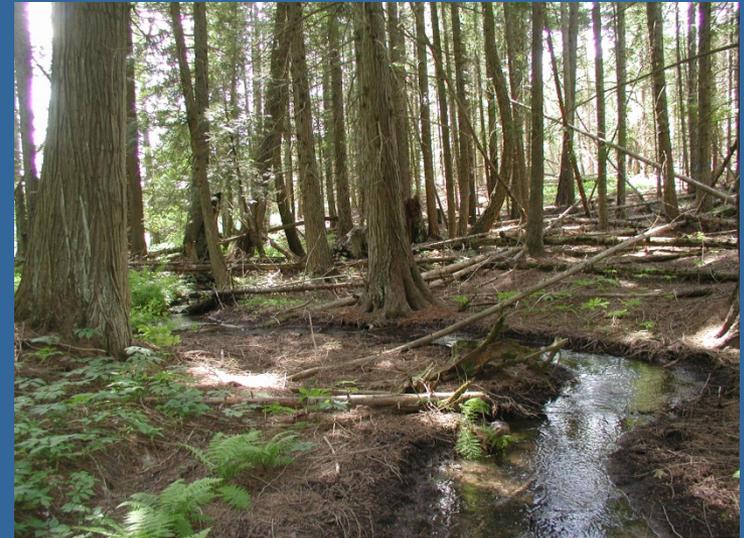




Forestry Riparian Easement Program



Long-term Funding Source Meeting
February 8, 2012 Olympia, WA

Program Attributes

FREP - What is it?



- Purchase of a 50 year conservation easement
- Compensates landowners for trees left in Riparian Areas
- Program sponsored by the State of Washington
- One element of the Salmon Recovery Act that is an integral part of the salmon recovery strategy

Program Origin

- Forests and Fish Report
- Salmon Recovery Act of 1999
- Forests & Fish Rules
- Establishment of SFLO to administer:
 - Forestry Riparian Easement Program
 - Family Forest Fish Passage Program
 - Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee

Program Details

- 290 easements = \$23M to landowners
- Distribution in 29 Counties
- First purchase in August 2001
- Easement values range from \$800 to \$830,000
- Size from $\frac{1}{4}$ acre to 172 acres
- Administration costs = 16.8%

Case Study: Type A Wetland

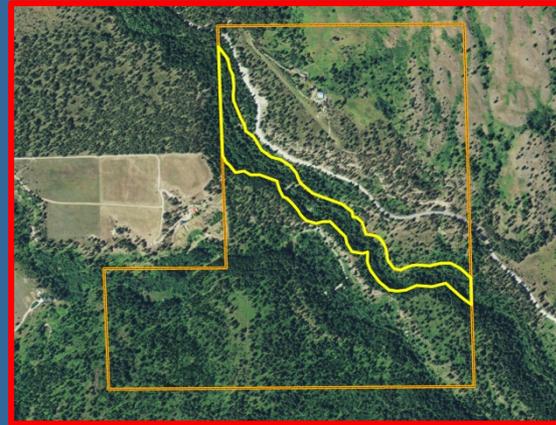


- Westside landowner
- 40 acre parcel
- 4.8 acre easement
- Compensation Value = \$43,385.00
- Reimbursement = \$257.00
- Resource protection = 1028' next to a Type A wetland
- March 2008 - Harvest completed
- June 2011 - Easement purchased



Case Study: Barnaby Creek

- Eastside landowner
- 280 acre parcel
- 22.4 acre easement
- Compensation Value = \$82,100.11
- Reimbursement = \$64.56
- Resource protection = 4200' both sides of type F water
- March 2003 - Harvest completed
- August 2004 - Easement purchased



Budget Summary

- First four biennia funding = \$26M
- FY2010-2011 biennium funding unique
 - \$0 for FY2010
 - \$1M for FY2011
- FY2011 \$ came with proviso requirements
- 12 easements purchased with FY2011 fund
- Sunset of all proviso requirements at end of FY2011



Legislation History

- 2001 – Disapproved harvest now eligible; State pays all closing costs
- 2002 – Clarified reimbursement categories
- 2010 – Capital Budget proviso (prioritization) tied to FY2011 funding
- 2011 – Eight procedure changes; list reported to Governor's office; long-term funding suggestions and report

Rule Development Process

Feb. 1	Draft rule sent to Forest Practices Board
Feb. 14	Board to consider rulemaking initiation
Late Feb. to Late March	Public comment period
Late March	Public meetings in Centralia & Spokane
May 8	Board to consider adoption of rule
Late June	Possible effective date of rule

Copies of the draft rule language is available through the internet at
www.dnr.wa.gov

Acquisition Process

Two Phase Process

Phase 1

Verify eligibility, identify qualifying timber, cruise timber, and determine easement value

Phase 2

Verify funding, title report, Purchase and Sale agreement, escrow agreement, settlement procedures



Current Activities

- Funding is \$1M for FY2012-2013
- Working on Phase 1 work now
- Contract timber cruises – one complete, two active contracts (11 applications)
- Goal for Phase 1 completion for 50 applications by June 2013
- Phase 2 work will begin after June 2012
- Goal to purchase approximately 10 – 15 easements by June 2013



Waiting List

- DNR is taking new FREP applications
- 89 applications on waiting list
- Some applications have been on the list for four years
- Estimate to purchase all easements on list is approximately \$10M



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