WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Maximum Size for Even-Aged Final Harvest Units

Cancels: TK 14-001-010 Maintaining Mature Forest Components (Sept 2004)

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Application: All forested state trust lands designated for timber harvest.

DISCUSSION

This procedure outlines how to apply the department's intent to generally limit even-aged final harvest unit size to a maximum of 100 acres, or the legally required unit size of 40 acres in size when located on islands, per WAC 222-30-110, Timber Harvesting on Islands.

"Even-aged final harvest" means that there is a residual stand, meant to last through the next rotation, of fewer than 20 trees per acre that are 10 inches DBH or larger.

Even-aged final harvest units larger than 100 acres may be evaluated when there are special needs (e.g., timber salvage, forest health, land transaction, or environmental protection reasons).

Even-aged final harvest units may only be considered as single units for purposes of size determination if they are separated from adjacent openings as directed in WAC 222-30-025, Harvest Size and Timing.

Action

1. Determine the size of the proposed even-aged final harvest unit.
    a. If the even-aged final harvest unit is less than 100 acres, or less than 40 acres on an island proceed with your timber harvest plans.
    b. Even–age final harvest units (Clearcut) located on an island cannot exceed 40 acres per WAC 222-30-110, Timber Harvesting on Islands.
    c. If the even-aged final harvest unit is greater than 100 acres and the majority of timber is sold for salvage, forest health, land sale or purchase, land exchange or environmental protection reasons, seek region manager approval before including it in the timber sale harvest schedule.
        i. If region manager approves: end this procedure.
        ii. If region manager disapproves: reduce the size of the proposed even-aged final harvest unit so that it does not exceed 100 acres.

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