



**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE  
AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING  
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**Description of current proposal:** The proposal is for an expansion to an existing DNR Surface Mine Reclamation Permit (#70-012069). Permit acreage will increase from 20 acres to 35.8 acres. The proposal will remove olivine to a depth of 260 feet below pre-mining topographic grade. The site will be reclaimed to a forestry subsequent use.

**Proponent:** Twin Sisters Olivine Ltd.

**Location of current proposal:** The proposed site is located 10 miles SE of Deming, WA, within portions of Sections 34 and 35, Township 38 North, Range 6 East Willamette Meridian, in Whatcom County.

**Title of document being adopted:** Swen Larsen Quarry Expansion Project Final Environmental Assessment

**Agency that prepared document being adopted:** United States Forest Service

**Date adopted document was prepared:** August 21, 2017

**Description of document (or portion) being adopted:** The environmental assessment documents the potential environmental effects of an expansion of the Twin Sisters Olivine Swen Larsen Quarry on public land in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, managed by the United States Forest Service. The document acts as a joint environmental assessment to satisfy federal and state requirements.

**If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:** The document has not been challenged.

**The document is available to be read at (place/time):** Natural Resources Bldg., Rm 148, 1111 Washington St. SE, Olympia, WA 98501-7007, from 8:30am to 4pm Monday – Friday

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**

**This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from August 21, 2024 . Comments must be submitted by September 4, 2024.**

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.


**Name of agency adopting document:** Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Washington Geological Survey

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.