Protecting Marbled Murrelet Habitat

Cancels: This procedure replaces PR 14-004-320, dated August 1999. Replace with this update.

Date: November, 1999
Application: All west-side forested ecosystems covered by the Habitat Conservation Plan, including the Olympic Experimental State Forest Planning Unit.

DISCUSSION

The marbled murrelet is federally listed as an endangered species. This procedure describes the management strategies for activities that are next to or around possible marbled murrelet nesting habitat. Only limited scientific information is available for this species at the present time. Therefore, DNR has developed an interim strategy designed to allow DNR to protect the marbled murrelet on DNR-managed trust lands while collecting the information needed to develop a long-term conservation strategy.

Action

(1) Restrict all management activities that will negatively impact suitable marbled murrelet habitat (i.e., any portion of an area identified as a "suitable habitat block"). (See PR 14-004-070, Identifying Wildlife Habitat Management Needs and Developing Strategies.)

(2) Obtain region manager approval if a harvest is planned adjacent to an occupied site.

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