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Building Partnerships; Building Communities

SEPA ACTION DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

File: Ellsworth SEPA Checklist (SE-18-00003)

Description: A timber harvest will occur with the goal of increasing long-term productivity of the majority of the harvest area. The operation will be thinning-from-below operation, designed to remove smaller suppressed, deformed, or trees quickly declining in vigor from the site. Resources that otherwise go to these trees will be available to retained trees post-harvest, resulting in increased growth and long term vigor for the stand. The area to be thinned is roughly 15 acres, with a harvest of approximately 50-60 MBF. This area will be maintained in forest land for the foreseeable future. A small area (less than 1 acre) will be clear-cut, and will be converted from forest land to non-forest land. A home site will be cleared and developed in that area.

Proponent: Meave Ellsworth
3963 Dayton Ave N.
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Location: Located on private property accessed from Kachess Dam Road. The subject property is north of I-90 at Easton along the Kachess River, located in a portion of Section 27, T21N, R13E, WM, in Kittitas County.

Lead Agency: Kittitas County Community Development Services

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.037(1). 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, or can be viewed at the Kittitas County Community Development Services website at: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/land-use/default.aspx> under "Miscellaneous SEPA Applications".

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21 RCW, shall be commenced on or before **May 1, 2018 at 5 p.m.** to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, Rm. 108, County Courthouse, Ellensburg WA 98926

Responsible

Official:

Lindsey Ozbolt

Title: Kittitas County Planning Official

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Date: April 16, 2018

Pursuant to Chapter 15A.07.010 KCC, this DNS may be appealed by submitting specific factual objections in writing with a fee of \$1570.00 to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, Kittitas County Courthouse Room 110, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Timely appeals must be received no later than 5:00pm, May 1, 2018. Aggrieved parties are encouraged to contact the Board at (509) 962-7508 for more information on appeal process.