



File Code: 1950-1

Date: October 29, 2007

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed is the Decision Notice (DN) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Decline Thin Project, signed October 29, 2007. The Selected Alternative (Alternative D Modified) will commercially thin 380 acres of densely-stocked stands using ground-based and skyline logging systems, yielding approximately 7.2 million board feet of commercial timber.

The project is located in Snohomish County in the Sauk River basin east of Darrington, Washington, in T.32N., R.10E., Sections 22, 23, 26, and 27.

This decision is subject to administrative appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215, only by those who provided comments during the 30-day comment period on the environmental assessment (EA). Appeals must meet the requirements at 36 CFR 215.14. An appeal must be filed with the Appeal Deciding Officer, Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, Attn: 1570 Appeals, 333 S.W. First Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3623. (Zip code for physical address deliveries: 97204-3440.) Appeals may be faxed to (503) 808-2255, sent electronically to appeals-pacificnorthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us, or hand delivered to the above address 7:45 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday except holidays. Appeals, including attachments, must be postmarked or delivered within 45 days after the publication date of the legal notice of decision published in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. That publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Electronic appeals must be submitted in .doc, .rtf, or .pdf format, or as an e-mail message. E-mailed appeals must include the project name in the subject line. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is one way.

If an appeal is filed, the decision may not be implemented until 15 days following the date of appeal disposition, depending on the nature of that disposition. If no appeal is filed, the decision may be implemented five days after the close of the appeal period.

For further information, contact Phyllis Reed, Darrington Ranger District, (360) 436-1155.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

