WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Commissioner of Public Lands

MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2012

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Engel, Assistant Division Manger
Forest Practices Policy and Services

SUBJECT: Forest Practices Board Manual Update

The Department has not yet initiated further review and development of Board Manual sections requiring changes as identified in the Board's 2012 Work Plan. Your work plan has been updated to reflect that Section 16, Unstable Slopes will be presented to you at the August meeting.

Please contact me with questions at (360) 902-1390.

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January 25, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Walt Obermeyer, Compliance Monitoring Program Administrator

SUBJECT: Status of Compliance Monitoring

2010-2011 Biennial Report

The 2011 field season ended late due to lack of staff and weather issues which consequently has delayed the report. The data verification is complete, the statistical analysis is being assessed, and the report is in the process of being written. Publication of the compliance monitoring report is expected prior to the May 2012 Forest Practices Board meeting.

2012 Field Sampling

The 2012 standard field design and protocols are being updated. Stakeholders will be reviewing these in February with an expected March start to the compliance monitoring field season. The sample size is being reviewed to determine if strategies are available to better allocate the sampling effort. This review will be done to provide more robust statistical analysis and/or additional rule protected features that would be assessed.

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January 24, 2012

TO: Chair Moran and members of the Forest Practices Board

FROM: Andy Hayes and Lauren Burnes, DNR on behalf of the Northern Spotted Owl Implementation Team

SUBJECT: Update on Activities of the Northern Spotted Owl Implementation Team (NSOIT)

Since our last update to the Board, the team has met twice and has an additional meeting scheduled in mid-February. In addition, the NSOIT:

- Convened a Technical Team of six biologists and four economists
- Reinitiated effort to create an Eastside pilot project, and is currently identifying potential project team members

Since our last update to the Board, we have secured participation from two biologists from the USFWS and Yakama Nation and two additional economists. Biologist membership includes: Karl Halupka, USFWS; Elaine Rybak, USFS, Joe Buchanan, WDFW; Tony Melchiors, Weyerhaeuser; Gina King, Yakama Nation; and Kara Whittaker, Washington Forest Law Center. In addition to economists Sarah Kruse and James Pittman, the NSOIT has added Ernie Niemi and David Ervin. The NSOIT would like to once again thank all of our Technical Team members for volunteering their time and expertise to this critical component of our Work Plan and look forward to collaborating with the Technical Team over the coming months. We anticipate that the process will continue into the summer but acknowledge that this will likely depend on the scope of work.

On December 14, the NSOIT convened the Technical Team and presented a draft charter outlining timelines, deliverables, and key goals of the process as envisioned by the NSOIT. On January 9, the Technical Team presented a draft guiding principles document, which included notes on key landscapes and information to consider during their process. The Technical Team is currently finalizing their guiding principles document and will develop a guided work plan during their next meeting in February.

Lastly, we have begun the process of convening a project team for the Entiat pilot. The team will consist of representatives from: USFWS, DNR, WDFW, Industry, Tribes, and Conservation Caucus. We anticipate that the project team will meet at least once during winter to review stand data provided by Longview Timber and begin the planning phase of the pilot. Once seasonal access is restored at the project location, the team will take a field trip to the project location. After that, the team will meet to develop prescriptions for thinning and conduct modeling runs, as necessary. We continue to search for funding opportunities to support the project team's work.

We are available to answer your questions.

NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL IMPLEMETATION TEAM
WORK PLAN

On February 10, 2010 the Forest Practices Board (Board) accepted the consensus recommendations of the Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group, and directed DNR to form an Implementation Team (NSOIT) of five members: DNR, WDFW, industry, conservation caucus, and a land trust group.

The Board also directed the NSOIT to develop a work plan, including prioritization, and directed the team to coordinate with the federal agencies with regard to the Barred Owl control experiments.

In addition, the Board directed the NSOIT to formally convene a technical team to assess spatial and temporal allocation of conservation efforts on nonfederal lands using best available science.

While the Board has been provided regular status updates of the NSOIT's work items, the following represents the group's formal prioritized work plan, and is intended to provide information relative to the status and next steps of each recommendation. Information in the work plan will be modified as progress is made on existing tasks, when new tasks are identified, etc.

Item	Status	Next Steps
Endorse a Voluntary Incentives Program For Landowners to Achieve Conservation Goals	This is the current focus of the NSOIT. Bettina Von Hagan (EcoTrust) & Cindy Mitchell (WFPA) interviewed an expert in the field of forest incentives (Becca Madsen, Biodiversity Program Manager at Ecosystem Marketplace, Washington, D.C.) and have provided background material to the NSOIT on various ecosystem service markets around the world. They also included links to suggested reading as well as contacts for the various markets. House Bill 2541 was passed in 2010, and will dovetail with efforts of the NSOIT. DNR is required to develop landowner conservation proposals, including both markets and conservation easements, which support forest landowners by December 31, 2011. In the development of the proposals, the DNR must consult with the Board, Indian tribes, small forest landowners, conservation groups, industrial foresters, and state, federal, and local government. The proposed initiatives, if any, must be presented to the Governor, the Legislature, the Commissioner of Public Lands, and the Board. The DNR must also offer to present its findings to the Washington congressional delegation, local governments, and appropriate agencies of the federal government. Paula Swedeen attended the World Resources Institute/American Forest Foundation Conference in Madison, WI at the end of June and led a discussion session on incentives for owl conservation. Participants gave the following recommendations: 1) Develop a state-level "Conservation Stamp" program similar to the federal Duck Stamp program that is used for wetlands conservation. Commission artists to design stamps, sell them with hunting licenses and at recreational good stores, legislatively protect the proceeds so they are used for buying easements on owl habitat/restoration areas; 2) Raise funds from development impact fees; 3)Take advantage of overlap of funds from other ecosystem	1. Have a discussion on which market(s) and/or framework would work best for NSO habitat in WA 2. Develop a list of questions relative to NSO habitat markets possibilities for future conference calls w/ experts. 3. Pending NSOIT follow-up: recommend to FPB inclusion of NSO habitat outside of SOSEAs for RHOSP. 4. The NSOIT Technical Team process includes developing incentive-based recommendations to best achieve desired conservation outcomes from biological recommendations; their work will help inform the NSOIT of voluntary incentives programs for landowners to achieve conservation goals.

	service priorities such as source drinking water protection areas and watersheds important for salmon; 4) prioritize funds in next Farm Bill (all acknowledged challenges in current federal budget climate). Mark Nechodem, Special Assistant to Secretary Vilsack agreed that targeting funds from the Farm Bill like the Healthy Forest Reserve Program, was a good idea, and he would help us advocate for it. The Encumbered State Forest Land Transfer program, enabled in 2009, provides the necessary tools for the state to maintain long-term working forests and trust revenue to small rural counties. It does so by acquiring productive working forest lands to replace State Forest lands encumbered by harvest restrictions due to Endangered Species Act-listed species, thereby maintaining the corpus of the State Forest trusts. Encumbered habitat lands have to meet two requirements. They have to (a) be located in counties with a population less than 25,000, and (b) be encumbered with timber harvest deferrals that are associated with federal ESA-listed wildlife species and greater than 30 years in length. Lastly, when transferred, lands that meet these criteria must be appraised at fair market value without consideration of management or regulatory encumbrances associated with the listed species' habitat. Once transferred using the Trust Land Transfer program, lands are placed in Natural Resources Conservation Areas. DNR submitted a report to the Legislature in October 2010 detailing implementation of the program, including an estimate of its overall cost. DNR then submitted to the 2011 Legislature a FY 11-13 funding proposal of $2 million to begin implementation of the program. The proposal, funded in the capital budget, will allow DNR to transfer three small encumbered properties, one each in Pacific, Wahkiakum and Skamania counties. While the timber value will go to the beneficiaries of the trusts, the land value identified in the appraisal will go to a revolving fund to be used for the purchase of new unencumbered forested trust lands to be managed for the long term benefit of those beneficiaries.	
	The NSOIT has disused this item, which is intended to conduct	Work on this will be enhanced after the

Support an Action Program: Outreach to Owners Of Specific Lands Inside And Outside Of SOSEAs	outreach to specific landowners who may wish to secure important NSO habitat that is currently not protected.	team convenes and obtains results from the Board-mandated technical team, which will assess the spatial and temporal strategic allocation of conservation efforts on nonfederal lands. See the last item on this work plan. Develop communication strategy, including possible outreach materials for distribution once mechanisms are in place. Cindy (WFPA) has expressed interest in assisting the NSOIT with the outreach program once this component is ready to be addressed.
Promote Barred Owl Control Experiments and Research	The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead agency on Barred Owl control experiments, and the NSOIT is coordinating with the Service on the progress of these experiments, through the Barred Owl Working Group operating within the context of the Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Planning process.	Update as of October 2011 from the Barred Owl working group is enclosed below. *
Continue the Current Decertification Process for owls Sites During a Transition Period	This item has been accomplished. The Forest Practices Board adopted a permanent rule in May 2010 which establishes a three-member, multi-stakeholder Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group that makes a determination on whether owl site centers and surrounding habitat is important to the Northern Spotted Owl while the Forest Practices Board determines a long-term strategy for spotted owl habitat conservation. The Advisory Group makes their determination after the Department of Fish and Wildlife determines that surveys for Northern Spotted Owls have met survey protocols that indicate the absence of spotted owls.	Membership was updated last May. Members are Bridget Moran, Marty Vaughn and Kara Whittaker. To date, the Conservation Advisory Group has not been convened.
Initiate Two Washington Pilot Projects for Thinning and Habitat	1. A FPB Pilot Rule was adopted to allow one pilot project with Longview Timber in the Entiat SOSEA. Pilot project would explore whether thinning in highly stocked suitable owl	The NSOIT is currently in the process of identifying representatives to staff the Entiat project team. It is anticipated that an initial meeting will be held in

	habitat will improve habitat quality and is operationally and economically feasible. Efforts to secure funding to conduct the thinning project have not been successful. 2. A Section 6 grant application was submitted to thin and defer Westside forest with the goal of accelerating NSO habitat development. This application was not funded.	March to go over stand data and to develop a formal work plan. Andy and Lauren are available to help coordinate and find grants to facilitate work on this. Non-profits (Pacific Forest Trust and Seattle Audubon) are working to advance owl-related Section 6 projects with landowners for the 2012 funding cycle.
Support Identification and Design of a Flagship Incentive Project	The concept is to test incentives options on a landscape scale, possibly w/ multiple landowners, in order to achieve significant conservation value and competitive, economically sustainable forest management.	Investigate and possibly find areas of opportunity to learn from or collaborate with other efforts, i.e., Tapash Collaborative, Oregon Safe Harbor Agreement, etc. Further efforts are contingent on information obtained from incentive pilots, funding, etc. A pilot under the auspices of ESHB 2541 in the Nisqually River Basin is in early planning stages. Landowners and other participants in the pilot are interested in having a component focusing on owls, in addition to murrelets, water, and possibly carbon.
Approve Measures of Success	"Measures of Success" were recommended to the FPB, which accepted the final report of the Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group.	Re-assess previously proposed "Measures of Success," determine if they provide the proper metrics. Consider updating and reporting FPB.
Convene a Technical Team to Assess Spatial and Temporal Allocation of Conservation Efforts on Nonfederal Lands Using Best Available Science	The technical team component of our work plan will commence now that the Final Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Plan has been released, which contains critical modeling intended to assess the importance of different scenarios of blocks of land to be managed for the Northern Spotted Owl. During the NSOIT meeting last	The NSOIT will meet with technical team members and Ken Berg, USFWS, in February to discuss results from the draft Critical Habitat designation.

	August, Brian Woodbridge gave a presentation on how modeling information can be useful for WA State. The NSOIT Technical Team selection process has been finalized and members have met twice with the NSOIT to go over the Technical Team structure, process, and deliverables. The Technical Team will meet in January to finalize their guiding principles and develop a work plan to guide their process.	We plan to hold a future discussion with Brian Woodbridge to discuss how we can cooperate with the USFWS team to answer key analytical questions developed by the Technical Team

***Barred Owl Working Group (BOWG) Update:**

The USFWS is working on the EIS and the Barred Owl Working Group has been briefed on progress with the draft EIS. The EIS will contain a range of alternatives with a variety of scenarios, allowing USFWS to evaluate the effects of a variety of approaches and develop a final decision based on a variety of alternative components.

The BOWG has previously recommended an experimental design involving 3 current demography study areas (including the Cle Elum study area in WA and two sites in OR). This will continue to be evaluated in the EIS process, along with other alternatives. The general experimental design would involve dividing each study site into control (no removal) and treatment (Barred Owl removal) areas. The analysis would involve comparing spotted owl population responses between the control and treatment areas. The Cle Elum study area is largely on federal lands. All alternatives will receive serious consideration, though some have complications, such as difficult access, small sample sizes, or substantially less robust analysis methods.

There is not a lot of activity on this issue outside the USFWS EIS work. If NSOIT would like more information we can contact Jim Thrailkill (Chair of the BOWG) or Robin Brown (USFWS lead on the EIS).

Other Processes the NSOIT is tracking that might be relevant and fruitful:

WWRP appraisal process
Funding

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MEMORANDUM

January 23, 2012

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Engel, Assistant Division Manager, Policy and Services

SUBJECT: Rule Making Activity

Following is an update on rule making activity (see attached Gantt chart for schedule)

Notice of Forest Practices to Affected Indian Tribes and Critical Habitat - Hearings were held on January 3 in Olympia and January 5 in Ellensburg for both rule makings. We received a total of nine comments with six verbal testimonies from the hearings. These comments are in your meeting packet. Staff will request the Board's adoption of both rule proposals at the February meeting.

Forestry Riparian Easement Program - The rule proposal was distributed for the 30-day review which resulted in zero comments. Staff will request your approval to initiate rule making for public review at the February meeting.

Conversions - Staff will request your approval to file a CR-101 PreProposal Statement of Inquiry to notify the public of the Board's consideration of rule making to incorporate the changes from Senate Bill 5883 (2007 legislation) and HB 1582 (2011 legislation) relating to conversions.

Also attached is a status update on your 2012 Work Plan.

If you have any questions feel free to call me at 360.902.1390 or Patricia Anderson at 360.902.1413.

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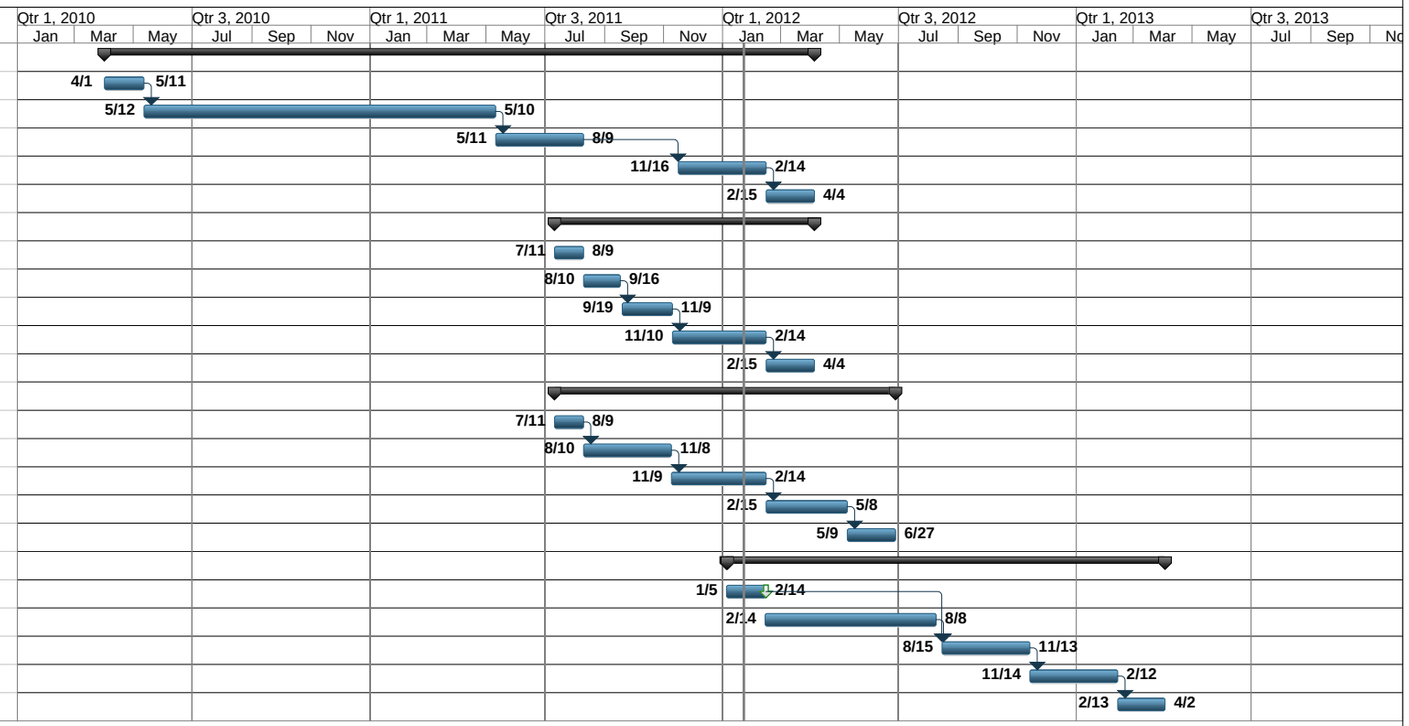
FOREST PRACTICES BOARD
2012 WORK PLAN

TASK	COMPLETION DATE / STATUS
2013 Work Planning	November
Adaptive Management Program	
• CMER 2013 Work Plan and Budget	May
• Extensive Riparian Shade and Trend Monitoring Type F/Eastside Temperature Study	May
• Extensive Riparian Type F&N Monitoring/Westside Temperature Study	November
• The Mass Wasting Effectiveness Monitoring Project: A Post Mortem Study Examination of the Landslide Response to the December 2007 Storm in Southwestern Washington	August
• Program Funding	On-going
• Solar Radiation Study	May
• Westside Type N Buffer Characteristics, Integrity & Function	May
Annual Reports	
• Compliance Monitoring Bi-Annual Report	*May*
• Forests and Fish Policy Priorities	August
• Northern Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group	November
• Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Report	February
• TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable	August
• Clean Water Act Assurances	February & August
Board Manual Development	
• Section 1, Shade	August
• Section 7, Riparian Management Zones	November
• Section 16, Unstable Slopes	*November*
• Section 24, Bull Trout Overlay	November
CMER Membership	As needed
Rule Making	
• Conversion Activities & Lands Platted after 1960 (implement 2007 legislation and clean-up)	November
• Critical Habitats	February
• Critical Habitats (SEPA)	November
• Forestry Riparian Easement Program	May
• Notice of Forest Practices to Affected Indian Tribes	February
Upland Wildlife Northern Spotted Owl	On-going
Quarterly Reports	
• Adaptive Management Program & Strategic Plan Implementation	Each regular meeting
• Board Manual Development	Each regular meeting
• Compliance Monitoring	Each regular meeting
• Legislative Update	February & May
• NSO Implementation Team	Each regular meeting
• Rule Making Activities	Each regular meeting
• Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee & Office	Each regular meeting
• TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable	Each regular meeting

Italics = change in completion date or new task Updated 1/23/12

FOREST PRACTICES BOARD
2012 Rule Making Schedule

ID	Task Name	
1	**Notice of FP to Affected Indian Tribes**	
2	CR101	4/1 – 5/11
3	30 day notice	5/12 – 5/10
4	CR102 (CBA, SBEIS, SEPA) - WSR 11-17/September 7, 2011	5/11 – 8/9
5	CR103 - WSR 11-23/December 7, 2011	11/16 – 2/14
6	Estimated effective date	2/15 – 4/4
7	**Critical Habitat**	
8	30 day notice	7/11 – 8/9
9	CR 101	8/10 – 9/16
10	CR102 (CBA, SBEIS, SEPA) - WSR 11-23/December 7, 2011	9/19 – 11/9
11	CR103 - WSR 12-??/February 2012	11/10 – 2/14
12	Estimated effective date	2/15 – 4/4
13	**Forestry Riparian Easement Program**	
14	CR 101	7/11 – 8/9
15	30-day	8/10 – 11/8
16	CR102 (CBA, SBEIS, SEPA) - WSR 12-05/ March 7, 2012	11/9 – 2/14
17	CR103 - WSR 12-11/June 6, 2012	2/15 – 5/8
18	Estimated effective date	5/9 – 6/27
19	**Conversion Activites, Lands Platted & Chapter 20 of Restructure**	
20	CR101	1/5 – 2/14
21	30 day notice	2/14 – 8/8
22	CR102 (CBA, SBEIS, SEPA)	8/15 – 11/13
23	CR103	11/14 – 2/12
24	Estimated effective date	2/13 – 4/2



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MEMORANDUM

January 25, 2012

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Tami Miketa, Forest Practices SFLO Manager

SUBJECT: Small Forest Landowner Office and Advisory Committee

Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP)

The Forestry Riparian Easement Program purchases conservation easements to compensate participating small landowners for un-harvestable timber on forested lands primarily along rivers or streams. This year's legislative session resulted in passage of ESHB 1509 FREP reform and capital appropriation funding of $1 million for the 2011-13 biennium. The FREP bill will require forest practices rulemaking to make a few minor changes. One change will allow only for-profit organizations to be eligible for the program. Other changes affect how DNR will process applications, change how the funding is used, as well as perform compliance after an easement is purchased. FREP bill also directs the Chair of the Board to form a group of stakeholders to investigate and recommend potential new long-term funding sources for FREP and report to the legislature by May 31, 2012.

Currently, DNR is conducting extensive field work to mark the boundaries of small forest landowner's riparian easements to prepare them for timber cruising. It is anticipated that 50 riparian easements will be identified and cruised this biennium.

DNR is continuing to receive new applications for FREP. There are currently 83 landowners that have applied for a FRE with a total of 89 applications on file. Once the rulemaking is complete, acquisition will occur for as many eligible applications as money is available. As the FRE program has yet to determine compensation values for individual riparian easements, it is anticipated that the program will provide compensation on approximately 8 Forestry Riparian Easements in 2012.

Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program (R&HOSP)

This conservation easement program is available to both small and large landowners. This year's legislative session resulted in no capital appropriation for the upcoming biennium. However, DNR will continue to maintain a list of names of the landowners expressing an interest in applying for this program in anticipation of a return of funding.

Long Term Applications (LTA's)

A small forest landowner has the option of submitting a long-term application that is valid for up to 15 years. A long-term forest practices application is submitted and reviewed in two steps. There are a total of 84 approved long term applications; this is an increase of 7 approved applications from 11/08/2011.

LTA Decision	**LTA Phase 1**	**LTA Phase 2**	**TOTAL**
Approved	0	84	**84**
Closed	3	3	**6**
Disapproved	1	1	**2**
Rejected	9	0	**9**
Validated	14	0	**14**
TOTAL	**27**	**88**	**115**

Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP)

The Family Forest Fish Passage Program is a cost-share program that helps small forest landowners correct fish passage barriers by providing 75-100 percent of the cost of the correction. To date, 232 barriers have been corrected, reconnecting 485 miles of habitat statewide. The FFFPP was allotted $2 million for the FY 2011-2012 biennium. It is anticipated that 9 projects will be funded for the 2012 construction season.

DNR submitted grant proposals for 9 FFFPP projects to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The USFWS has funding available through the following programs in which DNR submitted proposals:

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program
Puget Sound Coastal Program
Fisheries and Fish Passage Program
National Fish Passage Program
Western Native Trout Initiative

In total DNR submitted grant proposals through these 5 programs for $330,000. It is our understanding that these grants will be awarded in late January or early February.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant funds have $125,000 left to complete 3 FFFPP projects this year.

In total, FFFPP projects will be funded at a cost of approximately $1.2 million dollars, of which $455,000 could potentially be paid through grant dollars.

Small Forest Landowner Outreach

The small Forest Landowner office is pleased to announce a new member of our team who is our new Grant Writer/Outreach Coordinator! Her name is Michelle Peterschick and she is a recent graduate from Washington State University with a degree in Agricultural Economics and Business Management with an emphasis on finance and marketing. She previously worked for the WSU Spring Wheat Breeding Program and the Farm Service Agency. She is excited to join our team and is committed to ensuring that vital information reaches all small forest landowners.

The office is in the process of restarting the Small Forest Landowner News as a monthly electronic newsletter to our 8,127 subscribers. Landowners can subscribe via the www.dnr.wa.gov/sflo website or by request to the sflo@dnr.wa.gov email address. The office has also sent out a Small Forest Landowner Survey to request information regarding the demographics of our landowners, asking questions such as: how many acres they own; how long they have owned their property; the purpose of the use of forest land; and if there is water present on the property. This information will be used to gain a strong understanding of the people we work for and help us direct our work to support the missions and goals of the landowners. The website for the SFLO office will also be undergoing construction. The goal of the new website design is to make it user friendly and update the information available to the users.

Forest Stewardship Program

The Forest Stewardship Program provides on- site forest management technical assistance and in cooperation with WSU extension teaches forestry classes, and hosts family forest owner field days for small forest landowners. A Forest Stewardship Program Wildlife Biologist supports educational programs and provides landowner advisory visits statewide. One Olympia-based stewardship forester serves western WA and seven landowner assistance foresters in Eastern WA.

Forest Owners Field Days

Three Regional Field Day events are tentatively planned for summer of 2012: Idaho (cooperative event with Washington), NE Washington, and South Puget Sound. Exact locations and dates are still being determined. Approximately 9,000 family forest owners have attended these events at 30 venues all across the state since 1996.

Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Short Courses

WSU Extension and DNR continue to co-sponsor these 8-week short courses which help participants develop a Forest Stewardship Plan for their property. Spring courses are currently underway in several locations.

Inter-Agency MOU Regarding Forestry Assistance

An inter-agency MOU regarding forestry assistance has been finalized and is being circulated for signature. Signatories will be DNR, WSU Extension, USDA Forest Service, USDA-NRCS, Washington Conservation Commission and Association of Conservation Districts. The MOU will replace the current document which dates back to 1993.

Integrated Forest Management Plan Guidelines

DNR is cooperating with USDA-NRCS, the Washington Tree Farm Program, and the WA Dept. of Revenue to develop forest management plan guidelines that will enable landowners to simultaneously meet the "written management plan" requirements of multiple programs administered by several agencies and organizations. This effort complements a similar effort at the national level. The new guidelines are tentatively slated for release in February 2012.

Ties to the Land Workshops
WSU Extension, cooperating with the Family Forest Foundation, will soon be announcing "Ties to the Land" Workshops across the state. The workshops are intended to help families plan for intergeneration succession of the land. The workshops are part of a four-state project which is partially funded by a competitive grant from the US Forest Service. 20 events will be held across the state in 2012 and 2013.
E WA Forest Landowner Cost-Share Program
Cost-share funds continue to be available to help Eastern WA landowners reduce wildfire and bark beetle hazards. The program is supported primarily by competitive grant funds from the US Forest Service.

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee
The committee consists of seven members, including four members from the SFLO community appointed by the commissioner of public lands from a list of candidates submitted by the Washington Farm Forestry Association, and a representative from the Departments of Ecology and Fish & Wildlife, and a tribal representative. The advisory committee has not convened since October 5, 2011.

Please feel free to contact me at (360) 902-1415 or tamara.miketa@dnr.wa.gov if you have further questions.

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Cultural Resources Roundtable TIMBER/FISH &WILDLIFE

January 19, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable Co-Chairs
Jeffrey Thomas, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Peter Heide, Washington Forest Protection Association

SUBJECT: Quarterly Report of Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable Covering the Period October through December, 2011

The Timber/Fish/Wildlife (TFW) Cultural Resources Roundtable is pleased to submit the fourth quarter 2011 quarterly report to the Forest Practices Board.

Again this quarter, the report is in the form of the Roundtable's Action Items list. This list is reviewed every month by the Roundtable and updated to reflect current activities. Changes from the previous November report are in red or italic print

In addition to the work noted on Action Item list, Roundtable co-chair Heide was the catalyst for a Western Forestry and Conservation Association cultural resources training session for private field foresters. Four Roundtable participants were on the program and 80 foresters and natural resource professionals attended the November 1st event. The training was held at the Little Creek Casino and Resort near Shelton. The turn out and feedback after the program indicated that additional training sessions would be successful.

We look forward to your February meeting to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable					1/17/2012	Changes from the previous report are in Red or Italics
Priority		**Action Items**	**Lead**	**Status**	**Next Action**	**Relationship to the CRPMP**
High	1	Seek funding and staff support for the Roundtable's work		On hold due to state budget situation		
High	2	Prepare the cultural resource guidance documents and tools as agreed to in the CRPMP				Educational Program and Commitments
		Scope the guidance/manual project to develop a detailed description and outline of the proposed guidance or manual.		Complete		
		Work products:1) Guidance for TFW stakeholders, 2) Guidance specific to forest landowners, and 3) Guidance specific to Tribes.	Co-Chairs *and DAHP*	In progress	*Review completed drafts, prepare drafts on remaining sections. Beginning work on video for web presentation.*	
High	3	Improve knowledge and use of the GLO, historic and current USGS quad maps and other publically available information to identify historic features recognized during 19th century land surveys.	Roundtable	In progress	*Develop a flyer with source information and user instruction for accessing GLO notes and historic USGS maps on public web sites.*	Making available tools to improve identification and recognition of cultural resources in the field
		Include information about historic sites in the instructions for question 7 of the forest practices application.				
High	*5*	*In time for the FY 2012 report to the FPB, develop a method for formally assessing the performance CRPMP in accomplishing its purposes as stated on page 1 of the plan.*		*Initiated*	*To be taken up at the January meeting*	*Required by the CRPMP. Formerly identified as a biannual review*
Medium	6	Individual caucuses will support funding in the biennium 12-13 budget for a full time position at DAHP for the maintenance of CR data in support of the forest practices risk assessment tool.	Individual Caucuses	Supporting funding for the current 1/2 time position	Retry for full time position during 14-15 biennial budget cycle	DNR Forest Practices Program support

TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable					1/17/2012	*Changes from the previous report are in Red or Italics*
Priority		**Action Items**	**Lead**	**Status**	**Next Action**	**Relationship to the CRPMP**
	7	Review the state's responsibility for National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA compliance under the Forest Practices HCP)		On Hold	Waiting for DNR to respond to the Yakama Nation's request for a summary of FPHCP compliance under NHPA	
Medium	8	Seek funding for a CR Module pilot project		On hold	Waiting for the next opportunity	Board Manual Section 11 Appendix J
Medium	9	Develop a Logo for the Cultural Resources Roundtable	*Jeffrey & dAVe*	In progress	*Adapt TFW logo for CRR. Take the largest available print and add the cultural depiction for a camera ready rendition.*	Publicity
Low	10	Other CRPMP amendments to consider and further discuss:	Sherri	On hold	Wait for the charter etc. to be completed	CRPMP Support
		Regarding MOUs, consider adding a statement specifying when DNR has a role in implementing MOUs and if there is a role, specifying its nature.				
		Under "Education Program and Commitments," modify #2 to recognize that agreements are often executed at the field level without the need for higher level contacts				
		Reference a role for the CRPMP in Forest Practices ID team deliberations and preparation of SEPA documents for Class IV Special FPAs				
Low	*11*	Prepare a report to the Forest Practices Board on the impact to cultural resource protection and management when forest land is converted to another use and regulatory responsibility passes to local government (county or city)	Jeff and Pete	On hold	Wait for other higher priority items to be addressed	

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On-Going Tasks						
	1	The Roundtable will: (a) meet monthly; (b) Report ~~quarterly~~ to the FP Board *at each regular meeting*; (c) Review the CRPMP in June each year; (d) Report to the FP Board each August on progress of the CRPMP *during the previous FY.*	Co-Chairs	FPB meeting *February 14*, Report due *January 24*.		Annual and quarterly obligation
	2	Give a CRPMP presentation at Regional TFW meetings as new CRPMP support material is released.	All	Next opportunity for TFW presentations after the 20-120 rule and supporting manual is passed by the FPB in Nov 2011		Communication
	3	Emphasize accomplishments when communicating progress on implementing the CRPMP.	All	Post examples of successes and cooperative opportunities on the web site.		Communication
	4	Contact individual FP Board members to "champion" CR Roundtable issues	All	Encourage the establishment of a CR rep on the FPB		Advance the Roundtable's work
Completed Items	1	Cultural Resource Protection and Management Plan (CRPMP)		Completed 2003		
	2	Forest Practices Board adopted the rules recommended in the CRPMP		Completed 2005		
	3	Statutory exemption for sensitive cultural resource information gathered during a watershed analysis CR module or stand-alone CR module		Completed 2005		
	4	Updates to the CRPMP		Completed 2008		

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	5	Recommendation to DNR staff and the Board for changes to the historic site definitions in Class III and Class IV Special definition to correct long standing interpretation issues		Completed 2008		
	6	A recommendation to include a cultural resource question on the Phase II 15-year small landowner permit application.		Completed Spring 2009		
	7	Draft a motion for the Forest Practices Board to request that the staff create a CR page on the Department's forest practices website		Complete (Board action was unnecessary)		
	8	With the support of the Commissioners Office, a Charter for the Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable (formerly known as TFW Cultural Resources Committee) delivered to the Forest Practices Board		Completed 2011		
	9	Consensus recommendation on changes to WAC 222-20-120 delivered to the Forest Practices Board		Completed 2011		