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**MEMORANDUM**

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File No. 22-010501

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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:

**Upper Rutsatz Sorts Timber Sale #100459 and Forest Practice Application #2818383 proposal is a variable retention harvest of approximately 3,528 MBF of timber from 88.9 acres. The proposal includes 2,140 feet of road construction and 17,070 feet of pre-haul maintenance. Located in Sections 33, 34, Township 39 North, Range 05 East, and Sections 03, 04, Township 38 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 **January 5, 2022**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **January 19, 2022**. 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.