WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Protecting Peregrine Falcon Habitat

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Application: All forested ecosystems covered by the Habitat Conservation Plan.

DISCUSSION

This procedure describes the management strategies for activities that are next to or around a known peregrine falcon nest. All management activities in the area covered by the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) will adhere to state Forest Practices Rules and state wildlife regulations regarding activities in proximity to a known peregrine falcon nest site.

In the west-side Habitat Conservation Plan planning units, including the Olympic Experimental State Forest, additional protection will be provided for the peregrine falcon by the improved wildlife habitat that will result from riparian and cliff conservation strategies.

Action

(1) Ensure the proposed activity is in compliance with any existing peregrine falcon site- management plan. Contact a region or division wildlife biologist if the existing plan requires modification because of additional information or changing conditions.

(2) Develop a peregrine falcon site-management plan, if no such plan exists, with the assistance of region/division wildlife biologists. Involve U.S. fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) biologists early in the process. Submit the management plan to USFWS for approval.

(3) The region manager will convene/coordinate a multi-agency science team in the event the USFWS does not concur that the management plan is adequate. The science team will determine whether the plan is adequate, and recommend modifications if the plan is determined to be inadequate.

(4) Review, and, if necessary, control public access on DNR-managed lands within 0.5 mile of an active peregrine falcon nest.

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