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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The New Fox timber sale, agreement #30-107171, and associated Forest Practices Application #2618453 is a timber sale proposal located within the Middle Hoh Watershed Administration Unit (WAU). The New Fox timber sale consists of 16 Variable Retention Harvest (VRH) with a cruised volume of 10,744 MBF. It encompasses approximately 548 gross acres. Of the 548 proposal acres, there are 370 acres of Variable Retention Harvest (VRH), 156 acres of Riparian Management Zones (RMZ), Wetland Management Zones (WMZ), and potentially unstable slopes, 16 acres of Leave Tree Areas (LTA), and 6 acres of existing roads. Approximately 56,410 feet of pre-haul maintenance and 4,960 feet of new construction is proposed to provide access to the sale area. 1,050 feet of road decommissioning will be done after harvest. Rock will be obtained from Tower Creek Pit, North Winfield Pit and South Winfield Pit. This proposal will be harvested using ground-based and cable harvesting methods.

Proponent: Washington State Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The New Fox Sale timber sale is located approximately 13.5 miles southwest of Forks, WA in Jefferson County in Sections 19-23 and 28-29 of Township 27N and Range 11W, sections 21-24 and section 35 of Township 27N and Range 12W, off the H-3100 and Upper Hoh Road system. Tower Creek Pit is located in Section 23 of Township 27, Range 11W. North Winfield Pit and South Winfield Pit are located in Section 35 of Township 27N Range 12W.

Lead agency: Washington State 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.

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from November 15, 2024. Comments must be submitted by November 29, 2024.

Responsible official: Jill DeCianne

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.