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## MEMORANDUM

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File No. 24-071201

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USDA Forest Service  
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Nooksack Indian Tribe  
N. Dudley/B. Hamilton/A Schmidt, DNR  
Northwest Forest Practices, 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:

**Forest Practice Application #2819447 proposal is for an even-aged timber harvest of 2,875 MBF on approximately 107 acres. The proposal includes approximately 4,060 feet of road construction, including felling of timber within an inner gorge feature to facilitate yarding. Located in Section 14, Township 40 North, Range 06 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 **July 12, 2024**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **July 26, 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.