WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Protecting Pileated Woodpecker Nests

Date: August, 1999
Application: All west-side forested lands 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 the pileated woodpecker. This procedure describes the management strategies for activities that are next to or around a known pileated woodpecker nest. The pileated woodpecker is an unlisted species of concern. The department will accomplish its objective through implementing the spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and riparian management strategies, snag and green tree retention strategies, and by providing additional protection to nests, trees, and snags known to be used by the pileated woodpecker.

Comply with this procedure to ensure the pileated woodpecker's nesting habitat is protected.

Action

(1) Identify pileated woodpecker nests with assistance from a region or division wildlife biologist.

(2) Mark and retain trees and snags that have active or inactive pileated woodpecker nests. *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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