



December 15, 2013

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Subject: 2013 Forest Practices HCP Annual Report,
Incidental Take Permits 1573 (NOAA) and TE 121202-0 (USFWS)

Dear Mr. Kratz:

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I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, after appropriate inquiries, the information submitted in these reports is true, accurate and complete.

Sincerely,



Peter Goldmark
Commissioner of Public Lands

c: The Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor
Washington State Forest Practices Board
Phil Anderson, Director, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Maia Bellon, Director, Washington State Department of Ecology



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