MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: White Chanterelle Sale, App. No. 80885, and Forest Practice Application No. 2809609. Even-aged harvest of 1,278 MBF of timber from 37.7 acres. Proposal includes 972 feet of road construction, and up to 2057 feet of temporary road construction (to be built, then abandoned after completion of use).

Description of mitigation: See attached sheet.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sections 3 and 4 of Township 37 North, Range 04 East, W.M. Section 1 of Township 39 North, Range 05 East, W.M. Section 19 of Township 37 North, Range 05 East, W.M. Proposal is located 7 miles east of Bellingham, in Whatcom County, off of Highway 9, and CC-ML forest road.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources.

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 a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[] There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from October 5, 2007. Comments must be submitted by October 19, 2007.

Responsible official: William J. Wallace

Position/title: Northwest Region Manager Phone: 360-856-3500

Address: 919 North Township Street, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Date: ______________ Signature: ______________ William Wallace

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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MITIGATED MEASURES

White Chanterelle Sale, App. No. 80885

Streams:
   2 type 4 streams with a 100-foot, no-harvest buffer.
   3 type 5 streams with a 33-foot, no-harvest buffer.

Wetlands:
   1 forested wetland, greater than 0.25 acre but less than 1-acre in size, with a 100-foot buffer.

Slope Stability:
   Potentially unstable areas were bounded out of this proposal, including some within stream buffers.

Roads:
   Roads will be constructed during the drier times of the year. Exposed soils on cut and fill slopes will be revegetated to lessen sediment impact to streams. 2,057 feet of road will be abandoned after completion of use. Dust abatement on haul roads within 0.2 miles of North Shore Drive will occur while hauling, as necessary.

Green tree retention and wildlife:
   296 trees have been designated to be left uncut on this proposal. This represents 8 of the existing trees per acre. Clumps of green trees are located throughout the proposed harvest area. Individually scattered green trees are comprised of larger diameter Douglas-fir, western redceder, and western hemlock...

Logging methods:
   Proposal will be yarded by cable; and ground-based systems during the dryer times of the year. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.

Visual Aesthetics:
   The small harvest size, adjacent mature timber, leave trees retained, and RMZ/WMZ no-harvest buffers, in conjunction with planned discontinuous harvest patches, the aesthetic impact will be minimized.