

STATE FOREST LAND
SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

Questions in italics are supplemental to Ecology's standard environmental checklist. They have been added by the DNR to assist in the review of state forest land proposals. Adjacency and landscape/ watershed-administrative-unit (WAU) maps for this proposal are available on the DNR internet website at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa>. These maps may also be reviewed at the DNR regional office responsible for the proposal. This checklist is to be used for SEPA evaluation of state forest land activities.

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.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

- Geotechnical report:*
- Other specialist report(s):*
- Memorandum of understanding (sportsmen’s groups, neighborhood associations, tribes, etc.):*
- Rock pit plan:*
- Other: **Geologic Field Summary 07/29/2021***

The following analyses, policies, procedures, documents, and data layers directly pertain to or were reviewed as part of this proposal:

- **DNR Policies and Implementation**
 - Policy for Sustainable Forests (PSF; 2006a)
 - Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Policy for Sustainable Forests (2006b)
 - Alternatives for the Establishment of a Sustainable Harvest Level for Forested State Trust Lands in Western Washington Final Environmental Impact Statement (2019)
 - Silvicultural Rotational Prescriptions
 - Land Resource Manager Reports and associated maps
- **DNR Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan and Supplemental Information**
 - Final Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP; 1997)
 - Final (Merged) Environmental Impact Statement for the Habitat Conservation Plan (1998)
 - Long-Term Conservation Strategy for the Marbled Murrelet Final Environmental Impact Statement (2019)
 - Final State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan Amendment: Marbled Murrelet Long-term Conservation Strategy
 - Riparian Forest Restoration Strategy (RFRS; 2006)
 - Spotted Owl Habitat Layer
 - Marbled Murrelet Habitat Layer
 - WAU Rain-On-Snow GIS Layer and Reports
- **Forest Practices Regulations and Compliance**
 - Forest Practices Board Manual
 - Forest Practices Activity Maps
 - Trust Lands HCP Addendum and Checklist
- **Supporting Data for Unstable Slopes Review**
 - State Lands Geologist Remote Review (SLGRR)
 - Landslide Remote Identification Model (LRIM) tool
 - Forest Practices Statewide Landslide Inventory (LSI) screening tool
- **Supporting Data for Cultural Resources Review**
 - Historical Aerial Photographs
 - USGS and GLO maps
 - Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation database for architectural and archaeological resources and reports (WISAARD)
- **Additional Supporting Data for Policy Compliance**
 - Weighted Old Growth Habitat Index (WOGHI)
 - State Soil Survey

Referenced documents may be obtained at the region office responsible for this proposal.

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.

None known.

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

- FPA # 2617912* *FPHP* *Board of Natural Resources Approval*
- Burning permit* *Shoreline permit* *Existing HPA*
- Other:*

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.)

The Power Plant Adjusted timber sale, agreement # 30-104354, is located approximately 2 miles southwest of Port Angeles, WA off Highway 101 and the H-3000 road system. It is a one unit proposal with associated right-of-way located in the Port Angeles WAU. It encompasses approximately 74 gross acres with an estimated sale volume of 1,434 mbf. This proposal consists of one variable retention harvest (VRH) unit with associated right-of-way. Within the proposal area, there are 32 acres of no-cut Riparian Management Zone (RMZ), and approximately 3 acres of Leave Tree Areas (LTA). The net harvest acreage is 39 acres. Approximately 825 feet of new road construction and 22,230 feet of pre-haul maintenance are proposed to meet access needs into the sale area. Rock sources will be Place Pit or commercial sources.

a. Complete proposal description:

Unit	Proposal Acres (gross)	RMZ/WMZ Acres	Existing Road Acres (within unit)	Old Growth Acres	Leave Tree Clump Acres	Net Harvest Acres
1	72.9	31.7	0.0	0	2.9	38.3
2 (ROW)	0.6	-	-	-	-	0.6
Totals	73.5	31.7	0.0	0	2.9	38.9

b. Describe the stand of timber pre-harvest (include major timber species and origin date), type of harvest and overall unit objectives.

Pre-harvest Stand Description:

Unit	Origin Date	Major Timber Species	Est. MBF / Acre	Slope %	Elevation Range (ft)
1	1924	DF, GF, RC	36	40	1170-1540
2	2003	DF	10	20	1320

Type of Harvest

Unit	Harvest Type (VDT/VRH/etc)	Volume to be Harvested (mbf)	Volume to be Harvested (%)	Individual Leave Trees	Clumped Leave Trees	Total Leave Trees
1	VRH	1,434	95	41	323	364
2	ROW	0	100	-	-	-

Overall Unit Objectives:

The overall objectives for this sale includes the production of saw logs and pulp material to generate revenue for trusts while expediting the development of a more diverse multi-storied canopy layer in the future stand. This will be accomplished through the leave tree retention strategy and riparian management zones. These stands will be managed to protect site productivity and maintain the integrity and water quality of adjacent streams.

Ecological- Promote diverse forest structure across the landscape while preserving ecological integrity and function.

Economic- Generate revenue for the State trust beneficiaries.

Statute- Comply with the DNR's HCP, the Policy for Sustainable Forests, and Forest Practice Rules and Regulations.

Social- Accommodate dispersed informal recreational activities on DNR managed lands and identify and protect historical and archaeological sites consistent with state/federal law.

c. Describe planned road activity. Include information on any rock pits that will be used in this proposal. See associated forest practice application (FPA) for maps and more details.

Type of Activity	How Many	Length (feet) (Estimated)	Acres (Estimated)	Fish Barrier Removals (#)
Construction		825	0.5	0
Reconstruction		0		0
Pre-haul Maintenance		22,230		0
Abandonment		0	0	0
Bridge Install/Replace	0			0
Stream Culvert Install/Replace (fish)	0			0
Stream Culvert Install/Replace (no fish)	0			
Cross-Drain Install/Replace	1			

Rock sources will be Place Pit or commercial sources.

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 (See "WAU Map(s)" and "Timber Harvest Unit Adjacency Map(s)" as referenced on the DNR website: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa>. Click on the DNR region of this proposal under the Topic "Current SEPA Project Actions - Timber Sales." Proposal documents also available for review at the DNR Region Office.)

- a. *Legal description:*
Section 33 of Township 31N Range 07W (Place Pit)
Section 19 T30N R06W
Section 24 T30N R07W

- b. *Distance and direction from nearest town:*
Approximately 2 miles southwest of Port Angeles, WA

13. Cumulative Effects

- a. *Briefly describe any known environmental concerns that exist regarding elements of the environment in the associated WAU(s). (See WAC 197-11-444 for what is considered an element of the environment).*

This proposal is located within the Port Angeles WAU. Ownership across the WAU includes large industrial forests, private landowners, federal lands, and Department of Natural Resources managed forests. Forested stands within the WAU appear to be primarily second and third growth stands with some old growth stands. The number of forest practice activities shown on the WAU maps, along with observations within the WAU indicate that the WAU is intensively managed for timber production.

DNR analyzed carbon sequestration and carbon emissions from projected land management activities within its final environmental impact (FEIS) statement for the 2015-2024 Sustainable Harvest Calculation and the FEIS for the 2019 HCP Long-Term Conservation Strategy for the Marbled Murrelet. At the western Washington scale, land management activities on DNR-managed lands sequester more carbon than emitted. Individual activities, such as this proposal, are likely to emit some greenhouse gases, including CO₂; however, at the landscape scale, DNR's sustainable land management activities, including this proposal, sequester more carbon than they emit. Evaluating carbon sequestration at the western Washington scale is appropriate because a determination of net carbon emissions must consider both the carbon sequestered and the carbon emissions from management within the same analysis area (western Washington).

Recognizing the climate and carbon benefits of working forests in Washington's Climate Commitment Act (RCW 70A.45.005), the legislature found that Washington should maintain and enhance the state's ability to continue to sequester carbon through natural and working lands and forest products. Further, "Washington's existing forest products sector, including public and private working forests and the harvesting, transportation, and manufacturing sectors that enable working forests to remain on the land and the state to be a global supplier of forest products, is, according to a University of Washington study analyzing the global warming mitigating role of wood products from Washington's private forests, an industrial sector that currently operates as a significant net sequesterer of carbon. This value, which is only provided through the maintenance of an intact and synergistic industrial sector, is an integral component of the state's contribution to the global climate response and efforts to mitigate carbon emissions." RCW 70A.45.090(1)(a).

The legislature also found that the 2019 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report "identifies several measures where sustainable forest management and forest products may be utilized to maintain and enhance carbon sequestration. These include increasing the carbon sequestration potential of forests and forest products by maintaining and expanding the forestland base, reducing emissions from land conversion to non-forest uses, increasing forest resiliency to reduce the risk of carbon releases from disturbances such as wildfire, pest infestation, and disease, and applying sustainable forest management techniques to maintain or enhance forest carbon stocks and forest carbon sinks, including through the transference of carbon to wood products" (2020 Washington Laws Ch. 120 §1(2)).

DNR is legally required (RCW 79.10.320) to periodically calculate a sustainable harvest level and manages state trust lands sustainably. DNR has also maintained (statewide) a forest management certificate to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative standard since 2006. In managing state trust lands sustainably, DNR sequesters more carbon than it emits while conducting land management activities such as this proposal.

The timber harvested from DNR-managed lands is used to produce climate-smart forest products. The climate impacts of DNR's land management are analyzed in multiple environmental impact statements that have informed the Board of Natural Resources' decisions and are consistent with the IPCC, which states that "[m]eeting society's needs for timber through intensive management of a smaller forest area creates opportunities for enhanced forest protection and conservation in other areas, thus contributing to climate change mitigation."

- b. *Briefly describe existing plans and programs (i.e. the HCP, DNR landscape plans, retention tree plans) and current forest practice rules that provide/require mitigation to protect against potential impacts to environmental concerns listed in question A-13-a.*

This proposal and all future management activities on DNR lands will be conducted in accordance with the DNR's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP, 1997), the Policy for Sustainable Forests (2006), and Forest Practice Rules. The HCP is an agreement with the federal government that requires the DNR to manage the landscapes with the intent to preserve and enhance habitat. In accordance with its terms, the following applicable strategies are found to provide a conservation benefit for multiple species:

- Deferring harvest from unstable slopes
- Retaining Riparian Management Zones (RMZ's) on typed waters. This includes a variable width interior core buffer on type 3, 4, unstable type 5 streams. Equipment limitation zones are required on all streams
- Retaining a minimum of eight leave tree per acre dispersed and clumped throughout VRH units
- Designing, constructing, and maintaining a road system to minimize potential adverse effects on the environment
- Implementing procedures pertaining to threatened and endangered species

In concert, the HCP strategies for Northern Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet, and riparian conservation will contribute to the retention and development of older forests, while the leave tree procedure will enhance the structural diversity of forests across the landscape. In addition, road construction and maintenance standards will improve the quality of the existing road network and reduce impacts on the environment.

Development of older forests is an expected outcome of the 1997 Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), and a policy objective stated in DNR's Policy for Sustainable Forests. Landscape assessments made in May 2021, demonstrate that through implementation of the HCP and other Policies and laws, older forest targets will be met in conservation areas over time. These conservation areas include identified long-term forest cover under the marbled murrelet long-term conservation strategy, riparian areas, areas conserved under the multispecies conservation strategy, potentially unstable slopes, spotted owl nest patches, and spotted owl habitat that must be maintained to comply with the northern spotted owl conservation strategy. The Straits HCP Planning Unit will meet at least 10% older forest within conservation areas by 2090.

c. Briefly describe any specific mitigation measures proposed, in addition to the mitigation provided by plans and programs listed under question A-13-b.

See other mitigation measures outlined below in B-1-d-2 and B-5-d

d. Based on the answers in questions A-13-a through A-13-c, is it likely potential impacts from this proposal could contribute to any environmental concerns listed in question A-13-a?

It is not likely potential impacts from this proposal will contribute to the environmental concerns listed in question A-13-a. DNR's HCP, the Policy for Sustainable Forests, and the Forest Practice rules substantially helps the Department to mitigate for cumulative effects related to management activities. These strategies have been incorporated in this proposal.

e. Complete the table below with the reasonably foreseeable future activities within the associated WAU(s) (add more lines as needed). Future is generally defined as occurring within the next 7 years. This data was obtained from DNR's Land Resource Manager System on the date of processing this checklist and may be subject to change.

WAU Name	Total WAU Acres	DNR-managed WAU Acres	Acres of DNR proposed even-aged harvest in the future *	Acres of DNR proposed uneven-aged harvest in the future *	Acres of proposed harvest on non-DNR-managed lands currently under active FP permits
PORT ANGELES	66980	5950	1478	0	225

* These areas have not been screened for unstable slopes, protected habitat, or feasibility.

Other management activities, such as stand and road maintenance, will likely occur within the associated WAU(s).

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (check one):

- Flat, Rolling, Hilly, Steep Slopes, Mountainous, Other:

1. General description of the associated WAU(s) or sub-basin(s) within the proposal (landforms, climate, elevations, and forest vegetation zone).

WAU:	PORT ANGELES
WAU Acres:	66980
Elevation Range:	0 - 6397 ft.
Mean Elevation:	406 ft.
Average Precipitation:	24 in./year
Primary Forest Vegetation Zone:	Western Hemlock

2. Identify any difference between the proposal location and the general description of the WAU or sub-basin(s). This proposal is a representative example of the WAUs at the same elevation and aspect.

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
55%
- 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 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Note: The following table is created from state soil survey data. It is an overview of general soils information for the soils found in the sale area. The actual soil conditions in the sale area may vary considerably based on land-form shapes, presence of erosive situations, and other factors.

State Soil Survey #	Soil Texture
4332	GRAVELLY LOAM
8047	V.GRAVELLY SANDY LOAM
1959	GRAVELLY SANDY LOAM

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

No, go to question B-1-e.

Yes, briefly describe potentially unstable slopes or landforms in or around the area of the proposal site. For further information, see question A-8 for related slope stability documents and question A-10 for the FPA number(s) associated with this proposal.

Recharge area of glacial deep-seated landslide, bedrock hollows, inner gorge slopes, and shallow landslides are present in the immediate vicinity.

The statewide landslide inventory (LSI) screening tool was reviewed using GIS and no LSI polygons were found within or adjacent to this proposal.

This landslide database is maintained by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Forest Practices Division. The LSI includes landslides mapped during many different projects including large-scale geologic mapping, watershed analyses, landscape planning, and landslide hazard zonation, in addition to other case studies and mapping efforts. A large majority of landslides identified by these projects are mapped by remote review with minimal field verification. In addition, dormant and ancient deep-seated landslides are mapped in many projects included in the LSI. A large number of the remotely identified landslides and deep-seated features have been mapped with a questionable, probable, or unknown certainty. As a result, the LSI database is meant to be used as a screening tool and field verification is a necessary step in confirming the absence, presence, and extent of mapped features, as well as their actual level of activity/instability.

- 1) Does the proposal include any management activities proposed on potentially unstable slopes or landforms?

No Yes, describe the proposed activities:

- 2) Describe any slope stability protection measures (including sale boundary location, road, and harvest system decisions) incorporated into this proposal.

This proposal has been reviewed by a licensed engineering geologist and their recommendations have been incorporated into the proposal. See the Geologic Field Summary prepared for this proposal submitted with the FPA.

Recharge area of glacial deep-seated landslide, bedrock hollows, inner gorges and any other areas exhibiting signs of recent slope movement have been excluded from harvest.

Roads were designed to minimize the average ground-based yarding distance to 500 feet or less. Care has been taken to avoid concentrating ditch water onto sensitive slopes located outside of the harvest boundaries.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Approx. acreage new roads: 0.5 ac

Approx. acreage new landings: 0.5 ac

Fill Source: Place Pit or commercial

Road construction will utilize standard cut and fill methodology to obtain grade and alignment. Native soil and rock will be excavated from the road prism and used for fill in the sub-grade and over cross drain relief culverts.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
Yes. Some erosion could occur as a result of building new roads, installing culverts, and hauling timber.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? *Approximate percent of proposal in permanent road running surface (includes gravel roads):*
Approximately 1% of the site will remain as gravel roads.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:
(Include protection measures for minimizing compaction or rutting.)

The following timing and access restrictions will be applied to the project:

- **No road construction or timber or rock haul will occur from November 1 to March 31 unless the operator formulates a plan approved by the contract administrator to prevent road sediment from entering surface waters.**
- **No ground-based yarding operations will occur from November 1 to April 30 OR during times of heavy precipitation and/or soil saturation unless the operator formulates a plan approved by the contract administrator to prevent erosion and channeling water towards sensitive slopes and typed waters.**

The following strategies will be applied to proposed road construction/maintenance:

- **On newly constructed roads, cross-drain culverts will be adequate in size and frequency to prevent concentration of road runoff to the extent that it would cause gulying of stream drainages. Cross drain culverts will be placed in order to minimize the amount of ditch water that flows into surface waters. Riprap will be utilized at culvert inlets and outlets as necessary to prevent erosion at these vulnerable points. Existing roads will be maintained so that drainage structures remain functional.**
- **Storm patrols will be conducted as necessary on existing and newly constructed roads to identify and address potential erosion problems.**

The following strategies will be applied to the proposed timber harvest:

- **Riparian management zone (RMZ) buffers as described in B.3.a.1.b. and B.3.a.1.c., will be retained.**
- **The leading end of logs will be suspended when being yarded to reduce soil disturbance.**
- **Equipment trails will be water-barred and/or grass-seeded as necessary.**
- **Untethered, ground-based harvest and yarding equipment will be restricted to operating on sustained slopes of 45% or less. Untethered equipment operating on slopes over 35% must be modern, self-leveling equipment designed to minimize ground impact.**
- **Rubber tired skidders will be limited to the dry season on gentle slopes as approved by the contract administrator.**

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.
Minor amounts of engine exhaust from logging and road construction equipment and dust from vehicle traffic on roads will be emitted during proposed activities. If landing debris is burned after harvest is completed, smoke will be generated. There will be no emissions once the proposal is complete.
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.
None known.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:
Following harvest, native tree species will be planted on site at a level higher than existed prior to harvest resulting in regeneration of the forest stand and initiating carbon sequestration through forest stand growth.

If landing debris is burned, it will be in accordance with Washington State’s Smoke Management Plan. A burn permit will be obtained before burning occurs.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water:

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. (See “WAU Map(s)” and “Timber Harvest Unit Adjacency Map(s)” as referenced on the DNR website: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa>. Click on the DNR region of this proposal under the Topic “Current SEPA Project Actions - Timber Sales.” Proposal documents also available for review at the DNR Region Office.)

- No Yes, describe in 3-a-1-a through 3-a-1-c below

a. Downstream water bodies:
Strait of Juan de Fuca via Dry Creek

b. Complete the following riparian & wetland management zone table:

Wetland, Stream, Lake, Pond, or Saltwater Name (if any)	Water Type	Number (how many?)	Avg RMZ/WMZ Width in feet (per side for streams)
Dry Creek, unnamed segment	3	2	150' No-cut
Unnamed Segment	4	2	100' No-cut
Unnamed Segment	5	3	30' ELZ

c. List any additional RMZ/WMZ protection measures including silvicultural prescriptions, road-related RMZ/WMZ protection measures and wind buffers.

No harvest will occur in the RMZs. All existing roads through RMZs will be monitored during hauling to ensure ditchwater and road runoff will not enter or otherwise adversely affect water quality or RMZ function.

Corrective action such as additional relief culverts, straw bales, silt fencing, rock-lined ditches, and sediment traps will be installed/constructed as necessary.

- 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.

No

Yes (See RMZ/WMZ table above and timber sale maps which are available on the DNR website: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa>. Timber sale maps are also available at the DNR region office.)

Description (include culverts):

Timber will be felled immediately adjacent to the RMZs as described in the table in B.3.a.1.b. Timber will be felled away from streams where safely possible to avoid damage to residual trees, the inner zones, and to protect stream bank integrity. Timber will be felled and yarded away from Type 5 streams where safely possible. All timber will have the leading end of the logs elevated during yarding to reduce soil disturbance near these features. There are 30-foot equipment limitation zones on all typed waters within the proposal.

New road construction will require a stream crossing as part of this proposal and two stream crossing culverts will be replaced on existing road. The crossings have been designed to minimize the potential for sediment delivery into typed water.

- 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. (Include diversions for fish-passage culvert installation.)

No

Yes, description:

All water flow may be temporarily diverted through bypass culverts or retained behind (or pumped around) coffer dams during culvert installation and replacement. Other typed waters may be temporarily diverted if additional culvert replacements are deemed necessary on existing roads.

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

No

Yes, describe activity and location:

- 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.

It is not likely that any waste materials will be discharged into the surface water(s). However, minor amounts of oil, fuel, and other lubricants may inadvertently be discharged to the adjacent surface water(s) as a result of heavy equipment use or mechanical failure. No lubricants will be disposed of on-site.

- 7) Is there a potential for eroded material to enter surface water as a result of the proposal considering the protection measures incorporated into the proposal's design?

No

Yes, describe:

Soils and terrain susceptible to surface erosion are generally located on slopes steeper than 70%. The potential for eroded material to enter surface water is minimized due to the erosion control measures and operational procedures outlined in B-1-h.

8) *What are the approximate road miles per square mile in the associated WAU(s)?*

PORT ANGELES = 2.6 (mi./sq. mi.)

9) *Are there forest roads or ditches within the associated WAU(s) that deliver surface water to streams, rather than back to the forest floor?*

No Yes, describe:

It is likely some roads or road ditches within the WAU intercept sub-surface flow and deliver surface water to streams, however current road construction, reconstruction, and/or maintenance standards will be applied that address this issue by installing cross-drains to deliver ditch water to stable forest floors.

10) *Is there evidence of changes to channels associated with peak flows in the proposal area (accelerated aggradations, surface erosion, mass wasting, decrease in large organic debris (LOD), change in channel dimensions)?*

No Yes, describe observations:

There are over steepened channels and inner gorges in the immediate vicinity. These changes are a result of natural events such as spring runoff from snowmelt and significant storm events.

11) *Describe any anticipated contributions to peak flows resulting from this proposal's activities which could impact areas downstream or downslope of the proposal area.*

It is not likely the proposed activity will change the timing, duration, or volume of water during a peak flow event. This proposal limits harvest unit size and proximity to other recent harvests, minimizes the extent of the road network, incorporates road drainage disconnected from stream networks, and implements wide riparian buffers which all have mitigating effects on the potential for this proposal to increase peak flows that could impact areas downstream or downslope of the proposal area.

12) *Is there a water resource (public, domestic, agricultural, hatchery, etc.), or area of slope instability, downstream or downslope of the proposed activity?*

No Yes, describe the water resource(s):

a. Is it likely a water resource or an area of slope instability listed in B-3-12 (above) will be affected by changes in amounts, quality or movements of surface water as a result of this proposal?

No Yes, describe possible impacts:

13) *Describe any protection measures, in addition to those required by other existing plans and programs (i.e. the HCP, DNR landscape plans) and current forest practice rules included in this proposal that mitigate potential negative effects on water quality and peak flow impacts.*

Restrictions on harvest activities and timber haul during peak rain events will provide increased resource protection. Road development and maintenance standards will minimize impacts by using cross-drains and ditch-outs to release ditch water onto stable forest floors where flow energy can dissipate prior to reach stream channels.

b. Ground Water:

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No water will be withdrawn or discharged.

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.

Minor amounts of oil, fuel, and other lubricants may inadvertently be discharged to the ground as a result of heavy equipment use or mechanical failure. No lubricants will be disposed of on-site. All spills are required to be contained and cleaned-up. This proposal is expected to have no impact on ground water.

3) *Is there a water resource use (public, domestic, agricultural, hatchery, etc.), or area of slope instability, downstream or downslope of the proposed activity?*

No Yes, describe:

a. Is it likely a water resource or an area of slope instability listed in B-3-b-3 (above) could be affected by changes in amounts, timing, or movements of groundwater as a result this proposal?

No Yes, describe possible impacts:

Note protection measures, if any:

No specific protection measures beyond the HCP requirements are being applied.

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.
Water runoff, including storm water, from road surfaces will be collected by roadside ditches and diverted onto the forest floor via ditch-outs and cross drain culverts.

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

No Yes, describe:

Waste materials, such as sediment or slash, may enter surface water.

Note protection measures, if any:

No additional protection measures will be necessary to protect these resources beyond those described in B-1-d-2, B-1-h, B-3-a-2, and B-3-a-13.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No changes to drainage patterns are expected.

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

See surface water, ground water, and water runoff sections above, questions B-3-a-1-c, B-3-a-13, B-3-b-3, and B-3-c-2.

4. Plants

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

Deciduous tree:

Alder Aspen Birch Cottonwood Maple Western Larch

Other:

Evergreen tree:

Douglas-Fir Engelmann Spruce Grand Fir Lodgepole Pine

Mountain Hemlock Noble Fir Pacific Silver Fir Ponderosa Pine

Sitka Spruce Western Hemlock Western Redcedar Yellow Cedar

Other:

Shrubs:

Huckleberry Rhododendron Salmonberry Salal

Other:

Ferns

Grass

Pasture

Crop or Grain

Orchards Vineyard Other Permanent Crops

Wet Soil Plants:

Bullrush Buttercup Cattail Devil's Club Skunk Cabbage

Other:

Water plants:

Eelgrass Milfoil Water Lily

Other:

- Other types of vegetation:
- Plant communities of concern:*
- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? (*Also see answers to questions A-11-a, A-11-b and B-3-a-2*).
99-119 year old timber will be removed with a VRH prescription. Some immature trees, snags or individual remnant trees may be left unless they need to be felled for safety or operational reasons. Understory vegetation will be disturbed by logging or road building activities. These stands will retain snags, dominant and co-dominant and/or structurally unique trees via clumps and scattered leave trees to increase horizontal and vertical diversity over the landscape.
0.6 acres of 20-30 year old timber will be converted to road within the Rights-of-way areas.
 - 1) *Describe the species, age, and structural diversity of the timber types immediately adjacent to the removal area. (See "WAU Map(s)" and "Timber Harvest Unit Adjacency Map(s)" on the DNR website: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa>. Click on the DNR region of this proposal under the Topic "Current SEPA Project Actions - Timber Sales." Proposal documents also available for review at the DNR Region Office.)*
The site is surrounded by Douglas fir dominated forest with ages ranging from 4 to over 170.
- c. List threatened and endangered *plant* species known to be on or near the site.
Whipplea modesta is known to occur in the vicinity of this proposal.
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:
An average of more than 8 trees per acre will be retained in VRH units as scattered leave trees and in clumps that are distributed across the proposal area. These clumps include all tree species currently found on site. Clumps were located around features that will contribute to the maintenance of biological diversity such as snags, cavity trees, remnants, down logs, areas with extensive understory development, small streams, and large wind firm conifer trees.
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.
Himalayan blackberry, tansy ragwort and Scotch broom is present in the vicinity.

5. Animals

- a. List any birds and other animals *or unique habitats* which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:
birds:
 eagle hawk heron owls songbirds
 other: **crow/raven**
mammals:
 bear beaver coyote cougar deer elk
 other:
fish:
 bass herring salmon shellfish trout
 other:
amphibians/reptiles:
 frog lizard salamander snake turtle
 other:
unique habitats:
 balds caves cliffs mineral springs oak woodlands talus slopes
 other:
- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site (*include federal- and state-listed species*).

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- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.
 Pacific flyway Other migration route:
Explain:
All of Washington State is considered part of the Pacific Flyway. No impacts are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

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

Note existing or proposed protection measures, if any, for the complete proposal described in question A-11.

Species /Habitat: **Riparian** Protection Measures: **Interior core buffers have been applied to all Type 3, 4 and unstable 5 waters, and Forested Wetlands, as well as equipment limitation zones on all typed waters and Forested wetlands, as described in B.3.a.1)b). Buffers are designed to protect the unstable portions of the stream banks, protect waters and wetlands from siltation, and decrease water temperatures by providing shade and cover. Buffers also allow the natural occurrence of woody debris that provides pools and eddies for fish habitat along stream banks. Furthermore, these buffers will develop old-forest characteristics that, in combination with the owl and murrelet strategies, will help support old-forest dependent wildlife.**

Species /Habitat: **Upland** Protection Measures: **Harvest will not occur in areas with moderate or high risk of slope failure or delivery to a public resource. Wind-firm, dominant, and structurally unique trees were targeted for retention. A minimum of eight trees per acre were retained individually and in clumps to provide habitat structures for wildlife species within VRH units. Timber removal will temporarily create open environments that provide valuable foraging and potential habitat for a variety of wildlife species associated with early-stage forest environments.**

Species /Habitat: **Marbled Murrelet** Protection Measures: **The proposal does not occur within marbled murrelet special habitat areas, occupied sites, occupied site buffers, or marbled murrelet habitat (P-stage) that has been designated for metering. Previously modeled long term forest cover (LTFC) is being updated as a result of field verification and no harvest will occur within verified LTFC. In guidance with our habitat conservation plan, no special murrelet protections are needed.**

Species /Habitat: **Northern Spotted Owl** Protection Measures: **Harvest unit falls within LAKE ALDWELL status 1 circle. No activity will occur in Spotted owl best 70 acres.**

Species /Habitat: **Fisher** Protection Measures: **Observations occurred within 1 mile of proposed harvest unit. Unit does not fall within ½ mile activity buffer. No fisher protection plans are needed at this distance. However, if an active den is discovered in the project area, appropriate protection measures will be implemented in consultation with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.
None known.

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.
Petroleum fuel (diesel or gasoline) will be used for heavy equipment during active road building, timber harvest operations, and for transportation. No energy sources will be needed following project completion.
- 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.
 - 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.
None known.
 - 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.
None known.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.
Petroleum-based fuel and lubricants may be used and stored on site during the operating life of this project.
- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
The Department of Natural Resources, private, and fire protection district suppression crews may be needed in case of wildfire. In the event of personal injuries, emergency medical services may be required. Hazardous material spills may require Department of Ecology and/or county assistance.
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:
No petroleum-based products will be disposed of on site. If a spill occurs, containment and cleanup will be required. Spill kits are required to be onsite during all heavy equipment operations. The cessation of operations may occur during periods of increased fire risk. Fire tools and equipment, including pump trucks and/or pump trailers, will be required on site during fire season.

NOTE: If contamination of the environment is suspected, the proponent must contact the Department of Ecology.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?
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.
There will be short term, low level and high level noise created by the use of harvesting equipment and hauling operations within the proposal area. This type of noise has been historically present in this geographical area.
- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:
To mitigate noise, restrictions will be in place as to not allow for harvest and road activities on weekends, State recognized Holidays, and from the hours of 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. (*Site includes the complete proposal, e.g. rock pits and access roads.*)
Current use of site and adjacent land types: Commercial Forestry

This proposal will not change the use of or affect the current/long term land use of areas associated with this sale.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?
This proposal site has been used as working forest lands. This proposal will retain the site in working forest lands.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:
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?
Commercial Forestry

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

- 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 a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
No.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
None.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
None.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
Does not apply.
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
This project is consistent with current comprehensive plans and zoning classifications.
- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:
None.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
Does not apply.
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
Does not apply.
- 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?
Does not apply.
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
Mature conifer stands will be converted to conifer plantation
 - 1) *Is this proposal visible from a residential area, town, city, recreation site, major transportation route or designated scenic corridor (e.g., county road, state or interstate highway, US route, river or Columbia Gorge SMA)?*
 No Yes, name of the location, transportation route or scenic corridor:
Portions of this site will be visible from Highway 101
 - 2) *How will this proposal affect any views described above?*
Even-aged timber harvest is a regular occurrence on this hillside so this proposal is unlikely to significantly alter the views above.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:
Retention trees as described in B.4.b.2 and RMZ buffers as described in B.3.a.1.b will reduce the aesthetic impacts of the harvest. Seedlings will be planted within two years of harvest in the VRH portions of the proposal.

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?
Mountain bike trails, motorcycle and 4x4 trails are scattered across the site. This area is sanctioned for mountain bike use.
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
There may be some disruptions to recreational use during periods of harvesting and hauling.

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

Measures will include posting signs notifying users of ongoing timber sale activities including cutting, yarding and hauling.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.
None known.
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.
No evidence of Tribal or historic use or occupation has been identified within the timber harvest boundaries. A State Lands Cultural Resource Technician was also consulted.
- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.
Measures include reviewing DNR Special Concerns reports, consulting affected tribes, reviewing historical GLO maps, USGS maps, historic aerial photos, and DAHP records. The harvest area has been reviewed by a cultural resource technician.
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.
If a presently-unknown cultural resource is discovered during project operations, DNR will comply with the Cultural Resources Inadvertent Discovery Guidance dated March 2010 or its successor procedure.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
See WAU and adjacency maps on the DNR website under "SEPA CENTER". See A.12.b.
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?
No. Nearest transit spot is not known.
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?
None.
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
Yes, see A-11-c.

- 1) *How does this proposal impact the overall transportation system/circulation in the surrounding area and any existing safety problem(s), if at all?*

This project will have minimal to no additional impacts on the overall transportation system in the area.

- e. Will the project or proposal 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 or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Approximately 10 to 15 truck trips per day while the operation is active. Peak volumes would occur during the yarding and loading activities between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. of the operating period. The completed project will generate less than one vehicular trip per day. Estimates are based on the observed harvest traffic of past projects.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No.

- h. 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, public transit, 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. Check 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: Benjamin Stein

Name of signee: **Ben Stein**

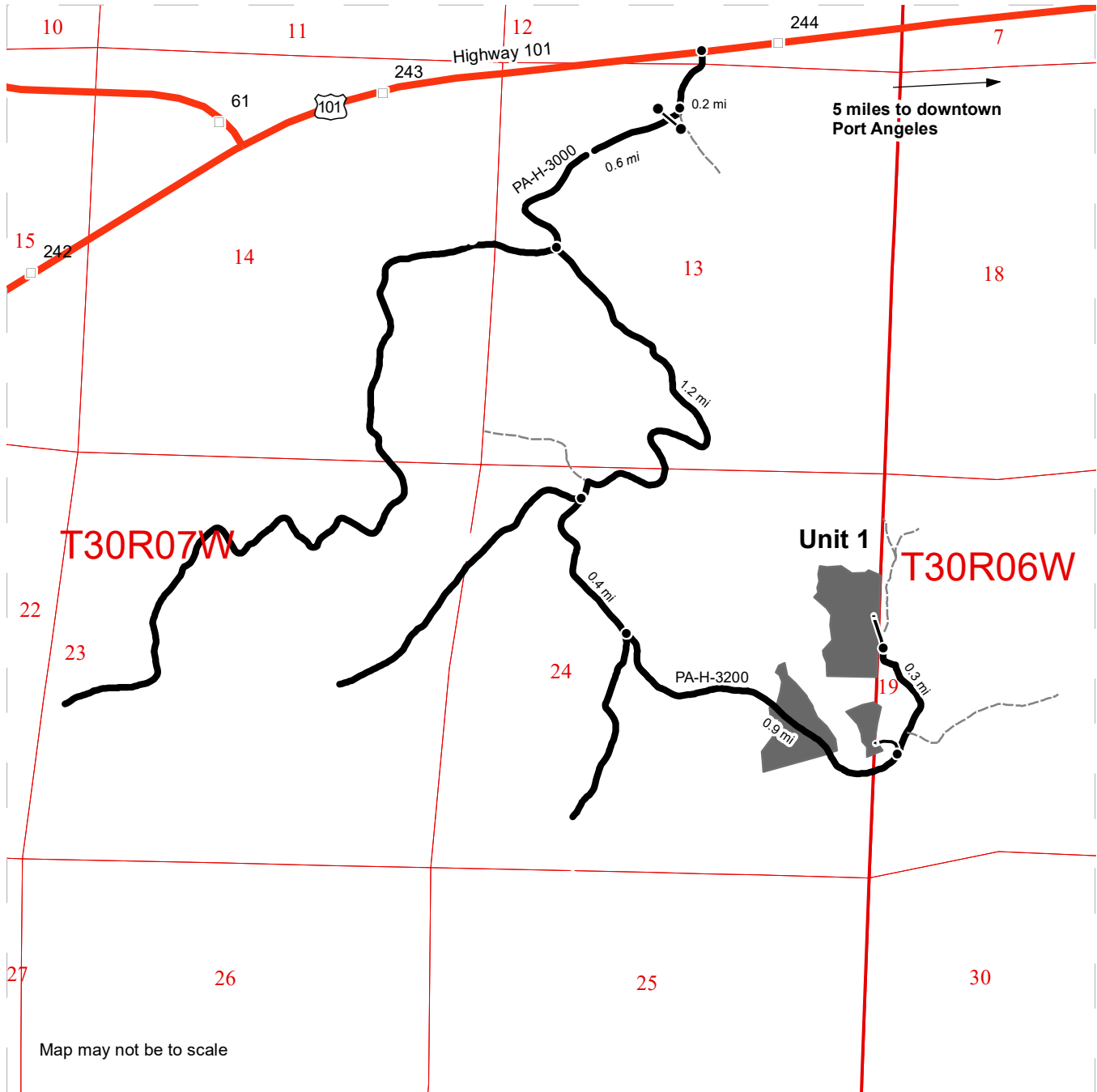
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Date Submitted: 05/09/2024

DRIVING MAP

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TRUST(S): Common School and Indemnity (3), State Forest Transfer (1)

REGION: Olympic Region
COUNTY(S): Clallam
ELEVATION RGE: 1120-2120



- Timber Sale Unit
- Haul Route
- Other Roads
- New Construction
- Milepost Markers
- Distance Indicator
- Gate
- Rock Pit

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

See attached driving direction sheet.



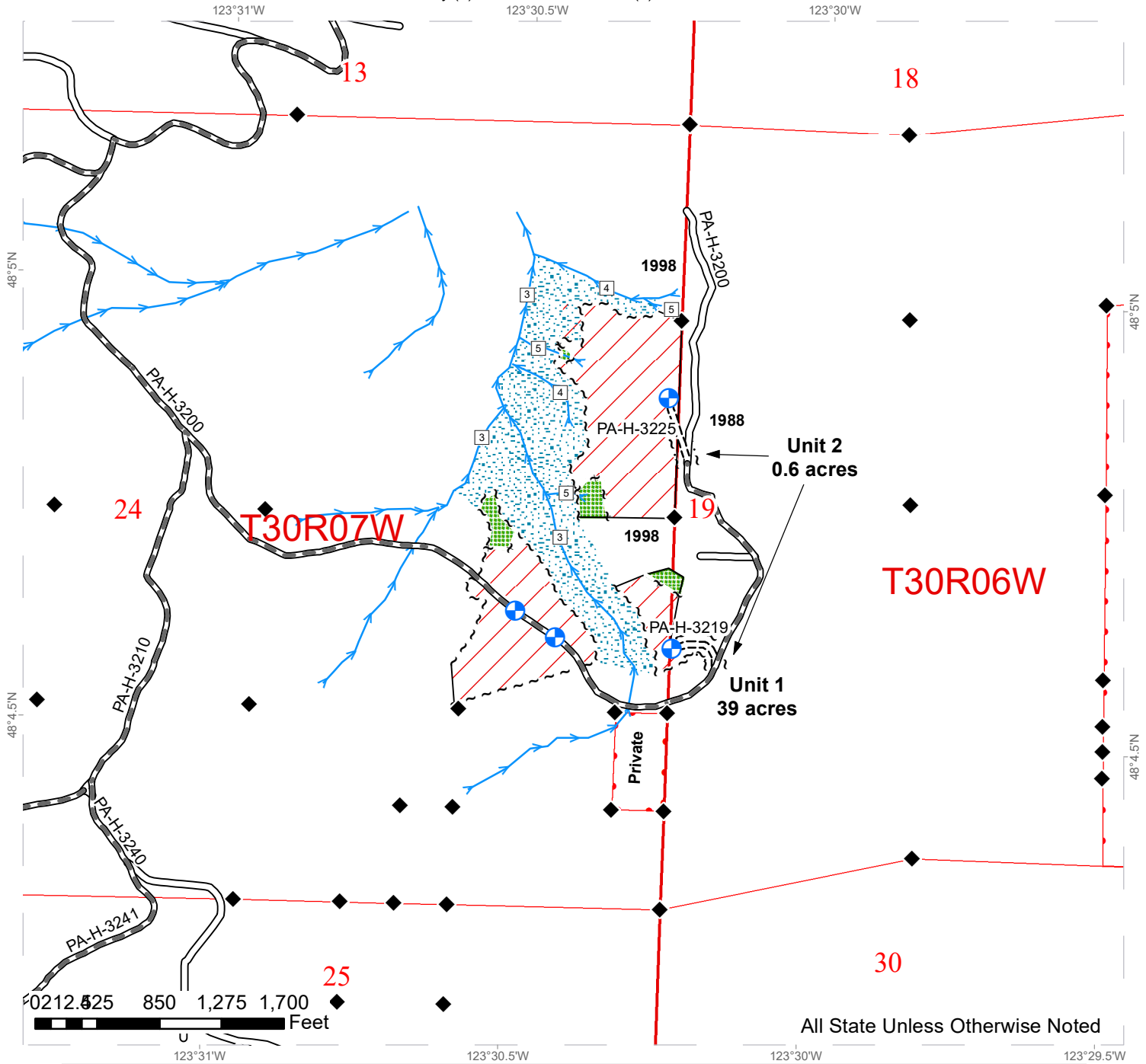
Power Plant Adjusted Driving Directions

Unit 1: From the intersection of Walkabout Way and Highway 101, turn south onto Walkabout Way and proceed for 0.2 miles until reaching a gate on your right. Proceed through the gate (AA1 key) and continue on the PA-H-3000 for 0.6 miles. Stay to the left to continue on the PA-H-3000 and continue for 1.2 miles to the intersection with the H-3200. Stay straight and continue on the PA-H-3200 for 0.4 miles. Stay to the left at the junction with the H-3210 to remain on the PA-H-3200 and continue for approximately 0.5 miles before reaching the west edge of Unit 2.

TIMBER SALE MAP

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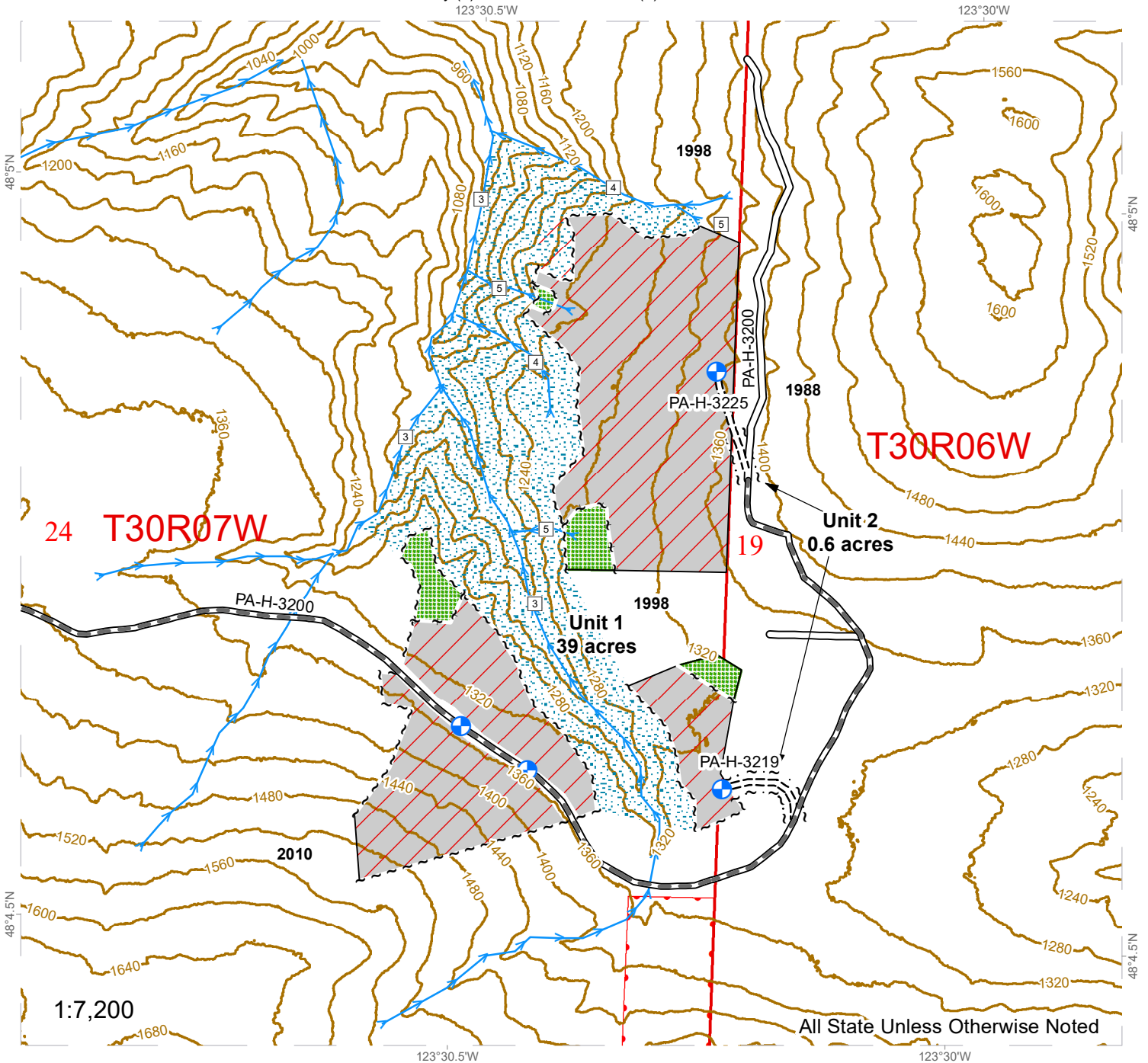


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Ground-based Yarding	Sale Boundary Tags	Existing Roads	Streams
Leave Tree Area	Leave Tree Tags	Required Pre-Haul Maintenance	Stream Type Break
Riparian Mgt Zone	Right of Way Tags	Required Construction	Proposed Landings
DNR Managed Lands	Painted Property Line	Timber Type Change	

