

EMAIL RESPONSE TO: Charles R. Lie, Skykomish Valley Environmental and Economic Alliance (SVENA)

From: Rich Dodd, Rivers District Manager-Forest Practices, DNR

FPA #2814956

We appreciate your comments. This response is from DNR Forest Practices. DNR State Lands is the land owner/manager and proponent of the submitted forest practice application and may further address these issues in their response.

#1. Forest Practice rules, WAC 222-30-025, address visual impacts by limiting the size and proximity of even aged harvest units. All even aged harvest units in the Dyno timber sale Forest Practice Application are under the allowable threshold for harvest unit size.

#2. Forest Practices has no regulatory authority over recreational activities. Land management and use activities are controlled by the land owner. DNR state lands is the proponent submitting FPA #2814956. They manage the land related to this Forest Practices Application and may further address the recreation management in a response of their own.

#3. The State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) has approved the Dyno timber sale site protection plan developed by the State Lands Archeologist and determined there are no conflicts with any known archeological or historic sites. Thescreening determined all Historic sites within the proposed FPA area were addressed by the applicant. There are some Archeology/Historic sites adjacent to the proposed forest practice area, which are outside of this proposal and not impacted from these adjacent activities. The proponent can further address what they did to address protection of historic sites in their response.

#4. Current Forest Practice rules, along with the application of best management practices (for example dry weather and low stream flow installations, and bypassing of water at culvert installation sites) related to road construction and timber harvest minimize soil disturbance and the potential for sediment movement in all typed waters. The proponent may further address your concern in their response.

#5.The historic trail you refer to is proposed to be protected as per the attached FPA narrative in the forest practice application (Question 31). The Department of Archeological and Historic Preservation has approved the Dyno Timber Sale Site Protection Plan completed by the State Archeologist. The proponent may further address this comment in their response.

#6. Forest Practice rules do not require a view shed review of the forest practice activity. All of the mapping associated with this application meets the requirements of current state law. The proponent may further address this in their response.

#7. Forest Practices has no regulatory authority over recreational activities. Land management and use activities are controlled by the land owner. The proponent may further address this in their response.

Your request for extending the public comment period for this submitted Forest Practice Application cannot be granted. Forest Practice Applications follow rigid timelines, as spelled out in WAC 222-20-020, to process and approve. DNR Forest Practices has no authority to extend the public comment period set in WAC.

I'm sorry I don't have responses to all of your question. My responses are from a regulatory perspective. Some of your questions related to land use and management are best left to the proponent, State Lands, to answer.

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