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Commissioner of Public Lands

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The Honorable Don Dashiell, Chair
Stevens County Board of Commissioners
215 South Oak Street
Colville, WA 99114

Dear Commissioner Dashiell:

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages approximately 201 acres of State Forest Lands that benefit Stevens County. These lands generated $65,000 in the first three quarters of calendar year 2013 and are projected to generate $69,000 for all of calendar year 2013 from activities expected to occur under current contracts. This represents an increase of $1,000 from the 2013 projection in the July 2013 report.

Net value under contract for harvest after calendar year 2013 is estimated at $65,000. This income information does not include anticipated revenues from additional planned activities for which contracts have not been finalized. Projections of income after July 2, 2013 reflect the management fee of 25 percent, as adopted by the Board of Natural Resources on that date.

Some counties receive portions of their income from leases and fees; however, the majority of income reflected in this report is derived from timber sales. As most revenue stems from timber sales, these projections can fluctuate depending upon when timber harvests actually occur. Market conditions, contract requirements, and regulatory requirements influence timber purchasers' decisions about when to harvest. Harvesting could occur earlier if conditions warrant. Changes in purchasers' plans for harvest will be reflected in future reports. The next projection of State Forest Land revenues will be available in January 2014.

I appreciate how necessary revenue is to the success of county functions. DNR consistently strives to ensure that we realize the maximum available income from the State Forest Lands we manage on behalf of the counties. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Loren Torgerson, Northeast Region Manager, at 509-684-7474 or at loren.torgerson@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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COUNTY INCOME REPORT
EXPLANATION OF TABLES
October 2013

Two categories of lands are managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) specifically to benefit counties:

1. **State Forest *Transfer* Lands.** Lands acquired by counties through tax foreclosures were transferred to DNR to manage. Management fee rates are established by the Board of Natural Resources. Currently, counties receive 75 percent of the revenue from these lands.
2. **State Forest *Purchase* Lands.** State-issued bonds were used to acquire certain parcels from private owners. Typically, these forest lands had been severely logged and were in need of active management. Allocation of revenue from these lands was determined when purchase was authorized, as follows: 26.5 percent to the county in which the property is located; 50 percent to DNR for management expenses; and the remaining 23.5 percent to the State General Fund.

Nineteen counties include these types of State Forest Lands within their county boundaries.

Income from management activities on State Forest Lands is designated for allocation to several taxing districts in each county. Only a small amount is available to the county for discretionary use.

Revenue from State Forest Lands originates primarily from timber sales. These amounts vary widely as market conditions fluctuate. Smaller portions of revenue are derived from activities such as communication site leases, rights-of-way easements for utilities and roads, special forest products, special uses, and interest. Income will also vary with the number of revenue-generating activities within a given year. Variables responsible for high revenues in one year can lead to reduced income the following year.

- **Table 1** shows the annual revenue for each county from calendar year 2004 through the third quarter of calendar year 2013. This table illustrates the variability in total revenues from year to year.
- **Table 2** shows *projected* revenue for all 19 counties from all activities on State Forest Lands for the remaining calendar year 2013 and calendar year 2014.
- **Table 2A** shows *projected* revenue for each timber sale on State Forest Lands *in your county* anticipated to occur for the remainder of 2013 and the full year of 2014 (enclosed if applicable).
- **Table 3** shows the volume and net value *under contract* as of June 30, 2013 that is *not currently scheduled for harvest until after December 2014* (enclosed if applicable).

Projections were developed by DNR region staff by contacting each timber purchaser that has rights to an upcoming sale. Purchasers were asked how much and when they planned to harvest the timber from each sale. These projected timber revenues should be considered *rough estimates only*; actual activity will depend on individual sale characteristics (species, volume, location, etc.), combined with outside market factors as determined by each purchaser.

The schedule of future timber sales from State Forest Lands in your county is available upon request from Department of Natural Resources' region staff.

Table 1. Revenue to Counties from State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands (Calendar Years)

Updated: 10/29/13

County	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Jan-Sept 2013
Clallam	4,426,097	5,495,006	4,470,806	5,903,404	9,323,340	4,173,346	6,229,596	5,502,033	4,738,336	**3,961,259**
Clark	4,092,569	4,411,237	4,264,442	5,614,184	1,088,753	1,977,893	8,793,446	4,601,597	8,528,782	**4,495,445**
Cowlitz	215,329	5,345,911	2,348,848	1,599,865	1,299,756	2,914,752	3,709,692	1,534,691	1,557,816	**1,073,440**
Grays Harbor	1,776,300	2,667,556	700,385	1,078,365	404,882	1,007,779	2,178,958	1,991,750	2,168,671	**1,067,148**
Jefferson	1,631,808	3,200,661	1,075,049	762,629	1,409,138	669,093	981,510	3,082,453	740,481	**106,218**
King	4,388,319	995,578	425,144	3,638,003	1,836,570	1,053,232	2,737,595	2,474,997	1,112,153	**519,517**
Kitsap	1,109,673	759,721	218,756	400,093	798,357	244,491	495,884	55,958	877,589	**604,056**
Klickitat	112,777	1,256,702	2,307,063	4,157,236	490,525	1,037,450	327,073	209,403	559,355	**53,999**
Lewis	4,356,765	2,606,113	19,053,461	4,421,392	4,715,266	6,738,048	6,147,429	11,076,482	3,439,911	**4,087,301**
Mason	5,336,229	4,774,081	1,432,968	2,585,862	2,416,073	1,500,640	3,062,868	2,616,802	2,024,430	**890,683**
Pacific	2,051,170	2,939,705	2,238,753	2,621,728	963,320	3,428,025	2,060,204	2,547,153	441,369	**2,119,907**
Pierce	5,620,352	1,778,066	2,251,072	1,435,948	1,509,353	742,913	1,523,600	214,159	178,426	**125,040**
Skagit	9,620,659	12,532,120	9,021,036	10,635,736	11,723,743	5,704,325	8,746,747	11,679,594	9,093,422	**4,727,199**
Skamania	533,038	308,142	436,890	540,697	324,117	253,914	1,215,005	747,982	926,532	**874,363**
Snohomish	13,664,903	12,756,744	7,069,004	11,391,018	6,323,157	10,138,226	13,132,194	13,981,341	5,682,380	**10,202,265**
Stevens	36,945	40,922	38,002	42,239	40,587	79,484	47,542	59,973	64,654	**64,721**
Thurston	6,270,700	7,777,205	5,344,608	4,915,648	1,777,592	2,625,128	7,964,904	4,200,388	1,660,728	**3,284,540**
Wahkiakum	1,015,082	2,730,555	2,146,022	571,852	1,170,658	1,516,340	1,820,052	1,400,872	1,956,441	**792,084**
Whatcom	7,467,518	6,075,055	2,648,374	2,420,510	6,067,453	3,569,263	2,405,630	3,543,071	4,468,281	**3,453,955**
Totals	$73,726,233	$78,451,080	$67,490,683	$64,736,409	$53,682,639	$49,374,342	$73,579,929	$71,520,698	$50,219,757	$42,503,140

Note: Revenue is received daily by the Department of Natural Resources for activities on State Forest lands and deposited daily at the Office of State Treasurer. Effective February 1998 these monies are remitted to each county via wire transfer a minimum of four times per month. Due to the specific date monies are received by the Department and the cutoff dates used by the State Treasurer for wire transfers, the revenue for the current period may be different than actual remittances to date.

Table 2. Total Projected Revenues to Counties from State Forest Transfers and Purchase Lands [1/]

(Dollars in Thousands)

	October thru December 2013		January thru December 2014	
County	**High**	**Medium**	**High**	**Medium**
Clallam	$2,214.7	$2,365.7	$3,630.5	$4,689.5
Clark	2,840.2	2,840.2	3,343.6	4,268.6
Cowlitz	245.3	245.3	25.0	112.9
Grays Harbor	103.3	103.3	123.4	342.4
Jefferson	35.0	262.0	153.8	2,008.4
King	12.2	66.8	271.8	761.6
Kitsap	137.0	137.0	241.0	241.0
Klickitat	7.4	228.1	18.6	18.6
Lewis	138.6	138.6	692.0	2,900.4
Mason	65.5	65.5	248.3	248.3
Pacific	751.7	751.7	8.8	461.4
Pierce	0.0	0.0	2.3	2.3
Skagit	1,028.1	1,028.1	2,434.9	2,434.9
Skamania	95.4	138.4	1,609.7	2,475.3
Snohomish	1,898.0	1,900.8	8,122.6	8,122.6
Stevens	3.6	3.6	65.0	65.0
Thurston	1,075.2	1,075.2	968.7	968.7
Wahkiakum	1,411.2	1,411.2	0.3	0.3
Whatcom	321.6	321.6	1,402.1	1,402.1
Totals	**$12,383.8**	**$13,083.1**	**$23,362.5**	**$31,524.3**

[1/] High - 90 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted. Medium - 50 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.

Note: Projected revenues are based on timber purchaser's logging plans as of September 2013. These plans change with changes in the economy and the business needs of each purchaser. Department of Natural Resources' region staff should be contacted concerning possible fluctuations in timber harvest for sales currently under contract and the schedule of future sales on State Forest Lands in your county.