



Olympic Experimental State Forest
Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Planning Unit

Forest Land Plan



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The Washington state Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) forest land plan for the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF) guides the management of over 270,000 acres of forested state trust lands on the western Olympic Peninsula. DNR manages these temperate rain forests for both timber harvest to provide revenue to trust beneficiaries, and ecological values such as habitat for native wildlife species.

A member of the US Forest Service's National Experimental Forest and Range Network, the OESF is managed under an experimental approach called "integrated management." Instead of designating one area for timber harvest and another for wildlife habitat and other ecological values, DNR manages forested state trust lands across the OESF for both.

In this forest land plan, DNR provides foresters and managers the practical guidance they need to implement this approach on a day-to-day basis.

DNR also describes its approach to research and monitoring, in which DNR investigates the relationship between management activities and ecological conditions; its step-by-step adaptive management process, in which DNR uses new information to affirm or change its management; and its new program of operational trials, in which foresters are encouraged to innovate on logging methods and other aspects of day-to-day operations. All of these programs and opportunities will help DNR maximize the potential of the OESF as a laboratory for sustainable forest management.

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DNR invites you to read and learn about this unique area, from its early history to today's management goals and strategies. Thank you for your continued support of the OESF.

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Acronyms

dbh	Diameter at breast height
DNR	Washington Department of Natural Resources
GIS	Geographic information system
HCP	<i>State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan</i>
LRM	Land resource manager database
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NPS	National Park Service
OESF	Olympic Experimental State Forest
RCW	Revised code of Washington
RMAP	Road maintenance and abandonment plan
SAF	Society of American Foresters
SEPA	State Environmental Policy Act
SOMU	Spotted owl management unit
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDI	United States Department of the Interior
USGS	United States Geological Survey
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
WAC	Washington administrative code
WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
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