Protecting Myotis Bat Communal Roosts and Maternal Colonies

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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

This procedure describes the management strategies for activities that are next to or around a know myotis bat communal roost or maternal colony. Myotis bats are an unlisted species of concern. The department's objective is to protect the myotis bats' breeding and resting habitats by minimizing disturbance. The objective will be achieved by implementing the spotted owl, marbled murrelet, riparian, talus, cliff, and cave strategies, and by providing additional protection for trees known to be used by these bats.

Prior to full Habitat Conservation Plan implementation, comply with this procedure to ensure that the myotis bats' breeding and resting habitats are protected.

Action

(1) Identify active and inactive myotis bat communal roosts or maternal colonies. See procedure PR 14-004-070, Identifying Critical Wildlife Habitat and Where to Find Management Strategies.

(2) Mark trees or snags identified as having active or inactive myotis bat communal roosts or maternal colonies, 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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