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RE: DNS 24-054 Simcoe Mountains Unit Property Management Plan

Dear Mx. Jonker:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the SEPA checklist for the Simcoe Mountains Unit Property Management Plan, located in portions of, T. 05 N., Range 18 E., and T. 06 N., Range 18 E W.M.; Klickitat County.

Based on remote review of the area described above and the answer provided in the SEPA Checklist under question 8(b), it appears that the some of the area consist of forestland, and future projects/proposals will require Forest Practices Application(s) (FPA/N) from the DNR if merchantable timber is removed/harvested as part of and/or is being converted out of forest land (RCW 76.09 and WAC 222). The FPA/N(s) would need to meet the requirements of the Forest Practices Act and its rules. It is our recommendation that the applicant consult with our local forest practices forester to discuss when forest practices activities are being planned, they may also call our Southeast Region office at (509) 925-8510.

If there are questions regarding our comments, please contact our Region Forest Practices office at the number above.

Sincerely,

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