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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Determination of NonSignificance

August 12, 2022

Lead agency: **City of Ilwaco**

Agency Contact: **Holly Beller** PO Box 548, Ilwaco WA 98624 (360) 642-3145

Description of proposal – **The City of Ilwaco will purchase land and timber rights and develop a forest management plan within the Indian Creek Watershed for the purpose of protecting the drinking water source for the City of Ilwaco.**

Location of proposal - **102 Wahlberg Road, Chinook WA 98614**
The property includes a total of approximately 380 acres distributed across sections 27, 33, and 34 of Township 10 North, Range 10 West, and Section 3 of Township 9 North, Range 10 West of the Willamette Meridian, Pacific County, Washington.

Applicant: **Councilmember Matt Lessnau PO Box 548, Ilwaco WA 98624 (360) 642-3145**

The City of Ilwaco has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030. We have reviewed the attached Environmental Checklist. This information is available at: www.ilwaco-wa.gov/SEPA.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

This proposal benefits many aspects of the environment including preventing intensive lumber harvesting detrimental to water quality, encourage a diverse natural forest, protect headwaters of Indian Creek which feeds extensive estuaries of tidal flats, freshwater marshes, grasslands which support wild Chinook, chum, Coho Salmon, etc. while also promoting carbon storage, climate change mitigation and stormwater management.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on September 2, 2022.

On September 2, 2022 the city received comments from Ecology which are attached hereto.

Holly Beller, treasurer@ilwaco-wa.gov

Signature 
(electronic signature or name of signor is sufficient)

Date Sept 6, 2022



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September 2, 2022

Holly Beller, Agency Contact
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Dear Holly Beller:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Bear Ridge Community Forest Project. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

TOXICS CLEANUP: Tim Mullin (360) 999-9589

There appear to be no cleanup sites within 1/4 mile of the proposed project area. For questions, please contact Tim Mullin at 360-999-9589.

**WATER QUALITY/WATERSHED RESOURCES UNIT:
Evan Wood (360) 706-4599**

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or stormdrains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

Construction Stormwater General Permit:

The following construction activities require coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit:

1. Clearing, grading and/or excavation that results in the disturbance of one or more acres **and** discharges stormwater to surface waters of the State; and
2. Clearing, grading and/or excavation on sites smaller than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, if the common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb one acre or more **and** discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State.

- a) This includes forest practices (including, but not limited to, class IV conversions) that are part of a construction activity that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres, **and** discharge to surface waters of the State; and
- 3. Any size construction activity discharging stormwater to waters of the State that Ecology:
 - a) Determines to be a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the State of Washington.
 - b) Reasonably expects to cause a violation of any water quality standard.

If there are known soil/ground water contaminants present on-site, additional information (including, but not limited to: temporary erosion and sediment control plans; stormwater pollution prevention plan; list of known contaminants with concentrations and depths found; a site map depicting the sample location(s); and additional studies/reports regarding contaminant(s)) will be required to be submitted. For additional information on contaminated construction sites, please contact Carol Serdar at Carol.Serdar@ecy.wa.gov, or by phone at (360) 742-9751.

Additionally, sites that discharge to segments of waterbodies listed as impaired by the State of Washington under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act for turbidity, fine sediment, high pH, or phosphorous, or to waterbodies covered by a TMDL may need to meet additional sampling and record keeping requirements. See condition S8 of the Construction Stormwater General Permit for a description of these requirements. To see if your site discharges to a TMDL or 303(d)-listed waterbody, use Ecology's Water Quality Atlas at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/waterqualityatlas/StartPage.aspx>.

The applicant may apply online or obtain an application from Ecology's website at: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/- Application](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/-Application). Construction site operators must apply for a permit at least 60 days prior to discharging stormwater from construction activities and must submit it on or before the date of the first public notice.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office

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cc: Tim Mullin, TCP
Evan Wood, WQ