WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Protecting Vaux's Swift Nests and Night Roosts

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Application: All west-side forested ecosystems covered by the Habitat Conservation Plan, including the Olympic Experimental State Forest Planning Unit.

DISCUSSION

One of the department's overall objectives is to help maintain the geographic distribution of unlisted species that have small home ranges, such as Vaux's swift. This procedure describes the management strategies for activities that are next to or around a known Vaux's swift nest or night roost. The Vaux's swift is an unlisted species of concern. The department will accomplish its objective through implementing the spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and riparian strategies management strategies, and by providing additional protection for trees known to be used by Vaux's swifts.

Action

(1) Identify Vaux's swift nests and night roosts with assistance from a region/division wildlife biologist.

(2) Mark trees or snags containing active or inactive Vaux's swift night roosts or nests to ensure they will not be removed during the management activity. *Note: All green tree and snag retention is subject to the safety standards of the Department of Labor and Industries (Chapter 296-54 WAC).*

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