



MEMORANDUM

October 31, 2013

File No. 10-060101

TO: All interested parties

FROM: Elizabeth O'Neal, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE OLYMPIC EXPERIMENTAL STATE FOREST (OESF) HCP PLANNING UNIT FOREST LAND PLAN**

The Department of Natural Resources is proposing to adopt a forest land plan for the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF). A draft environmental impact statement was issued in 2010. This revised draft EIS responds to comments received on the Draft EIS and replaces the Draft EIS for the OESF. Many changes have been made based on a careful review of the comments received and additional analysis.

The Draft OESF Forest Land Plan and Revised Draft EIS have been prepared to meet DNR's purpose and need, and management objectives for the OESF. The purpose and need and objectives are included in the Executive Summary of the Revised Draft EIS and in Chapter 1. The forest land plan will be based on current DNR policies including the 1997 Habitat Conservation Plan and 2006 Policy for Sustainable Forests as well as all applicable local, state, and federal laws. The forest land plan will provide foresters and managers with information they need to prepare site specific management proposals to meet DNR's objectives for the OESF.

The proposed action includes the related tasks of updating existing procedures, as needed, and developing a new procedure for salvaging timber after natural disturbance events such as wind or fire. In the future, many of the individual site-specific activities (e.g. construction projects, timber sales and harvest, road construction and aerial spraying, etc.) that implement the forest land plan will require additional phased review under SEPA.

Notice of Public Meetings:

Meeting date: November 19, 2013
Time: 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM
Place: DNR's Olympic Region Office
411 Tillicum Lane, Forks, WA

Meeting date: November 21, 2013
Time: 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM
Place: Natural Resources Building, Room 172
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA

The Revised Draft EIS and additional information about this proposal can be viewed on DNR's website at:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/SEPA/NonProject/Pages/amp_sepa_nonpro_oesf_flp_revised.aspx

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on October 31, 2013. We will consider comments on this proposed Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement received by 5:00 p.m. on December 16, 2013. **Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center, at P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. You may also email your comments to: sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.**