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Bob Zeigler, SEPA Coordinator
Department of Fish & Wildlife
600 Capital Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Re: Oak Creek Wildlife Area Forest Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Zeigler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Oak Creek Wildlife Area Forest Restoration Project. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

Water Resources

If you plan to use water for dust suppression at your site, be sure that you have a legal right. A water right permit is required for *all* surface water diversions and for any water from a well that will exceed 5,000 gallons per day. (Chapter 90.03 RCW Surface Water Code and Chapter 90.44 RCW Regulation of Public Ground Waters) If in doubt, check with the Department of Ecology, Water Resources Program. Temporary permits may be obtainable in a short time-period. The concern of Water Resources is for existing water rights. In some instances water may need to be obtained from a different area and hauled in or from an existing water right holder.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Sage Park at (509) 454-7647.

Sincerely,

Gwen Clear
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