



# At-a-Glance

A QUICK LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area in King County supports a variety of wildlife including native mountain goats, cougar and black bear.



**DAVE UPTHEGROVE,**

a statewide elected official, is Washington's fifteenth Commissioner of Public Lands since statehood in 1889.

Established by the legislature in 1957, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages approximately 5.6 million acres of state trust lands, aquatic lands, natural areas, and community forest lands across Washington. Under the elected leadership of the Commissioner of Public Lands, DNR's mission is to manage, sustain, and protect the health and productivity of Washington's lands and waters to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Each year, state trust forest, range, commercial, agricultural and aquatic lands generate an average of more than \$270 million for public schools, state institutions, county services and aquatic restoration. As stewards of these lands, we manage them to also provide our state with fish and wildlife habitat, clean and abundant water, and public access to outdoor recreation.

**DNR ALSO:**

- Protects forestlands and communities using wildland firefighting crews and aviation resources, collaborative forest health efforts, community preparedness assistance, and support through post fire recovery efforts
- Administers state forest practices rules
- Manages the state's most precious natural areas, this includes 58 Natural Area Preserves and 39 Natural Resources Conservation Areas on more than 169,000 acres
- Monitors geologic hazards and regulates the reclamation of surface mines

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**\$11+ BILLION**

has been earned for trust beneficiaries since 1970—non-tax income for schools and communities

1,300

**DNR MANAGES 1,300 MILES OF TRAILS** and

more than 200 recreation sites, including 80 campgrounds



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**13 MILLION**

**ACRES** of state and private forestlands are protected by DNR from wildfire—Washington's largest "on call" fire department



# Washington's public landscapes are a legacy that provide our citizens with enormous environmental, recreational, and economic benefit.



## Washington's Trust Lands

DNR manages 3 million acres of trust lands to provide sustainable non-tax revenue for county services and statewide construction of public schools, universities, prisons, and other state institutions.

Revenue is produced on state trust lands from the harvesting of timber and forest products, leasing agricultural and grazing lands, commercial site leases, mineral leases, and other activities.

Trust lands are simultaneously managed to provide vital habitat for many native plant and animal species. They also protect clean and abundant water while offering public recreation opportunities statewide.



## Managing Aquatic Lands

DNR is steward of more than 2.6 million acres of aquatic lands—beaches and tidelands under Puget Sound, the coast, and navigable lakes and rivers. DNR manages these submerged lands to protect fish and other wildlife while also providing commerce, navigation and public access. Revenue is generated by selling geoducks and leasing aquatic lands for marinas, ports and other uses. In addition to protecting and restoring aquatic resources, aquatic revenues help pay for local projects that create public access to aquatic lands.



## Protecting Forests and Public Resources

DNR administers the state's forest practice rules which are developed by the state Forest Practices Board. These rules guide logging, road construction, brush control, and other work in

the woods on about 12 million acres of state- and privately-owned forestlands. DNR provides incentives to landowners and loggers so their activities support industry without damaging public resources, such as fish and wildlife, water quality, and capital improvements.



## Fighting, Preventing and Preparing for Wildfires

DNR is the state's largest on-call fire department, with 1,200 temporary and permanent employees who fight wildfires on about 13 million acres of private and state-owned forestlands. DNR works with other state, federal, and local agencies to respond to wildfires, and offers local fire districts support with fire protection and safety equipment requirements.

Crowded, unhealthy forests increase the risk of catastrophic wildfires. DNR monitors forest health across the state and helps teach landowners and communities how to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risks through programs like Wildfire Ready Neighbors.



## Conserving Washington

DNR safeguards Washington's natural areas—the finest remaining examples of native ecosystems in state ownership.

Also, within DNR is the Washington Natural Heritage Program, which studies native ecosystems and species. The program's objective, science-based approach helps determine what needs protection and how to best protect it—information that landowners, public agencies, and others rely on to prioritize their efforts.



## A Major Recreation Provider

DNR-managed lands offer public access for activities like bicycling, bird watching, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, off-road vehicle riding, and picnicking.

These opportunities are primarily in working forests and habitat areas, where recreationists can help protect the land by acting responsibly. Volunteers contribute through trail work, site improvements, the Forest Watch program, and camp host roles.



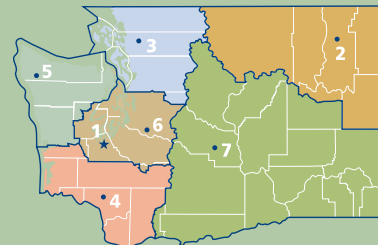
## Producing Critical Geologic Data

DNR's state geology maps and data support researchers, geologists, engineers, and planners in industry and community development. Emergency planners also rely on DNR's LIDAR and geologic data to prepare for earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and landslides.



## Environmental Justice

DNR is committed to advancing environmental justice by ensuring equal access to a healthy environment for all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income. This includes addressing environmental inequities and engaging communities historically underserved or disproportionately affected by environmental issues.



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MS 47000  
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(360) 902-1000

### NORTHEAST REGION (2)

225 S. Silke Rd.  
Colville, WA 99114  
(509) 684-7474

### NORTHWEST REGION (3)

919 N. Township St.  
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284-9384  
(360) 856-3500

### PACIFIC CASCADE REGION (4)

601 Bond Rd.  
PO Box 280  
Castle Rock, WA 98611-0280  
(360) 577-2025

### OLYMPIC REGION (5)

411 Tillicum Lane  
Forks, WA 98331-9271  
(360) 374-2800

### SOUTH PUGET SOUND REGION (6)

950 Farman Ave. N.  
Enumclaw, WA 98022-9282  
(360) 825-1631

### SOUTHEAST REGION (7)

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Ellensburg, WA 98926-9301  
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