mailto: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.