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Ms. Lisa Wood
SEPA Responsible Official/HPA Appeals Coordinator
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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Re: Smoothing Iron Forest Restoration, File # 19-016

Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the proposal to commercially thin approximately 280-acres. The project includes reconstructing existing roads and orphaned roads (Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the documents and submits the following comments:

Water Quality Program-Jason Graham (509) 329-3517

Existing and orphaned roads that will be brushed, graded or reconstructed may be considered new road construction and should be addressed in the Forest Practice Application. All forest roads and maintenance must follow chapter 222-24 (road construction and maintenance).

New roads that run across typed water must follow general provisions for all typed water, refer to WAC 222-24-040 (Water crossing structures) for guidance.

For more information, please contact Jason Graham at (509) 329-3517 or via email at Jason.Graham@ecy.wa.gov

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Ecology bases comments upon information submitted for review. As such, they do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations you must obtain, nor legal requirements you must fulfill in order to carry out the proposed action.

Please contact the appropriate staff listed above if you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments,

Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
(Ecology File #: 201900854)

cc: Sara Ashiglar, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)