



To: Charles R. Lie for SVENA (Skykomish Valley Environmental & Economic Alliance)

From: Allen McGuire, Cascade District Manager, Northwest Region, Department of Natural Resources

Dear Mr. Lie,

Thank you for your comments regarding the DNR's proposed Dyno Timber Sale. The public comment period for SEPA is set by state law and rules developed by the Department of Ecology. The date of your email indicates that you have the full review period which runs until the close of business January 28, 2016.

These lands, and all lands managed by DNR are held and managed in trust for specific beneficiaries, in this case common public schools and Snohomish County and various junior taxing districts. Use of the lands for recreation are allowed so long as they do not unreasonably disrupt the management of the lands for income to the beneficiaries. Use of recreational areas immediately adjacent to the proposal units may be temporarily restricted during active harvest operations for safety concerns. No permanent displacement of existing designated or informal recreation opportunities will occur as a result of this proposal.

Members of the Washington Climbers Coalition were consulted on site to discuss management strategies and safety precautions which will close the harvest area to recreational bouldering during active harvest operations. Also, access to the recreation site during and after harvest operations was addressed.

Cultural resource surveys, research, and resource analysis were conducted by a DNR staff archaeologist as part of DNR's preparation for the Dyno sale. DNR's documentation and proposed treatment of cultural resources related to this project have been reviewed and approved by the state Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). The location of the historic trail is exempt from public disclosure under RCW 42.56.300. Because the preservation measures DNR is undertaking as part of this timber harvest will protect and preserve this trail, there will be no residual impact to the limited public recreational use of this area.

The DNR is aware of the former use of portions of this property as a mine. RCW 42.56.300 exempts archaeological site data from public disclosure to protect cultural resources from looting and disturbance. All areas of the historic mining operation have been bounded out of the sale area and/or protected based on guidance from the department's archaeologist and were included in the review by DAHP.

Additionally, no areas with historic mining waste materials were identified within the project area during timber sale or road layout.

Timber harvests add to the current matrix of multi-cohort stands across the landscape. Measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts associated with timber sales are as follows, small,

scattered, irregular shaped units; leave trees and large riparian buffers will remain on the landscape after completion of the variable retention harvest. Additionally, the proposal area will be planted with conifer trees within two years of the completion of harvest activities. This sale does not represent a significant departure from usual and common activities.

Accurate and up to date mapping is an integral part of the DNR's timber sale program. The DNR utilizes common mapping techniques as a means to graphically represent landscapes. These maps are currently used by many diverse groups as a way to review the proposed timber sale. Resources for information relating to current timber harvests occurring on department managed lands are available on the DNR's webpage. Please see the links below for current timber sale packet documents and an interactive map of state wide DNR timber sales.

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/product-sales-and-leasing/timber-sales/timber-auction-packets>

<http://wadnr.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=54a9c5deabaf41d3b89ea2f17d01893f>

Sincerely,

Allen McGuire

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