



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
July 9, 2003**

State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: COPE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT TIMBER SALE

Description of Proposal: The proponent proposes to reduce the density of Douglas Fir by removing trees which have invaded as a result of wildfire suppression, open up the Ponderosa Pine stands and burn resulting slash to improve regeneration of fire dependent species for mule deer winter habitat. The sale consists of 150 forested acres and 50 non-forested acres. Timber will be harvested using ground-based systems. No new road construction will occur.

Proponent:

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Contact: Paul Dahmer

WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
201 North Pearl Street
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Contact: Douglas Kuehn, Wildlife Forester

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Southwest of Fish Lake on Conconully Road, Approximately 14 Miles South of Loomis, Washington, Okanogan County; Sections 16 and 21, Township 36 North, Range 25 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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 the 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 WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **July 8, 2003**

Responsible Official: Cynthia R. Pratt

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, Regulatory Services Section

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DATE OF ISSUE: June 24, 2003 **SIGNATURE:** 