



Washington State Department of Natural Resources **Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO) Assistance Programs**

Effective July 1, 2009

The Department of Natural Resources offers access to a variety of programs and assistance for small forest landowners.

I. Forest Practices Assistance

If you have questions regarding how to fill out a forest practices application, visit the Forest Practices division at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov> or contact the nearest Region office. Within the forest practices program small forest landowners have several options when planning a harvest:

Alternate Plans

An approved Alternate Plan allows site specific management that may differ from standard Forest Practices Rules as long as protection to public resources is equal to that of the standard rules

- For information about Alternate Plans go to the DNR's Small Forest Landowner website at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov> and search "alternate plans" in the window in the upper-right corner
- Contact your Region Office to acquire necessary forms and to ask general questions. The Region can supply a list of consultants that can assist you with alternate plan preparation.

Long Term Forest Practices Applications (LTA's)

Long Term Applications are valid for up to 15 years, add flexibility to forest management practices and encourage long-term planning.

- You are encouraged to contact your Region Office with questions on how to get started with an LTA. Consultants can help you with preparation.
- Unlike a standard forest practices application, an LTA is a 2-step process and application review will likely take 15-45 days for each step.

II. Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP)

The Family Forest Fish Passage Program is administered through the Small Forest Landowners Office (SFLO). This program offers assistance in correcting fish barriers on small forest landowner properties. If you have a fish barrier under a forest road on your property, contact the Family Forest Fish Passage Program Specialist at (360) 902-1400 for further information.

- The program accepts applications year round.
- If you've applied previously, your name is in the database and will be considered for funding in future years.

III. Forest Stewardship Program

The Forest Stewardship Program provides educational and technical assistance

- The Forest Stewardship Wildlife Biologist makes site visits statewide to help you plan wildlife habitat management on your land

- Washington State University Extension is a partner in administering the Stewardship Program, and offers workshops, planning courses, and field days for family forest owners throughout the year

IV. Wildland Urban Interface Program

In the forested counties of Eastern Washington, technical and cost share assistance is available through DNR Landowner Assistance Foresters.

- Foresters can visit your property to offer forest management advice and assist you in completing a stewardship plan for your property
- Foresters can offer cost share on forest health improvement and wildfire risk reduction practices

V. Forest Riparian Easement Program (FREP)

After July 1, 2009 no funding is available for the Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP). Enrolled landowners will be notified of the program status with a letter from DNR. If funding is renewed in the future:

- All landowners who have applied for funding through this program will be kept on record in the order in which they applied.
- New applicants are welcome to continue submitting applications to Olympia
- The SFLO will contact landowners on the list when funding is available.

VI. SFLO Electronic Newsletter and other Outreach

- The SFLO E-mail newsletter for family forest owners will continue to be distributed. This newsletter features information about programs, events, and forestry related news. If you would like to be included in the mailing list, please E-mail sflo@dnr.wa.gov
- Outreach to publicize SFLO programs as well as collaboration to host education events statewide will also continue.

Questions/More Information

Contact the Forest Practices Coordinator at your DNR Region Office or contact the SFLO directly at sflo@dnr.wa.gov, (360) 902-1400, PO Box 47012, Olympia 98504

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