Appendix K Wildlife

In the following appendix, DNR provides additional information regarding the analysis of the No Action and Landscape alternatives. For the Pathways Alternative, refer to the FEIS.

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Endemic and Sensitive Species

Geographic isolation and the characteristics of the Olympic Peninsula have led to the evolution of endemic species and subspecies, shown in Table K-1. Endemic species are those species that are native and exclusive to a particular area. Of the wildlife listed in Table K-1, only the Olympic ermine and Olympic torrent salamander are known to occur on DNR-managed lands in the OESF.

Olympic Peninsula endemic species		
Common name	Scientific name	
Olympic marmot	Marmota olympus	
Olympic yellow-pine chipmunk	Tamias amoenus caurinus	
Olympic snow mole	Scapanus townsedii olympicus	
Olympic Mazama pocket gopher	Thomomys mazama melanops	
Olympic ermine	Mustela erminea olympica	
Olympic torrent salamander	Rhyacotriton olympicus	

Table K-1. Wildlife Species and Subspecies Endemic to the Olympic Peninsula

	Habitat			
Species and status ^a	Foraging	Breeding and/or resting	General upland	Status in the OESF ^b
Red-legged frog (FCo)	Ecosystem Initiation and Structurally Complex stand development stages	Requires riparian for breeding.	Moist habitats, including shrubby areas with large woody debris.	Widespread, common
Western toad (FCo, SC)	All	Requires riparian for breeding	Large woody debris	Locally common
Northern goshawk (FCo, SC)	Edges and open forest, Structurally Complex	Structurally Complex	Mature and late- successional forests	Local, rare
Bald eagle (SS, FCo)	Large trees and snags near water	All stages, but requires large trees for nesting and protected stands for roosting	Large trees for nesting, dense and mature forest stands for winter roosts	Widespread, common
Great blue heron (SM)	May forage in Ecosystem Initiation stands	Biomass Accumulation, Structurally Complex, (generally near large water bodies)	Mature forest stands (nesting)	Widespread in appropriate habitat, uncommon
Olive-sided flycatcher (FCo)	Ecosystem Initiation	Structurally Complex	Large trees adjacent to open areas	Widespread, uncommon
Osprey (SM)	Water (non-forest)	Structurally Complex	Large trees for nesting, perching, roosting near large bodies of water	Distribution and abundance declining with increase in bald eagles
Turkey vulture (SM)	May forage in Ecosystem Initiation stands	Structurally Complex	Mature tree stands for roosting	Increasing as a breeding season resident
Vaux's swift (FCo, SS)	Aerial foraging over all stages	Structurally Complex	Large snags for nesting	Widespread, common near nesting habitat (including residential chimneys)
Willow flycatcher (FCo)	Ecosystem Initiation	Ecosystem Initiation	Shrubby habitats	Widespread, common in appropriate

Table K-2. Sensitive Wildlife Species Known or Suspected to Occur on DNR-Managed Lands in the OESF

	Habitat			
Species and status ^a	Foraging	Breeding and/or resting	General upland	Status in the OESF ^b
				habitat
Long-eared myotis (FCo, SM)	Ecosystem Initiation	Structurally Complex	Large snags and trees for roosting	Distribution and abundance of individual <i>Myotis</i> species unknown
Long-legged myotis (FCo, SM)	Ecosystem Initiation	Structurally Complex	Large trees and snags for roosting	Unknown
Yuma myotis (FCo)	Ecosystem Initiation	Structurally Complex	Large trees and snags for roosting	Unknown

^a Source: Brown1985; Johnson and O'Neil 2001

^bFCo = Federal Species of Concern, SC = State Candidate, SE = State Endangered, SS = State Sensitive, ST = State Threatened,

SM = State Monitor

Common and Scientific Names

Table K-3. Common and Scientific Names of Species in the Wildlife Section of Chapter 3, in Alphabetical Order

Common name	Scientific name
American marten	Martes americana
American robin	Turdus migratorius
Bats	order Chiroptera
Big brown bat	Eptesicus fuscus
Black bear	Ursus americanus
Black throated gray warbler	Dendroica nigrescens
Blue grouse	Dendragapus obscures
Bobcat	Lynx rufus
Brown creeper	Certhia Americana
Brown-headed cowbird	Molothrus ater
California myotis	Myotis californicus
Cedar waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum
Chestnut-backed chickadee	Poecile rufescens
Columbia black-tailed deer	Odocoileus hemionus columbianus
Common raven	Corvus corax
Cooper's hawk	Accipiter cooperii
Corvids	Corvidae species
Cougar	Felis concolor
Creeping vole	Microtus oregoni
Dark eyed junco	Junco hyemalis
Deer Mouse	Peromyscus maniculatus
Douglas squirrel	Tamiasciurus douglasii
Ensatina	Ensatina eschscholtzii
Fisher	Martes pennanti pacifica

Common name	Scientific name	
Fox sparrow	Passerella iliaca	
Golden crowned kinglet	Regulus satrapa	
Gray wolf	Canis lupis	
Great horned owl	Bubo virginianus	
Grizzly bear	Ursus arctos	
Hairy woodpecker	Picoides villosus	
Hoary bat	Lasiurus cinereus	
Keen's myotis	Myotis keenii	
Little brown myotis	Myotis lucifugus	
Long-tailed weasel	Mustela frenata	
Marbled murrelet	Brachyramphus marmoratus	
Moles	Scapanus species	
Mountain beaver	Aplodontia rufa	
Northern alligator lizard	Elgaria coerulea	
Northern flying squirrel	Glaucomys sabrinus	
Northern goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	
Northern pygmy owl	Glaucidium gnoma	
Northern saw whet owl	Aegolius acadicus	
Northern spotted owl	Strix occidentalis caurina	
Northwestern salamander	Ambystoma gracile	
Olive sided flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	
Orange-crowned warbler	Vermivora celata	
Pacific tree frog	Hyla regilla	
Pacific wren	Troglodytes pacificus	
Pileated woodpecker	Dryocopus pileatus	
Pine siskin	Carduelis pinus	
Porcupine	Erethizon dorsatum	
Red backed vole	Myodes californicus	
Red breasted nuthatch	Sitta Canadensis	
Red cross bill	Loxia curvirostra	
Red tailed hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	
Roosevelt mountain elk	Cervus canadensis roosevelti	
Ruby-crowned kinglet	Regulus calendula	
Rufus-sided (spotted) towhee	Pipilo erythrophthalmus	
Sharp skinned hawk	Accipiter striatus	
Short tailed weasel	Mustela frenata	
Shrew mole	Neurotrichus gibbsii	
Shrews	Sorex species	
Silver-haired bat	Lasionycteris noctivagans	
Snowshoe hare	Lepus americanus	
Song sparrow	Melospiza melodia	
Spotted skunk	Spilogale gracilis	
Steller's jay	Cyanocitta stelleri	
Swainson's thrush	Catharus ustulatus	
Townsend's chipmunk	Tamias townsendii	
Townsend's warbler	Dendroica townsendi	
Tree swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	
Trowbridge's shrew	Sorex trowbridgii	
Vagrant shrew	Sorex vagrans	

Common name	Scientific name	
Vaux's swift	Chaetura vauxi	
Violet green swallow	Tachycineta thalassina	
Warbling vireo	Vireo gilvus	
Western screech owl	Otus kennicottii	
Western tanager	Piranga ludoviciana	
Western toad	Bufo boreas	
Wilson's warbler	Wilsonia pusilla	
Yellow-rumped warbler	Dendroica coronata	

Interior Older Forest

Methodology for Assessing Interior Older Forest

For this assessment, DNR did a coarse filter analysis of interior older forest (Biomass Accumulation and Structurally Complex stand development stages). These stages were evaluated because they are generally associated with more rare, vulnerable, and threatened species in the Pacific Northwest.

DNR used modeling output from the analysis model for stand development stages. Biomass Accumulation and Structurally Complex polygons from the analysis model were dissolved through a GIS process into patches. These patches are referred to as older forest patches.

To assess older forest patches, assumptions were made on what constitutes a high-contrast edge. For this analysis, high-contrast edges are where older forest patches border a patch with a lack of forest cover. Conditions with lack of forest cover (for this analysis) are paved roads, large water bodies, human made clearing such as rock pits, and forest stands in Ecosystem Initiation stand development stage. Streams, unpaved roads, and forest stands in stages other than Ecosystem Initiation stages are not assumed to be high-contrast edges. Both streams and unpaved roads have varying degrees of forest cover associated with them. Some streams and unpaved roads have trees on either side growing over them, providing some canopy. DNR did not have a way, for this coarse filter analysis, to determine which streams and unpaved roads lacked forest cover wide enough to be considered a high-contrast edge. Instead these features are considered soft edges and are outside the scope of this analysis.

In GIS, paved roads, large water bodies, human made clearing such as rock pits, and forest stands in Ecosystem Initiation stand development stage were put into a single category. This category was called Ecosystem Initiation polygons. Then through GIS, these Ecosystem Initiation polygons were buffered 100 meters. One hundred meters was chosen because it has been used by DNR in other analyses for the effects of edge.

The Ecosystem Initiation polygons, including 100-meter buffers, were then overlaid in GIS on the other stand development stages. When 100-meter buffers of Ecosystem Initiation Polygons overlapped older forest patches, the overlap sections were removed from the older forest patches, leaving patches of interior older forest. For an interior older forest patch to be considered adequate to support wildlife

species associated with habitat conditions present, a 100-acre threshold was used. All reporting for this analysis is for interior forest patches of 100 acres and larger.

Assumption	Rationale
Interior older forest patches need to be 100 acres or	Patches smaller than that do not meet the needs
larger.	species requiring older stand conditions.
A high-contrast edge is when the Ecosystem Initiation	This is a drastic edge where other stand development
Stand is within 100 meters of stands in the Biomass	stages are forest abutting forest.
Accumulation and Structurally Complex Forest stand	
development stages.	
Unpaved forest roads and streams are not high-contrast	Roads and streams such as these often have canopy
edges.	cover partially covering the road or stream and are not
	of a great enough width to cause edge effects at the
	scale of this analysis.
Patches with less edge-to-area are more desirable to	More interior conditions will be present.
wildlife associated with older forest conditions.	

Table K-4. Assumptions for Interior Older Forest Analysis

Interior Older Forest Metrics

Three metrics were used in the FEIS to evaluate trends that can give insight into the development of interior older forests. Edge-to-area ratio is used to compare the amount of edge to the amount of areas within the patch (Figure K-1, Table K-5). It is a relative number; looking at the trend is more important than the values given. In general, as edge-to-area ratios increase, so does the complexity of the shape of the patch. In other words, patches are less uniform in shape; often, they are more linear or complex.





The second metric is the number of acres of interior older forest patches that are 100 acres or greater (Table K-5). This shows the trend of development of interior older forest conditions over the analysis period.

The third metric is the average size of patches of forest 100 acres and greater. This metric indicates if, over time, the size of interior forest patches stays relatively the same, increases, or decreases.

Metric	Description	Scale
Edge-to-area ratio	This compares the amount of edge to the amount of area. It is a relative metric and is used to track how forest patches change over time.	State trust lands in the OESF, each of the 11 landscapes
Number of acres	Tracks the number of acres of 100- acre and greater patches.	State trust lands in the OESF, each of the 11 landscapes
Average size of patches	Tracks the average sizes of patches 100 acres and greater.	State trust lands in the OESF, each of the 11 landscapes

Table K-5. Interior Older Forest Metrics

Interior Older Forest Metrics, All State Trust Lands in the OESF

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No Action Landscape



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No Action Landscape











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No Action Landscape





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No Action Landscape

Average Patch Size (in Acres) of Interior Older Forest Reported by Landscape

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