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Commissioner of Public Lands

April 14, 2011

The Honorable Larry Gunther, Chair
Stevens County Commissioners
215 S Oak St
Colville, WA 99114

Subject: Projection of Income from State Forest Lands

Dear Commissioner Gunther:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages about 201 acres of state forest lands (formerly known as forest board lands) that benefit Stevens County. As the attached report shows, these lands are projected to generate $54 thousand in calendar year 2011.

Most of this income is from timber sales. Timber markets, supply concerns, contract requirements and regulatory requirements influence when timber purchasers choose to harvest. The revenue projections rely on purchasers' plans for harvest and may change in future reports if those plans change.

The next projection of state forest land revenues will be available in late July 2011. In the meantime, if you have questions about this report, contact Loren Torgerson, Northeast Region Manager. Loren can advise you of possible fluctuations in timber harvest and provide information on DNR management programs and activities in your county. Loren can be reached at 509.684.7474.

Sincerely,

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County Income Report
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Income from management activities on state forest lands is designated for allocation to several taxing districts in each county, depending upon the location of the activity in that county. Only a very small amount is available for discretionary use by the county.

Revenue from state forest lands (formerly known as forest board lands) comes primarily from harvested timber. Lease activities and rights-of-way applications provide additional sources of revenue. Another source of revenue to the counties is leasehold tax returns, which will vary with the amount of lease activity in any given year.

Table 1 shows the annual revenue for each county from calendar year 2002 through the first quarter of calendar year 2011. As is evident in Table 1, total revenue varies considerably from year to year. Many of the key variables responsible for high revenues in one year can also lead to reduced income the following year.

Revenue projections for each of the 19 counties with state forest lands were made for calendar year 2011. **Table 2** includes the summary of all timber harvest projections listed in Table 2A, and is combined with an estimate of additional revenue from leases, rights-of-way applications, and other activity on state forest lands. **Table 2A** presents projected revenue for each timber sale on state forest lands.

Table 3 presents the volume and net value under contract as of March 31, 2011 that is not currently scheduled for harvest until after December 2011.

These projections were developed by Department of Natural Resources' region staff who contacted each timber sale purchaser with sale rights, to determine approximately how much and when they planned to harvest the timber in each sale.

Projections for each sale's anticipated harvest should be considered a rough estimate only, as actual removal activity depends on individual sale characteristics (species, volume, location, etc.), combined with outside market factors as determined by each purchaser.

The schedule of future state forest land timber sales 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: 4/12/11

County	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Clallam	$3,600,540	$4,777,301	$4,426,097	$5,495,006	$4,470,806	$5,903,404	$9,323,340	$4,173,346	$6,229,596	**1,613,003**
Clark	$2,313,003	$3,820,106	$4,092,569	$4,411,237	$4,264,442	$5,614,184	$1,088,753	$1,977,893	$8,793,446	**1,063,017**
Cowlitz	5,001,470	2,934,808	215,329	5,345,911	2,348,848	1,599,865	1,299,756	2,914,752	3,709,692	**457,248**
Grays Harbor	3,293,823	2,107,685	1,776,300	2,667,556	700,385	1,078,365	404,882	1,007,779	2,178,958	**765,544**
Jefferson	1,778,453	889,650	1,631,808	3,200,661	1,075,049	762,629	1,409,138	669,093	981,510	**698,186**
King	1,976,627	2,889,619	4,388,319	995,578	425,144	3,638,003	1,836,570	1,053,232	2,737,595	**16,542**
Kitsap	31,508	626,030	1,109,673	759,721	218,756	400,093	798,357	244,491	495,884	**18,978**
Klickitat	263,951	1,207,848	112,777	1,256,702	2,307,063	4,157,236	490,525	1,037,450	327,073	**46,632**
Lewis	1,534,075	5,493,493	4,356,765	2,606,113	19,053,461	4,421,392	4,715,266	6,738,048	6,147,429	**1,385,925**
Mason	2,382,746	2,379,357	5,336,229	4,774,081	1,432,968	2,585,862	2,416,073	1,500,640	3,062,868	**575,864**
Pacific	969,916	1,875,588	2,051,170	2,939,705	2,238,753	2,621,728	963,320	3,428,025	2,060,204	**504,871**
Pierce	2,237,462	3,571,913	5,620,352	1,778,066	2,251,072	1,435,948	1,509,353	742,913	1,523,600	**15,612**
Skagit	13,209,159	8,973,769	9,620,659	12,532,120	9,021,036	10,635,736	11,723,743	5,704,325	8,746,747	**3,932,882**
Skamania	55,235	68,576	533,038	308,142	436,890	540,697	324,117	253,914	1,215,005	**212,090**
Snohomish	6,452,352	10,398,846	13,664,903	12,756,744	7,069,004	11,391,018	6,323,157	10,138,226	13,132,194	**2,419,789**
Stevens	33,815	39,619	36,945	40,922	38,002	42,239	40,587	79,484	47,542	**81**
Thurston	3,770,580	4,523,536	6,270,700	7,777,205	5,344,608	4,915,648	1,777,592	2,625,128	7,964,904	**672,494**
Wahkiakum	2,414,098	2,011,817	1,015,082	2,730,555	2,146,022	571,852	1,170,658	1,516,340	1,820,052	**425,753**
Whatcom	5,525,028	6,993,439	7,467,518	6,075,055	2,648,374	2,420,510	6,067,453	3,569,263	2,405,630	**803,850**
Totals	$56,843,841	$65,583,000	$73,726,233	$78,451,080	$67,490,683	$64,736,409	$53,682,639	$49,374,342	$73,579,929	$15,628,363

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)

	April thru June 2011		July thru December 2011	
County	**High**	**Medium**	**High**	**Medium**
Clallam	$403.8	$403.8	$2,372.4	$2,372.4
Clark	524.4	524.4	1,154.3	1,480.9
Cowlitz	261.6	417.4	11.7	136.4
Grays Harbor	87.2	257.3	402.8	402.8
Jefferson	739.1	739.1	1,287.9	1,287.9
King	12.7	635.7	11.0	509.4
Kitsap	19.5	19.5	16.8	16.8
Klickitat	63.9	63.9	91.3	91.3
Lewis	2,416.9	2,416.9	3,103.0	3,103.0
Mason	136.7	136.7	507.7	507.7
Pacific	275.8	382.9	7.6	49.5
Pierce	3.4	3.4	0.0	51.9
Skagit	3,114.0	3,114.0	814.8	814.8
Skamania	96.3	96.3	115.4	347.5
Snohomish	30.8	2,257.5	2,265.0	38.3
Stevens	8.2	8.2	45.3	45.3
Thurston	1,023.6	1,238.9	269.9	829.8
Wahkiakum	244.7	362.3	169.8	169.8
Whatcom	1,478.8	1,478.8	1,593.3	1,593.3
Totals	**$10,941.6**	**$14,557.2**	**$14,239.9**	**$13,848.7**

[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 March 2011. 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.