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Crystal Village Homeowners Assoc. 17222 Crystal DR E Enumclaw, WA 98022-8038

RE: Notice of herbicide application, (Gold Hill West A & Gold Hill West G units, Section 24, Twp. 19N, Rge. 09E, W.M.)

Hancock Forest Management (HFM) will be conducting herbicide applications on the Gold Hill West G and Gold Hill West A treatment units on Muckleshoot Federal Corporation land that is northeast of your property. Gold Hill West G is the ground application unit closer to your property. Gold Hill West A is the aerial application unit farther from your property. Ground application of herbicides has been determined by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources as an activity that has "...no direct potential for damaging a public resource ..." (WAC 222-16-050 (3)(o) when conducted in accordance with forest practices rules. The aerial herbicide application will be conducted under Forest Practices Permit number 2418792.

The herbicide treatments are intended to reduce competing vegetation to enhance conifer survival and growth for the seedlings that will be planted in 2017. The approximate application time is anticipated to occur sometime between September 5 and October 14, 2016. The exact date will depend on the availability of the applicator and weather conditions. Streams, areas of open water, property lines and structures will be buffered leaving these areas untreated. The operation will be conducted under strict weather guidelines in accordance with specific herbicide label restrictions and Washington State Forest Practice Rules. The chemical prescriptions that will be applied are registered with the Environmental Protection Agency as well as the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

HFM endeavours to maintain a good relationship with our neighbors. I invite you to contact me with any of your concerns or questions regarding this project. I can be reached at: direct line (253) 271-3135, cell line (253)736-5017, or general line (253) 271-3128.

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Attachment: map