



**DEPARTMENT OF
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**Notice of Final Determination
Serendipity Timber Sale #30-105259
SEPA File No. 24-101701**

The Department of Natural Resources issued a Determination of Non-significance (DNS), Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS), Modified DNS/MDNS on **October 17, 2024** for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2).

This threshold determination is hereby:

Retained.

Modified. Modifications to this threshold determination include the following:

It was discovered the SEPA checklist for Serendipity did not fully address Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site. The answer to B.4.d. should include the following:

Trees over 60 inches diameter at breast height (DBH), even if not marked for leave, will be retained through contract requirements.

Following harvest, the variable retention harvest units will be replanted with native conifer species that will be supplemented by natural regeneration which is expected to occur as a result of the conservation areas in and around the harvest units. Species, stocking type, and density for plantings are prescribed to be suitable for the unique site conditions. After planting, the need for noxious weed treatments will be assessed and occur if necessary.

Withdrawn. This threshold determination has been withdrawn due to the following:

Delayed. A final threshold determination has been delayed due to the following:

Summary of Comments and Responses (if applicable):

Comment: Received October 29, 2024 from the Squaxin Island Tribe stating the project is outside their traditional area and no further consultation is necessary.

Response: No response necessary.

Comment: Received October 31, 2024 from the advocacy organization Legacy Forest Defense Coalition concerning structurally complex stands and DNR's 10 to 15 percent older forest targets.



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Response: DNR provided a response to the commenter on October 31, 2024 regarding the Department's older forest management. The '*Landscape Assessment to Identify and Manage Structurally Complex Stands to Meet Older-Forest Targets in Western Washington*', May 2024 (Revised September 2024), referenced in Class Dismissed SEPA checklist A.8. was also provided to this commenter.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.