DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: There was a landslide upstream from Virginia Falls approximately 10 years ago. A large log jam built up between the falls and the H-1000 road. It has taken periodic maintenance to keep the road from washing out.

As part of this proposal, several loose logs near the inlet of the culvert will be removed. These logs will then be placed downstream in the fish bearing part of the stream to provide better fish habitat.

There are four channels in the non-fish bearing waters below Virginia Fall. They will be numbered from west to east for this document.

- Channel 1 hits the ditch line above the main culvert. The ditch line was armored with small riprap last fall. DNR feels that if it carries a large percentage of the water, the armoring will fail washing out the road. The proposal will block this channel.
- Channel 2 is before the log jam which flows into the culvert. The proposal is that this channel will be improved with an excavator. Some of the gravel removed from this channel will be used to block channel 1.
- Channel 3 goes through the existing log jam and then flows into the culvert. It was the main channel at one time and still carries a large amount of the stream flow. The proposal is for the beginning of this channel to be improved so water gets to this channel easier.
- Channel 4 is past the log jam then flows into the culvert. It was improved last fall, however the entrance to it has filled in. This is an important safe guard channel since if the stream goes past it to the east it will bypass the Virginia Falls culvert and go into a much smaller culvert that will not be able to handle the flow. The proposal has a small amount of material moved at the entrance of this channel to catch water before it leaves the stream.

Engineers estimate approximately 250 total yards of material will need to be moved by this project. No materials are planned to be removed from the site.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: SW1/4NW1/4 Section 33, T27N, R10W, W.M. Where Virginia Falls Creek meets the H-1000 road.

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 DNS**

[X] **This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from** August 30, 2004 **Comments must be submitted by** September 13, 2004

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