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WAC 197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

2. Name of applicant: ARTHUR L. ANDERSON and CONSTANCE J. MEHMEL
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
   P.O. Box 842
   WINTHROP WA 98862 (509) 322-0181
4. Date checklist prepared: 09/12/2004
5. Agency requesting checklist: DNR
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Salvage of beetle-killed pines in October/November 2004. Commercial thin in 2005.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. No.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. None

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

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11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

Proposal is to thin about 10 acres of forest land to improve growth and vigor of the leave trees.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Okanogan County Parcel 9800830019, T36 R19 S25
17952 Hwy 20, Lot 4, Wilson Meadows SP, Mazama WA

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B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. **Earth**

a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other ..... Relatively flat

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 15 %

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c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland. Coniferous forest soil, Mazama ash

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. No.

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. None

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

No

minor risk of soil erosion. Road maintenance required under forest practice rules. [illegible]

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? None

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Not applicable

a. **Air**

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Noise and emissions associated with logging.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: None

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3. **Water**

a. Surface:

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Irrigation ditch (Early Winters Ditch)
(NOT WITHIN 450' of THINNING)

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Yes - access road crosses the ditch
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3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

none

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

NO

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

NO

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

NO

b. Ground:

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

NO

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

NONE

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c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

NONE

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

NO

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

NONE

4. **Plants**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

✓ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
✓ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
✓ shrubs
✓ grass
____ pasture
____ crop or grain
____ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
____ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
____ other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir

approx. 20 MBF of timber to be removed. -jil

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

none

none on TRAX. -jil

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

none

5. **Animals**

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

spotted owl is near operations, although outside circle & SOSSI. -jil

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

none

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

NO

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Retain forest cover. Meet snag guidelines

6. **Energy and natural resources**

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. gasoline, oil and diesel fuel for tree cutting and log hauling

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. NO

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

none

7. **Environmental health**

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

no

minimize risk of spill from equipment. Contact Dept. of Ecology if spill occurs.

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

none

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

none

b. **Noise**

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? ~~chainsaw and log haul equipment noise~~

none

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Chainsaw and log haul equipment noise during daylight hours

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3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Keep equipment tuned up and running well

8. **Land and shoreline use**

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

Forest land and meadow. Fire station on E boundary, National Forest on S boundary, private forest land on W boundary has been thinned, pasture on N.

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

NO

c. Describe any structures on the site.

NONE

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

NO

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Residential

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Do not know

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

not applicable

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

No

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

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j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

none

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

none

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l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

none

9. **Housing**

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

none

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

none

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

none

10. **Aesthetics**

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

none

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

10 acres of forest would be thinned

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

none

Minor impacts to aesthetics due to timber removal
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11. **Light and glare**

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

none

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

no

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

none

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

none

12. **Recreation**

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Cross country ski trail ROW

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

no

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

none

13. **Historic and cultural preservation**

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

no

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

none

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

none

None on TRAK, however if an unidentified site is located, cease operations & contact Tribe & DNR - gil

14. **Transportation**

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Driveway access to project site is about 500' long.
Access to driveway is Hwy 20.

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

No public transit within 100 miles.

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

none

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

no

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e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

no

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

none

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

none

15. **Public services**

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

no

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

none

16. **Utilities**

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

none

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Constance J. Mehmel / Arthur L. Anderson

Date Submitted: 9/17/04

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