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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Issue Date: September 3, 2026

Lead Agency: Grays Harbor County

Agency Contact: Jane Hewitt, Planner, jhewitt@graysharbor.us, 360-249-5579

Agency File Number: 26-0629

Comments Due: September 17, 2026, by 4:30 p.m.

Description of Proposal: MOX Toptana Grays Harbor Fiber Optic Cable. The project is to install approximately 79 miles of underground broadband fiber optic cable trenched in roadway and railroad right-of-way from Hogans Corner to Oakville (in Grays Harbor County) to Centralia. Stream and river crossings will be constructed using horizontal directional drilling with no in-water proposed for the landward portion of the project. Fiber optic cable to be laid on the sea floor and its connection to a cable landing station will be reviewed in future phases.

Phased Environmental Review: Grays Harbor County is conducting environmental review of the MOX Toptana Grays Harbor Fiber Optic Cable Project in phases pursuant to WAC 197-11-055 and WAC 197-11-060(5). The initial environmental review considers the overall regional telecommunications project and those environmental impacts that can be meaningfully evaluated based upon the project information presently available. Any subsequent environmental review will incorporate applicable prior environmental analysis by reference and will not be used to segment the overall proposal or avoid consideration of cumulative impacts. Grays Harbor County is SEPA Lead Agency for the entire route.

Proponent: MOX Networks, LLC, Attn: Lars Nyquist VP, OSP & Facilities Infrastructure, 450 Duley Road, El Segundo, CA, 90245-5027.

Property Owners: Various owners.

Location of Proposal: The project alignment is along State Route 109 from Hogans Corner to US 101 and US 12 through Hoquiam, Aberdeen, Montesano then along railroad right-of-way to Centralia.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under [RCW 43.21C.030\(2\)\(c\)](#). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340; Grays Harbor County will not act on this proposal for 14 days. Comments on this DNS must be submitted prior to 4:30 p.m. on September 17, 2026.

Responsible Official: Suresh Bhagavan, Director. _____

Address: Grays Harbor County Planning and Building Division, Attn: Jane Hewitt, 100 West Broadway, #31, Montesano, WA 98563.

Appeal Process: Any person aggrieved by this threshold determination may file an appeal in Superior Court pursuant to the Washington State Land Use Petition Act, RCW 36.70C, prior to 4:30 p.m. on September 24, 2026.