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ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH AND MONITORING ACTIVITIES IN THE OLYMPIC EXPERIMENTAL STATE FOREST TO DNR STAFF

February 10, 2016, Forks

DNR scientists shared their ongoing projects in the OESF with the Olympic Region staff and Forest Resources Division managers during the 2016 annual meeting in Forks. More than 40 people attended. Seven projects were presented:

- Regeneration and Stand Responses 10-15 Years after Silvicultural Gap Treatments - *Daniel Donato*
- PCT Influence on Stand Development Pathways - *Richard Bigley*
- State Lands Regeneration Monitoring Study and PCT Insights from a 40-year Study in Western Hemlock - *Scott McLeod*
- Forest Harvest Scheduling with Endogenous Road Costs - *Weikko Jaross*
- Stream Habitat Conditions in the OESF: First Status Results - *Teodora Minkova*
- Development of OESF Riparian Validation Monitoring Program - *Kyle Martens*
- OESF Research and Monitoring Database - *Warren Devine*

Q&A followed each presentation and discussion on integration of research and monitoring activities with land management operations took place at the end. Final remarks were delivered by the Forest Resource Division Manager Angus Brodie and the Olympic Region Manager Susan Trettevik.

The audience was highly engaged and positive. Foresters, scientists, and managers expressed desire to increase the integration between science and operations and to continue demonstrating the relevance of DNR research monitoring activities to state lands management needs.

It was recommended to expand this forum to an annual, one-day OESF conference and to invite external researchers working on the OESF, local land managers, and interested public.



OESF Research and Monitoring Manager Teodora Minkova opens the meeting



Olympic Region Manager Susan Trettevik delivers closing remarks