



Karak Audit Report

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1 Introduction

1.1 About Renaissance

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This report reflects an analysis conducted within a defined scope and time frame, based on provided materials and documentation. It does not encompass all possible vulnerabilities and should not be considered exhaustive.

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1.3 Risk Classification

	Impact: High	Impact: Medium	Impact: Low
Likelihood: High	High	High	Medium
Likelihood: Medium	High	Medium	Low
Likelihood: Low	Medium	Low	Low

1.3.1 Impact

- High - Funds are **directly** at risk, or a **severe** disruption of the protocol's core functionality
- Medium - Funds are **indirectly** at risk, or **some** disruption of the protocol's functionality
- Low - Funds are **not** at risk

1.3.2 Likelihood

- High - almost certain to happen, easy to perform, or not easy but highly incentivized
- Medium - only conditionally possible or incentivized, but still relatively likely
- Low - requires stars to align, or little-to-no incentive

2 Executive Summary

2.1 About Karak

Karak enables users to repurpose their staked assets to other applications. Stakers can allocate their assets to a Distributed Secure Service (DSS) on the Karak network and agree to grant additional enforcement rights to their staked assets.

The opt-in feature creates additional slashing conditions to meet the conditions of secured services such as data availability protocols, bridges, or oracles.

2.2 Overview

Project	Karak
Repository	karak-restaking
Commit Hash	8aad9ad5592e...
Mitigation Hash	d928a0803b62...
Date	2 July 2024 - 6 July 2024

2.3 Issues Found

Severity	Count
High Risk	10
Medium Risk	7
Low Risk	5
Informational	6
Total Issues	28

3 Findings Summary

ID	Description	Status
H-1	Unsafe cast from int256 to uint256 in NativeVault._updateBalance() will overflow	Resolved
H-2	Increasing self.totalAssets before share calculation in NativeVault._increaseBalance() mints less shares	Resolved
H-3	Missing increment for node.activeValidatorCount in NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials()	Resolved
H-4	NativeVault.validateExpiredSnapshot() cannot be called on a node owner with no active validators	Resolved
H-5	NativeVault._startSnapshot() reverts with an arithmetic underflow when a native node's balance decreases	Resolved
H-6	assets > withdrawableWei() check in _decreaseBalance() could DOS NativeVault._updateSnapshot()	Resolved
H-7	Calling validateWithdrawalCredentials() followed by startSnapshot()/validateExpiredSnapshot() will permanently DOS snapshots	Resolved
H-8	Specifying validatorIndex as uint64 allows BeaconProofsLib.validateValidatorProof() to pass with incorrect proofs	Resolved
H-9	Wrong withdraw address verification in NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials()	Resolved
H-10	Wrong use of the beacon block root instead of the beacon state root in NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials().	Resolved
M-1	NativeVault.finishWithdrawal() doesn't reset withdrawalMap[withdrawalKey] after executing the withdrawal	Resolved
M-2	Native.startWithdrawal() can be called repeatedly to queue an infinite number of withdrawals	Resolved
M-3	assets > withdrawableWei() check in _decreaseBalance() causes NativeVault.finishWithdrawal() to revert when slashing occurs	Resolved
M-4	Missing validatorProof.length check in BeaconProofsLib.validateValidatorProof()	Resolved
M-5	Function _getParentBlockRoot limits the beacon roots lookback window	Resolved
M-6	NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials() should return the actual balance of the validator	Acknowledged
M-7	Inability to update node implementation in NativeVault	Resolved
L-1	NativeVault.slashAssets() could incorrectly return 0	Resolved
L-2	A node owner's totalRestakedETH and shares will lag behind his actual restaked balance	Resolved

ID	Description	Status
L-3	NativeVault.startWithdrawal() should ensure the node owner's last snapshot has not expired	Resolved
L-4	The operator of NativeVault is not stored in NativeVaultLib.Storage	Resolved
L-5	Redundant pausing modifier in NativeVault.createNode()	Resolved
I-1	NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials() should call _increaseBalance() to avoid an unsafe int256 cast	Resolved
I-2	STATE_ROOT_IDX and BEACON_STATE_ROOT_IDX can be combined in a single constant	Resolved
I-3	Unused NativeNode pause functions by NativeVault	Acknowledged
I-4	Reverting receive() function in NativeNode is redundant	Resolved
I-5	Missing reentrancy guards for functions in NativeVault, NativeNode and SlashStore	Resolved
I-6	Code improvements	Resolved

4 Findings

High Risk

[H-1] Unsafe cast from int256 to uint256 in NativeVault._updateBalance() will overflow

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L482-L487](#)

Description: In NativeVault._updateBalance(), assets is cast from int256 to uint256 directly as such:

```
function _updateBalance(address _of, int256 assets) internal {
    if (assets > 0) {
        _increaseBalance(_of, uint256(assets));
    } else if (assets < 0) {
        _decreaseBalance(_of, uint256(assets));
    } else {
```

However, if assets is negative, casting it to uint256 directly will cause assets to overflow into a huge value. This will cause _updateBalance() to revert whenever it is called to decrease a user's balance, making it impossible to withdraw from the protocol.

Recommendation: Multiply assets by -1 first before casting to uint256:

```
    } else if (assets < 0) {
-        _decreaseBalance(_of, uint256(assets));
+        _decreaseBalance(_of, uint256(-assets));
    } else {
```

Note that this method of converting int256 to uint256 does not work if assets happens to be type(int256).min. However, assets should never reach that value under normal conditions.

Karak: Fixed in [PR 341](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[H-2] Increasing `self.totalAssets` before share calculation in `NativeVault._increaseBalance()` mints less shares

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L464-L466](#)

Description: In `NativeVault._increaseBalance()`, `self.totalAssets` is increased by `assets` before calculating the amount of shares to mint to the receiver:

```
self.totalAssets += assets;
uint256 shares = convertToShares(assets);
_mint(_of, shares);
```

However, increasing `self.totalAssets` first causes `convertToShares()` to calculate less shares to be minted than expected, since `totalAssets()` is increased beforehand.

A naive example:

- Assume the following:
 - `self.totalAssets = 100e18`
 - `totalSupply = 100e18`
- `_increaseBalance()` is called with `assets = 100e18`:
 - `self.totalAssets = 100e18 + 100e18 = 200e18`
- `convertToShares()` calculates shares as 50e18 as:

```
assets * (totalSupply + 1) / (totalAssets + 1) = 100e18 * (100e18 + 1) / (200e18 + 1)
= 50e18
```

- However, 50e18 shares is only worth roughly 66.6e18 of assets as:

```
shares * (totalAssets + 1) / (totalSupply + 1) = 50e18 * (200e18 + 1) / (150e18 + 1)
= ~66.6e18
```

In the example above, the user loses around 33.3e18 assets.

Recommendation: The correct order of operator would be to increase `self.totalAssets` after calling `convertToShares()`:

```
- self.totalAssets += assets;
  uint256 shares = convertToShares(assets);
  _mint(_of, shares);
+ self.totalAssets += assets;
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 325](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[H-3] Missing increment for `node.activeValidatorCount` in `NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials()`

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L182-L189](#)

Description: Node owners call `NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials()` to add active validators to their native node:

```
for (uint256 i = 0; i < validatorFieldsProofs.length; i++) {
    totalRestakedWei += self.validateWithdrawalCredentials(
        nodeOwner,
        beaconStateRootProof.timestamp,
        _getParentBlockRoot(beaconStateRootProof.timestamp),
        validatorFieldsProofs[i]
    );
}
```

However, after calling `NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials()` to add all active validators in the loop above, the function does not increment `node.activeValidatorCount` (ie. the number of active validators in a native node) by the number of new validators added.

This makes it impossible to update the validator's balance in future snapshots as the number of active validators for all native nodes will always remain at 0.

Recommendation: Increment `node.activeValidatorCount` by the number of active validators added as such:

```
for (uint256 i = 0; i < validatorFieldsProofs.length; i++) {
    totalRestakedWei += self.validateWithdrawalCredentials(
        // ...
    );
}
+ node.activeValidatorCount += validatorFieldsProofs.length;
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 323](#).

Renascence: Verified, the issue was fixed by incrementing `activeValidatorCount` in `NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials()` each time it is called.

[H-4] NativeVault.validateExpiredSnapshot() cannot be called on a node owner with no active validators

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L210-L215](#)

Description: NativeVault.validateExpiredSnapshot() contains the following checks:

```
NativeVaultLib.ValidatorDetails memory validatorDetails =
node.validatorPubkeyHashToDetails[validatorPubkey];

if (beaconStateRootProof.timestamp < validatorDetails.lastBalanceUpdateTimestamp +
Constants.SNAPSHOT_EXPIRY) {
    revert SnapshotNotExpired();
}
if (validatorDetails.status != NativeVaultLib.ValidatorStatus.ACTIVE) revert
ValidatorNotActive();
```

As seen from above, validateExpiredSnapshot() can only be called when an active validator's lastBalanceUpdateTimestamp is more than 7 days ago. As such, it is not possible to call validateExpiredSnapshot() when a user has no active validators, even if his last snapshot has expired.

When slashing occurs, this would make it impossible to forcefully update a node owner's snapshot. As a result, the node owner's balance will never be updated and slashStore might never receive the slashed funds.

For example:

- Node owner has one active validator with 32 ETH.
- Node owner performs a full withdrawal for his validator. Its status is now WITHDRAW and the 32 ETH is moved into his native node.
- Karak operator calls slashAssets() to perform slashing, which reduces his balance to 31 ETH.
- Since the node owner has no more active validators, validateExpiredSnapshot() cannot be called.

In this scenario, it is impossible to forcefully move 1 ETH from the node owner's native node into slashStore and update his balance. If the node owner chooses to withdraw his remaining 31 ETH and never calls startSnapshot(), slashStore will never receive the 1 ETH that was slashed.

Recommendation:

Consider checking if a node owner's last snapshot has expired with node.lastSnapshotTimestamp instead:

```

function validateExpiredSnapshot(
    address nodeOwner,
) external nodeExists(nodeOwner)
whenFunctionNotPaused(Constants.PAUSE_NATIVEVAULT_VALIDATE_EXPIRED_SNAPSHOT) {
    NativeVaultLib.Storage storage self = _state();
    NativeVaultLib.NativeNode storage node = self.ownerToNode[nodeOwner];

    if (block.timestamp < node.lastSnapshotTimestamp + Constants.SNAPSHOT_EXPIRY) {
        revert SnapshotNotExpired();
    }

    _startSnapshot(node, false, nodeOwner);
}

```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 335](#). The earlier design was supposed to check if the validator has been slashed on the beacon chain as well. However, based on this issue we realized introducing that check would complicate our flow and just allowing anyone to start a snapshot after an expiry period seemed the better way to go.

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[H-5] NativeVault._startSnapshot() reverts with an arithmetic underflow when a native nodes balance decreases

Context:

- [NativeVault.sol#L448](#)
- [NativeVault.sol#L422-L423](#)

Description: `node.creditedNodeETH` stores the cumulative amount of ETH ever held by the native node as it is increased in `_updateSnapshot()` by `nodeBalanceWei`:

```
node.creditedNodeETH += snapshot.nodeBalanceWei;
```

Note that `node.creditedNodeETH` is not modified anywhere else in the code.

`node.creditedNodeETH` is used in `_startSnapshot()` to calculate the amount of ETH gained by the native node since the last snapshot:

```

// Calculate unattributed node balance
uint256 nodeBalanceWei = node.nodeAddress.balance - node.creditedNodeETH;

```

However, when the native node transfers ETH out, its ETH balance will become smaller than `node.creditedNodeETH`. Afterwards, when `_startSnapshot()` is called, `node.nodeAddress.balance - node.creditedNodeETH` will revert with an underflow.

For example:

- Assume a native node holds 2 ETH. Both `nodeAddress.balance` and `creditedNodeETH` are `2e18`.
- The node owner withdraws 1 ETH, which transfers 1 ETH out from the native node.
- When `_startSnapshot()` is called afterwards:
 - `nodeAddress.balance - creditedNodeETH = 1e18 - 2e18`, which reverts with an underflow.

This makes it impossible for the node owner's snapshot to ever be updated. As such, his number of shares will never increase even if his total restaked balance increases from ETH rewards.

Recommendation: `creditedNodeETH` should store the native node's ETH balance during the last snapshot.

In `_updateSnapshot()`, consider removing the line adding `nodeBalanceWei` to `creditedNodeETH`:

```
- node.creditedNodeETH += snapshot.nodeBalanceWei;
```

Instead, set `creditedNodeETH` to the node's current balance in `_startSnapshot()`. Additionally, `nodeBalanceWei` should be 0 when the native node's ETH balance decreases:

```
// Calculate unattributed node balance
- uint256 nodeBalanceWei = node.nodeAddress.balance - node.creditedNodeETH;
+ uint256 nodeBalanceWei;
+ if (node.nodeAddress.balance > node.creditedNodeETH) {
+   nodeBalanceWei = node.nodeAddress.balance - node.creditedNodeETH;
+ }
+ node.creditedNodeETH = node.nodeAddress.balance;
```

This ensures `nodeBalanceWei` will always be the amount of ETH received by the native node after the last snapshot.

Karak: Fixed in [PR 330](#).

Renascence: Verified, the issue has been fixed by subtracting from `node.creditedNodeETH` on withdrawal and reducing it to the balance of the native node in `_transferToSlashStore()`.

[H-6] `assets > withdrawableWei()` **check in** `_decreaseBalance()` **could DOS** `NativeVault._updateSnapshot()`

Context:

- [NativeVault.sol#L454](#)
- [NativeVault.sol#L473](#)

Description: Whenever a snapshot is completed, `NativeVault._updateSnapshot()` calls to update the node owner's balance:

```
_updateBalance(nodeOwner, totalDeltaWei);
```

If `totalDeltaWei` happens to be negative, `_updateBalance()` calls `_decreaseBalance()`, which checks that `totalDeltaWei` is not greater than `withdrawableWei()`:

```
if (assets > withdrawableWei(_of)) revert WithdrawMoreThanMax();
```

Note that `withdrawableWei()` returns the minimum between the node owner's native node balance and the assets equivalent of his shares.

However, this check could cause `_updateSnapshot()` to incorrectly revert when completing a snapshot. For example:

- Assume a node owner has 32 ETH in a validator and no ETH in his native node.
- The following events occur:
 - His native node receives 0.3 ETH from validator rewards.
 - The beacon chain slashes his validator for 1 ETH, leaving 31 ETH remaining.
- He calls `startSnapshot()`, which sets `nodeBalanceWei = 0.3 ether` as his native node gained 0.3 ETH.
- He calls `validateSnapshotProofs()`, which sets `balanceDeltaWei = -1 ether` as his validator lost 1 ETH.
- When `_updateSnapshot()` is called:
 - `totalDeltaWei = 0.3 ether - 1 ether = -0.7 ether`
 - `_decreaseBalance()` is called with `assets = 0.7 ether`.
 - `withdrawableWei()` returns his native node's balance, which is 0.3 ETH.
 - Since `assets > withdrawableWei()`, the function reverts.

As seen from above, if a node owner's validators are slashed for more than his native node's current balance, `_updateSnapshot()` will always revert when called. This makes it impossible to update his snapshot, even after it expires.

Recommendation: Consider removing the `assets > withdrawableWei(_of)` check from `_decreaseBalance()`:

```
function _decreaseBalance(address _of, uint256 assets) internal {
    NativeVaultLib.Storage storage self = _state();
    - if (assets > withdrawableWei(_of)) revert WithdrawMoreThanMax();
}
```

This check should be moved into `finishWithdrawal()` instead to ensure the user cannot withdraw assets than he should be able to.

Karak: Fixed in [PR 342](#).

Renascence: Verified, the check was removed from `_decreaseBalance()`.

[H-7] Calling `validateWithdrawalCredentials()` followed by `startSnapshot()/validateExpiredSnapshot()` will permanently DOS snapshots

Context:

- [NativeVault.sol#L172-L175](#)
- [NativeVaultLib.sol#L179](#)
- [NativeVault.sol#L145-L147](#)

Description: `NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials()` has the following checks for `beaconStateRootProof.timestamp`:

```
if (
    beaconStateRootProof.timestamp < node.lastSnapshotTimestamp
    || beaconStateRootProof.timestamp < node.currentSnapshotTimestamp
) revert BeaconTimestampTooOld();
```

As seen from above, only restriction on `beaconStateRootProof.timestamp` is that it cannot be older than the last/ongoing snapshot. This makes it possible for `beaconStateRootProof.timestamp` to be `block.timestamp`.

Later on in the function, the newly added validator's `lastBalanceUpdateTimestamp` is set to `beaconStateRootProof.timestamp` in `NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials()`:

```
validatorDetails.lastBalanceUpdateTimestamp = updateTimestamp;
```

However, if `startSnapshot()` or `validateExpiredSnapshot()` is called after `validateWithdrawalCredentials()` in the same block, the newly added validator cannot be proven with `validateSnapshotProofs()` due to the following check:

```

if (validatorDetails.lastBalanceUpdateTimestamp >= node.currentSnapshotTimestamp) {
    revert ValidatorAlreadyProved();
}

```

This will make it impossible to complete the snapshot as the newly added validator can never be proven, so `snapshot.remainingProofs` will never reach 0. For example:

- Assume a node owner has no validators.
- In the block where `block.timestamp = 1000`:
 - `validateWithdrawalCredentials()` is called:
 - * Assume `beaconStateRootProof.timestamp = block.timestamp`.
 - * `validator.lastBalanceUpdateTimestamp = 1000`.
 - * `node.activeValidatorCount` is incremented to 1.
 - `startSnapshot()` is called to start a new snapshot:
 - * `snapshot.remainingProofs = 1`
 - * `node.currentSnapshotTimestamp = 1000`
- When attempting to prove the validator with `validateSnapshotProofs()`:
 - Both `validatorDetails.lastBalanceUpdateTimestamp` and `node.currentSnapshotTimestamp` are 1000, so the check shown above reverts.
- As such, the validator can never be proven and `snapshot.remainingProofs` is forever stuck at 1.

If this occurs, snapshots will be forever DOSed for the node owner.

Recommendation: Ensure that `validateWithdrawalCredentials()` cannot be called with `beaconStateRootProof.timestamp` as `block.timestamp` by adding the following check:

```

if (beaconStateRootProof.timestamp == block.timestamp) {
    revert BeaconTimestampIsCurrent();
}

```

Note that even without this check, it is unlikely for `validateWithdrawalCredentials()` to be called with `block.timestamp` as it is difficult to generate proofs for a block root returned by `_getParentBlockRoot()` in a future block.

Karak: Fixed in [PR 341](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[H-8] Specifying validatorIndex as uint64 allows BeaconProofsLib.validateValidatorProof() to pass with incorrect proofs

Context:

- [BeaconProofsLib.sol#L74-L75](#)
- [BeaconProofsLib.sol#L83](#)

Description: In BeaconProofsLib.validateValidatorProof(), validatorIndex is declared as uint64:

```
function validateValidatorProof(
    uint64 validatorIndex,
```

However, validatorIndex should be uint40 instead as the maximum length of validators in BeaconState is 2^{40} . Any index greater than `type(uint40).max` is invalid.

This becomes a problem as validatorIndex is OR-ed with the other bits in index:

```
uint256 index = (CONTAINER_IDX « (VALIDATOR_HEIGHT + 1)) | uint256(validatorIndex);
```

Assuming the rightmost bit in index is bit 0, an attacker can set bits 41 to 45 of validatorIndex to switch from the validators field to certain fields after it in BeaconState. You can think of it as modifying CONTAINER_IDX to a different value, which would end up proving a different field in BeaconState.

For example, assume CONTAINER_IDX = 15 and validatorIndex = 0. index would be:

```
(15 « (VALIDATOR_HEIGHT + 1)) | uint256(0) = 0x1e0000000000
```

The same value can be reached with CONTAINER_IDX = 12 and validatorIndex = 0x1e0000000000, since:

```
(12 « (VALIDATOR_HEIGHT + 1)) | uint256(0x1e0000000000) = 0x1e0000000000
```

If validateValidatorProof() was called with validatorIndex = 0x1e0000000000, the function would end up validating validatorFields against the field at index 15 in BeaconState, which is previous_epoch_participation. This makes it possible for validateValidatorProof() to pass with an invalid validatorFields.

Recommendation: Declare validatorIndex as uint40 instead:


```
function validateValidatorProof(
-   uint64 validatorIndex,
+   uint40 validatorIndex,
    bytes32[] calldata validatorFields,
```

This change should be reflected throughout the codebase - any variable that represents the validator's index in the beacon chain should be changed to `uint40`:

- [BeaconProofsLib.sol#L33-L34](#)
- [NativeVaultLib.sol#L20-L22](#)

The unsafe cast from `uint64` to `uint40` at [NativeVaultLib.sol#L120](#) can then be removed.

Karak: Fixed in [PR 341](#) and [PR 348](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[H-9] Wrong withdraw address verification in `NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials()`

Context:

- [NativeVaultLib.sol#L162-L167](#)

Description: In `NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials()` the withdraw credential verification is the following:

```
if (
    BeaconProofs.getWithdrawalCredentials(validatorFieldsProof.validatorFields)
    != bytes32(abi.encodePacked(bytes1(uint8(1)), bytes11(0), address(this)))
) {
    revert WithdrawalCredentialsMismatchWithNode();
}
```

First two parameters supplied to `abi.encodePacked()` are the prefix `0x01` and 11 zeros bytes as per the withdrawal credential spec, however, the last parameter is the withdrawal address which should be the Native Node, not the Native Vault. **Recommendation:**

```
@@ -161,7 +164,7 @@ library NativeVaultLib {
    // Construct beacon chain withdraw address with current node's payable
    address
    if (
        BeaconProofs.getWithdrawalCredentials(validatorFieldsProof.validatorFields)
-        != bytes32(abi.encodePacked(bytes1(uint8(1)), bytes11(0),
+        != bytes32(abi.encodePacked(bytes1(uint8(1)), bytes11(0),
address(this)))
+        != bytes32(abi.encodePacked(bytes1(uint8(1)), bytes11(0),
self.ownerToNode[nodeOwner].nodeAddress))
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 324](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[H-10] Wrong use of the beacon block root instead of the beacon state root in
`NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials()`.

Context:

- [NativeVault.sol#L186](#)

Description: `NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials()` expects the parameter `bytes32 beaconStateRoot`. In `NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials()`, `beaconStateRootProof.beaconStateRoot` is verified, however, it is the beacon block root that is passed to `NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials()`, which is incorrect. The beacon state root should be supplied instead.

Recommendation:

```
@@ -183,7 +186,7 @@ contract NativeVault is ERC4626, IBeacon, Pauser, INativeVault,
OwnableRoles, Re
    totalRestakedWei += self.validateWithdrawalCredentials(
        nodeOwner,
        beaconStateRootProof.timestamp,
-        _getParentBlockRoot(beaconStateRootProof.timestamp),
+        beaconStateRootProof.beaconStateRoot,
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 336](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

Medium Risk

[M-1] `NativeVault.finishWithdrawal()` **doesn't reset** `withdrawalMap[withdrawalKey]` **after executing the withdrawal**

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L261-L262](#)

Description: In `NativeVault.finishWithdrawal()`, the withdrawal to execute is fetched with `withdrawalMap[withdrawalKey]`:

```
NativeVaultLib.Storage storage self = _state();
NativeVaultLib.QueuedWithdrawal memory startedWithdrawal =
self.withdrawalMap[withdrawalKey];
```

However, after the pending withdrawal is executed, `self.withdrawalMap[withdrawalKey]` isn't reset in storage. This allows a user to call `finishWithdrawal()` repeatedly with the same `withdrawalKey` to withdraw all his assets, effectively bypassing `MIN_WITHDRAWAL_DELAY`.

Recommendation: Consider clearing `withdrawalMap[withdrawalKey]` as such:

```
NativeVaultLib.Storage storage self = _state();
NativeVaultLib.QueuedWithdrawal memory startedWithdrawal =
self.withdrawalMap[withdrawalKey];
+ delete self.withdrawalMap[withdrawalKey];
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 327](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[M-2] `Native.startWithdrawal()` **can be called repeatedly to queue an infinite number of withdrawals**

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L238](#)

Description: The maximum amount of ETH a node owner can withdraw through `NativeVault.startWithdrawal()` is limited by `withdrawableWei()`:

```
if (weiAmount > withdrawableWei(msg.sender)) revert WithdrawMoreThanMax();
```

`withdrawableWei(msg.sender)` is the minimum between the amount of ETH in the caller's native node and the asset equivalent of his shares, so it doesn't exclude the amount of ETH that are currently in pending withdrawals.

As such, users can queue an infinite amount of ETH for withdrawals by repeatedly calling `startWithdrawal()` with `weiAmount = withdrawableWei(msg.sender)`. This allows them to bypass `MIN_WITHDRAWAL_DELAY` for withdrawals in the future as they have an infinite number of pending withdrawals, and can call `finishWithdrawal()` anytime to instantly perform a withdrawal.

Recommendation: Consider tracking the amount of ETH in pending withdrawals and subtracting it from `withdrawableWei()` in `startWithdrawal()`.

In `NativeVaultLib`, add a new mapping in `Storage` named `nodeOwnerToWithdrawAmount`, which represents the total amount of assets in pending withdrawals for each node owner:

```
// mapping of node owner to their withdraw nonce
mapping(address nodeOwner => uint256 withdrawNonce) nodeOwnerToWithdrawNonce;
+ // mapping of node owner to their total pending withdrawal amount
+ mapping(address nodeOwner => uint256 withdrawAmount) nodeOwnerToWithdrawAmount;
// mapping of owners' withdraw nonce to pending withdrawals
mapping(bytes32 ownerWithdrawNonce => QueuedWithdrawal withdrawal) withdrawalMap;
```

In `startWithdrawal()`, subtract `nodeOwnerToWithdrawAmount` from `withdrawableWei()`. Additionally, `nodeOwnerToWithdrawAmount` should be increased by `weiAmount` whenever a new withdrawal is started:

```
- if (weiAmount > withdrawableWei(msg.sender)) revert WithdrawMoreThanMax();

NativeVaultLib.Storage storage self = _state();
+ if (weiAmount > withdrawableWei(msg.sender) -
self.nodeOwnerToWithdrawAmount[msg.sender]) {
+     revert WithdrawMoreThanMax();
+ }
+ self.nodeOwnerToWithdrawAmount[msg.sender] += weiAmount;
```

In `finishWithdrawal()`, whenever a withdrawal is finished, subtract the amount of assets withdrawn from `nodeOwnerToWithdrawAmount`:

```
if (startedWithdrawal.start == 0) revert WithdrawalNotFound();
if (startedWithdrawal.start + Constants.MIN_WITHDRAWAL_DELAY > block.timestamp) {
    revert MinWithdrawDelayNotPassed();
}

+ self.nodeOwnerToWithdrawAmount[startedWithdrawal.nodeOwner] -=
startedWithdrawal.assets;
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 342](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[M-3] `assets > withdrawableWei()` **check in** `_decreaseBalance()` **causes** `NativeVault.finishWithdrawal()` **to revert when slashing occurs**

Context:

- [NativeVault.sol#L269](#)
- [NativeVault.sol#L473](#)

Description: When finishing a withdrawal, `NativeVault.finishWithdrawal()` calls `_decreaseBalance()` to decrease the node owner's asset balance:

```
_decreaseBalance(startedWithdrawal.nodeOwner, startedWithdrawal.assets);
```

`_decreaseBalance()` checks that `startedWithdrawal.assets` is not greater than `withdrawableWei()`:

```
if (assets > withdrawableWei(_of)) revert WithdrawMoreThanMax();
```

Note that `withdrawableWei()` returns the minimum between the node owner's native node balance and the assets equivalent of his shares.

However, if Karak operator or the beacon chain slashes the node owner's ETH balance before a withdrawal is finished, it might become impossible for the withdrawal to be executed using `finishWithdrawal()` due to this check.

For example:

- Assume that:
 - A node owner holds `32e18` shares that corresponds to 32 ETH.
 - He is the only node owner in the entire protocol, so `totalSupply` and `totalAssets` are both `32e18` as well.
- Node owner calls `startWithdrawal()` with `weiAmount = 32e18` to withdraw his entire balance.
- Karak operator calls `slashAssets()` to slash 1 ETH, so `totalAssets = 31e18`.
- Node owner calls `finishWithdrawal()` to finish the withdrawal. In `_decreaseBalance()`:
 - `withdrawableWei()` returns 31 ETH.
 - `startedWithdrawal.assets = 32e18` is greater than `withdrawableWei()`, so the check reverts.

If a withdrawal can never be completed using `finishWithdrawal()`, as demonstrated above, the node owner will have to go through the full `MIN_WITHDRAWAL_DELAY` period again to withdraw his assets.

Recommendation: Consider removing the `assets > withdrawableWei(_of)` check from `_decreaseBalance()`:

```
function _decreaseBalance(address _of, uint256 assets) internal {
    NativeVaultLib.Storage storage self = _state();
    - if (assets > withdrawableWei(_of)) revert WithdrawMoreThanMax();
}
```

In `finishWithdrawal()`, consider limiting the amount of assets withdrawn to `withdrawableWei()` instead of reverting:

```
+ uint256 withdrawableAssets = withdrawableWei(startedWithdrawal.nodeOwner);
+ if (startedWithdrawal.assets > withdrawableAssets) {
+     startedWithdrawal.assets = withdrawableAssets;
+ }
_decreaseBalance(startedWithdrawal.nodeOwner, startedWithdrawal.assets);
INativeNode(self.ownerToNode[startedWithdrawal.nodeOwner].nodeAddress).withdraw(
    startedWithdrawal.to, startedWithdrawal.assets
);
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 342](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[M-4] Missing `validatorProof.length` check in `BeaconProofsLib.validateValidatorProof()`

Context: [BeaconProofsLib.sol#L74-L88](#)

Description: In `BeaconProofsLib.validateValidatorProof()`, there no is check on the length of `validatorProof`, which allows an attacker to freely specify the number of proof hashes to be used in `verifyInclusionSha256()`.

If it is shorter than it should be, the number of times `validatorRoot` is hashed will be less. This could potentially cause `validateValidatorProof()` to pass with an invalid `validatorRoot`.

Recommendation: The length of `validatorProof` should be the height of the merkleized `Validator` list + the height of the merkleized `BeaconState` container. Consider adding the following check:

```
- if (!Merkle.verifyInclusionSha256(validatorProof, beaconStateRoot, validatorRoot,
index)) {
+ if (
+     validatorProof.length != 32 * ((VALIDATOR_HEIGHT + 1) + BEACON_STATE_HEIGHT) ||
+     !Merkle.verifyInclusionSha256(validatorProof, beaconStateRoot, validatorRoot,
index)
+ ) {
    revert InvalidValidatorFieldsProof();
}
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 342](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[M-5] Function `_getParentBlockRoot` limits the beacon roots lookback window

Context:

- [NativeVault.sol#L384](#)

Description: Since timestamps are 12 seconds apart, the check on line L384 should be `block.timestamp - timestamp >= Constants.BEACON_ROOTS_RING_BUFFER * 12`. Currently, this would limit the `_getParentBlockRoot()` to return only 683 of the latest stored beacon block roots, while the beacon roots contract accommodates 8191.

Recommendation: Change the code on line 384 to `Constants.BEACON_ROOTS_RING_BUFFER * 12`. The check could also be entirely removed since the beacon roots contract will also revert on a query that is more than 8191 roots old.

```
# Pseudo code of the beacon roots contract
def get():
    if len(evm.calldata) != 32:
        evm.revert()

    if to_uint256_be(evm.calldata) == 0:
        evm.revert()

    timestamp_idx = to_uint256_be(evm.calldata) % HISTORY_BUFFER_LENGTH
    timestamp = storage.get(timestamp_idx)

    if timestamp != evm.calldata:
        evm.revert()

    root_idx = timestamp_idx + HISTORY_BUFFER_LENGTH
    root = storage.get(root_idx)

    evm.return(root)
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 342](#).

Renascence: Verified, the check was removed.

[M-6] `NativeVaultLib.validateWithdrawalCredentials()` should return the actual balance of the validator

Context:

- [NativeVaultLib.sol#L169](#)

Description: The effective balance of a validator is capped at 32 ETH. If a validator has more than 32 ETH, such as 64 ETH, `getEffectiveBalanceWei()` will return 32 ETH while its balance in `BeaconProofsLib.validateBalance()` would be 64 ETH.

As such, if `NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials()` is called to register a validator that holds more than 32 ETH, only 32 ETH worth of shares will be minted to the `nodeOwner` and added to `totalRestakedETH`. The remaining shares will only be minted in the next snapshot.

This causes the number of shares held by the `nodeOwner` to be temporarily lower than their actual ETH balance until the next snapshot. Additionally, the shares that have not been minted cannot be slashed.

Recommendation: Consider specifying `restakedBalanceWei` as the validator's actual balance here, using `validateBalance()`.

Karak: Acknowledged. The excess ETH balance isn't restaked so node owners won't be getting rewards for them, so it's fine if it can't be slashed.

Renascence: Acknowledged.

[M-7] Inability to update node implementation in `NativeVault`

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L85](#)

Description: `NativeVault` acts as a beacon for any node deployed through. The function `NativeVault#changeNodeImplementation()` that is used to update the beacon proxy implementation is restricted to the contract owner, which is the `Core` contract. However, the `Core` contract does not include any functionality to invoke `changeNodeImplementation()`. As a result, once a `NativeVault` is deployed, there's no way to update the `nodeImpl` for nodes that rely on `NativeVault` as a beacon.

Recommendation: Depending on the intended behavior, make sure the `NativeNode#changeNodeImplementation()` can be called by the respective role within the project, e.g. `MANAGER_ROLE`.

Karak: Fixed in [PR 322](#).

Renascence: Verified, the issue was fixed by allowing the `MANAGER_ROLE` to call `changeNodeImplementation()`.

Low Risk

[L-1] `NativeVault.slashAssets()` could incorrectly return 0

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L293-L298](#)

Description: In `NativeVault.slashAssets()`, if the amount of assets to slash is greater than the total amount of assets, `totalAssets` is set to 0:

```
// avoid negative totalAssets if slashing amount is greater than totalAssets
if (totalAssetsToSlash > self.totalAssets) {
    emit Slashed(self.totalAssets);
    self.totalAssets = 0;
    return self.totalAssets;
}
```

However, since `self.totalAssets` is set to 0 before the return statement, it will always return 0 in the block shown above.

Recommendation: Consider modifying the logic as such:

```
// avoid negative totalAssets if slashing amount is greater than totalAssets
if (totalAssetsToSlash > self.totalAssets) {
-   emit Slashed(self.totalAssets);
-   self.totalAssets = 0;
-   return self.totalAssets;
+   totalAssetsToSlash = self.totalAssets;
}
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 338](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[L-2] A node owners totalRestakedETH and shares will lag behind his actual restaked balance

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L422-L425](#)

Description: Due to the following check in `_startSnapshot()`, `NativeVault.startSnapshot()` can only be called by a node owner when his native node's ETH balance has increased since the last snapshot:

```
// Calculate unattributed node balance
uint256 nodeBalanceWei = node.nodeAddress.balance - node.creditedNodeETH;

if (throwIfNoBalanceChange && nodeBalanceWei == 0) revert NoBalanceUpdateToSnapshot();
```

However, a node owner might want to start a snapshot even if his native node's balance hasn't changed since the last snapshot. For example, if his validator's balance on the beacon chain increased, starting a snapshot would increase `totalRestakedETH` and mint more shares to him to reflect this change.

`startSnapshot()` cannot be called by the node owner until either:

1. 7 days has passed, causing his last snapshot to expire.
2. A partial withdrawal is executed on the beacon chain to withdraw his validator's excess balance to the native node.

Note that the duration of (2) depends entirely on the state of the beacon chain, and can take up to multiple days to occur.

Therefore, since the node owner has to wait for a period of time before `startSnapshot()` can be called, his `totalRestakedETH` value and number of shares will temporarily lag behind the actual amount of ETH he has restaked.

Recommendation: Consider removing this check from `_startSnapshot()`:

```
- if (throwIfNoBalanceChange && nodeBalanceWei == 0) revert
  NoBalanceUpdateToSnapshot();
```

```
- function _startSnapshot(NativeVaultLib.NativeNode storage node, bool
  throwIfNoBalanceChange, address nodeOwner)
+ function _startSnapshot(NativeVaultLib.NativeNode storage node, address nodeOwner)
  internal
  {
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 338](#). Instead of deciding on our own, we can take this from the user itself. So, if they don't want to go ahead with a snapshot with 0 node balance update, they can pass in the option.

Renascence: Verified, the issue was fixed by allowing the user to specify `throwIfNoBalanceChange` when calling `NativeVault.startSnapshot()`.

[L-3] `NativeVault.startWithdrawal()` **should ensure the node owners last snapshot has not expired**

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L237](#)

Description: In the current implementation of the code, `NativeVault.startWithdrawal()` can be called by the node owner to start a withdrawal regardless of when his last snapshot was taken.

This seems to be known by the team in the following TODO:

```
// TODO: make recent snapshot compulsory
```

However, at the very least, `startWithdrawal()` should ensure that the node owner's last snapshot isn't expired. In the event where slashing occurs and the node owner wishes to withdraw all his funds, he can just call `startWithdrawal()` to withdraw his entire balance without updating his snapshot.

This forces the protocol to call `validateExpiredSnapshot()` on his behalf to transfer the remaining funds left behind from slashing to the `slashStore`.

Recommendation: Add the following check to `startWithdrawal()`:

```
NativeVaultLib.Storage storage self = _state();
+ NativeVaultLib.NativeNode storage node = self.ownerToNode[msg.sender];
+
+ if (block.timestamp >= node.lastSnapshotTimestamp + Constants.SNAPSHOT_EXPIRY) {
+     revert SnapshotNotExpired();
+ }
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 338](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[L-4] The operator of `NativeVault` is not stored in `NativeVaultLib.Storage`

Context:

- [NativeVault](#)

Description: In `NativeVault.initialize()`, the operator is stored only in `VaultLib.Config`, `self.operator` is not assigned and remains `address(0)` inside `NativeVaultLib.Storage`. The parts of the code that become affected are:

1. `NativeVaultLib.deployNode()`: The calculation of the salt for the same `msg.sender` will be the same across Native Vaults even if the operator is different. This does not seem to lead to anything major.
2. `NativeVault.startWithdrawal()` and `NativeVault.finishWithdrawal()` functions will emit events with `address(0)` as the operator.

Recommendation: Assign `self.operator` to the operator in `NativeVault.initialize()`, the name and symbol variables of the Vault in `NativeVaultLib.Storage` can be assigned as well.

```
+     self.name = _name;
+     self.symbol = _symbol;
+     self.operator = _operator;
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 338](#).

Renascence: Verified, the issue was fixed by removing `name`, `symbol` and `operator` from `NativeVaultLib.Storage` and can be accessing them from `VaultLib.Config` through the `_config()` function.

[L-5] Redundant pausing modifier in `NativeVault.createNode()`

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L97-L99](#)

Description: The `createNode()` function uses both `whenNotPaused()` and `whenFunctionNotPaused(Constants.PAUSE_NATIVEVAULT_CREATE_NODE)`, leading to redundancy. If `createNode()` should be paused when any function in the protocol is paused, remove `whenFunctionNotPaused`, as `whenNotPaused` covers this. If it should only be paused for `PAUSE_NATIVEVAULT_CREATE_NODE`, remove `whenNotPaused`.

Recommendation: Depending on the intended behavior, remove either the `whenNotPaused` or `whenFunctionNotPaused` modifier from the `createNode()` function.

Karak: Fixed in [PR 338](#).

Renascence: Verified, the `whenNotPaused` modifier was removed.

Informational

[I-1] NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials() should call _increaseBalance() to avoid an unsafe int256 cast

Context: [NativeVault.sol#L191](#)

Description: In `NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials()`, `totalRestakedWei` (which is a `uint256`) is cast directly to `int256` and passed to `_updateBalance()`:

```
_updateBalance(nodeOwner, int256(totalRestakedWei));
```

However, since `totalRestakedWei` can never be negative, `_increaseBalance()` should be used directly instead of `_updateBalance()` to avoid casting to `int256`.

Recommendation: Consider calling `_increaseBalance()` instead:

```
_updateBalance(nodeOwner, int256(totalRestakedWei));  
+ _increaseBalance(nodeOwner, totalRestakedWei);
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 337](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[I-2] STATE_ROOT_IDX and BEACON_STATE_ROOT_IDX can be combined in a single constant

Context:

- [BeaconProofsLib.sol#L9](#)
- [BeaconProofsLib.sol#L11](#)

Description: `STATE_ROOT_IDX` and `BEACON_STATE_ROOT_IDX` both represent the same value, which is the index of `state_root` in [BeaconBlockHeader](#).

Recommendation: Consider removing `STATE_ROOT_IDX` and using `BEACON_STATE_ROOT_IDX` in `BeaconProofsLib.validateBalanceContainer()`.

Karak: Fixed in [PR 337](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[I-3] Unused NativeNode pause functions by NativeVault

Context:

- [NativeNode.sol#L37-L45](#)

Description: The functions `NativeNode.pause()` and `NativeNode.unpause()` are never called by the owner of the contract, which is `NativeVault`.

Recommendation: Consider including the following functions in `NativeVault` if pausing and unpausing of `NativeNode` is intended behavior.

```
function pauseNode(INativeNode node, uint256 map) external
onlyRolesOrOwner(Constants.MANAGER_ROLE) {
    node.pause(map);
}

function unpauseNode(INativeNode node, uint256 map) external
onlyRolesOrOwner(Constants.MANAGER_ROLE) {
    node.unpause(map);
}
```

Karak: Acknowledged. We don't need `NativeNode` to be pausable since the only function it has is `withdraw()`, and that too can be only called by the owner which will always be the `NativeVault`. If the `withdraw` function in `NativeVault` is paused, then it implies that the native node's `withdraw` is paused.

Renascence: It's fine to not have `NativeNode` be pausable, but the `MANAGER_ROLE` would have to pause `finishWithdrawal()`, alongside `startSnapshot()` and `validateExpiredSnapshot()` as well since `_startSnapshot()` also withdraws from the native node for slashing.

[I-4] Reverting `receive()` function in `NativeNode` is redundant

Context:

- [NativeNode.sol#L48-L50](#)

Description: If `NativeNode` doesn't have a `receive()` function, attempts to transfer ETH, that are not coming from the `BeaconChain`, will fail. The inclusion of a reverting `receive()` function is redundant.

Recommendation:

```
- /// @notice Direct deposit to NativeNode address is not allowed to limit sources of
- unattributed ETH
- receive() external payable {
-     revert DirectDepositToNode();
- }
```

Karak: Fixed in [PR 337](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

[I-5] Missing reentrancy guards for functions in NativeVault, NativeNode and SlashStore

Context:

- [NativeVault.sol#L113](#)
- [NativeVault.sol#L127](#)
- [NativeVault.sol#L164](#)
- [NativeVault.sol#L200](#)
- [NativeNode.sol#L56](#)
- [SlashStore.sol#L32](#)

Description: The functions `NativeVault.startSnapshot()`, `NativeVault.validateSnapshotProofs()`, `NativeVault.validateWithdrawalCredentials()`, `NativeVault.validateExpiredSnapshot()`, `NativeNode.withdraw()`, and `SlashStore.withdraw()` could benefit from reentrancy guards as protective measures.

Recommendation: Add `nonReentrant` modifiers to the listed functions.

Karak: Fixed in [PR 337](#) and [PR 346](#).

Renascence: Verified, the `nonReentrant` modifier was added to the functions listed above.

[I-6] Code improvements

Description / Recommendation

1. [Pauser.sol#L76](#)

The line of code can be simplified to:

```
- if (((~self._paused) & (~map)) != (~self._paused)) revert  
  AttemptedPauseWhileUnpausing();  
+ if (self._paused & map != map) revert AttemptedPauseWhileUnpausing();
```

2. [Pauser.sol#L36-L42](#)

Consider using the names `__Pauser_init()` and `__Pauser_init_unchained()` to be consistent with the upgradeable contracts' init function name pattern and avoid confusion in child contracts that use it. The init functions in upgradeable contracts normally follow the pattern `___{ContractName}_init` and `___{ContractName}_init_unchained`.

Karak: Fixed in [PR 337](#).

Renascence: Verified, the recommended fix was implemented.

4.1 Centralization Risks

4.1.1 BENEFACTOR must be trusted

Currently, the BENEFACTOR is responsible for adding allocations as merkle root in the `MerkleVester` contract. However, any other party could be supplying the funds through `MerkleVester.fund()`. The BENEFACTOR can add a rogue `merkleRoot` and withdraw funds from the contract. Note that under normal operation, the BENEFACTOR is trusted to add valid allocations that do not break the assumptions code in the contract (ie. each allocation only takes up a 100% of its own total allocation) - the contract has no way of verifying that the allocation in the merkle root is correct. Any incorrectly added allocation could result in unexpected behavior.

The BENEFACTOR can withdraw funds from the contract if the `defundFeature` is `true` through `MerkleVester.defund()`. If the `defundFeature` is `false`, the BENEFACTOR can still withdraw funds as long as a call to `_checkOrSetDistributionState()` hasn't recorded the new obligations in `totalKnownObligations`. In cases where an allocation is cancelable or revocable, the BENEFACTOR can use `MerkleVester.cancel()` or `MerkleVester.revoke()` and then use `MerkleVester.defund()` to acquire the funds.