

**Quarterly Progress Report
July - September 2011**

Project Name: Westside Type N Buffer Characteristics, Integrity, and Function (BCIF) Project
Project Status: Final report
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Sponsoring SAG: Riparian Science Advisory Group (RSAG)

Background:

The purpose of the Westside Type N BCIF project is to evaluate the post-harvest survival of buffer leave trees, changes in stand structure and composition, and changes in riparian functions including shade, LWD recruitment, and soil disturbance. Data collection was initiated immediately after timber harvest in the fall of 2003. Post-harvest low altitude aerial photography and field measurements of canopy conditions were collected in 2004. After a pilot project to evaluate the feasibility of aerial photography, RSAG determined that field data were needed to accomplish the project objectives. Field data was collected 3 and 5 years after timber harvest in the summer/fall of 2006 and 2008.

Current Status:

The ISPR response matrix was approved by RSAG and CMER in June. The final report for CMER approval that incorporates ISPR comments will be completed for RSAGs final review in November of 2011 and for CMER's review and approval by the end of the calendar year. The CMER Approved Final report is the last deliverable for this project.

Budget:

Total project budget through fiscal year 2009:	\$321,416
Total spent through June 2009:	\$284,030
Total allocated for fiscal year 2011:	\$0 (the project budget is included in the NWIFC CMER staff budget; no other budget has been allocated.)

Contract end date:	June 30, 2011 (This project is a line item in the NWIFC CMER staff budget which is extended annually to add budget and time as it is approved)
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