

**Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
1720 Big Lake Road
Cloquet, Minnesota 55720**

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Project: Allotment 238 “East of the Creek” Timber Sale

Location: SE ¼ of the NW ¼ and NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 16, Township 49 North, Range 17 West in Carlton County, Minnesota.

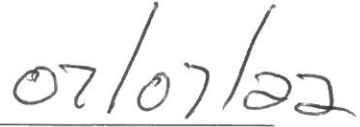
Based upon the attached Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Allotment 238 “East of the Creek” Timber Sale involving the timber sale, timber harvest, regeneration, and replanting as described in the EA, on the Fond du Lac Reservation, I have determined that by implementation of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa proposed action and environmental mitigation measures as specified in the EA, the proposed Allotment 238 “East of the Creek” Timber Sale will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. In accordance with Section 705(a) of the Fond du Lac Tribal Environmental Policy Ordinance (TEPO) (Ordinance #05/10, adopted by Resolution #1343/10 of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee on September 21, 2010), an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required for this proposed project.

This determination is supported by the following findings:

1. Agency and FdL staff consultation and coordination was conducted and environmental issues related to development of the Allotment 238 “East of the Creek” Timber Sale were identified. Alternative courses of action and mitigation measures were developed in response to environmental concerns and issues.
2. Section 4 of the Environmental Assessment discloses the environmental consequences of the proposed action and potentially viable alternatives were considered, including the “no action” alternative.
3. The proposed action is planned to not jeopardize any federally or state listed threatened or endangered species. A Key to the Northern Long-Eared Bat 4(d) Rule for Non-Federal Activities was not prepared due to the winter harvest nature of this timber sale.
4. Several sections of the EA describe that the timber harvest shall only take place during frozen ground conditions to avoid ground disturbance.



Reginald DeFoe, Director
Resource Management Division
Fond du Lac Reservation



Date