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MEMORANDUM

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File No. 24-101804

TO: Whatcom County, Planning Director
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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 #2819570 proposal is for an even-aged and right of way timber harvest of 1,815 MBF on approximately 76.4 acres. The proposal includes approximately 3,150 feet of road construction, including two inner gorge crossings and harvest within the Groundwater Recharge Area of a Glacial Deep-Seated Landslide. Located in Sections 22, 23, Township 37 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 **October 18, 2024**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **November 1, 2024**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, 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.