



OVERVIEW: Tribes have requested an update from the Department relative to culverts. The panel will provide information and discuss a number of topics with the Leadership to include such things as:

- Maintaining road standards within the context of the Forest and Fish Report
- Stream Simulation; if not, why not
- Life of pipe and maintenance

SOME KEY POINTS:

Maintaining road standards within the context of the Forest and Fish Report

DNR is committed to the protection of clean water and fish. The road maintenance and abandonment plan requires large forest landowners to prioritize road maintenance and abandonment work based on a “worst first” principle — starting with road systems where improvements would produce the greatest benefit for public resources and schedule their RMAP work to be metered throughout the time period on an “even-flow” basis so as not to wait until the last few years to complete all the work.

There are a total of 263 RMAPs; of these, 205 (~78%) will be complete by October 31, 2016. The remaining 58 RMAPs are held by landowners (15) who have requested extensions, and will be complete by October 31, 2021. In total, 7,676 fish passage barriers were identified in all RMAPs and 5,298 have been corrected—resulting in 3,130 miles of restored fish habitat as of 2014.

Stream Simulation

DNR works with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) habitat biologists and engineers to determine appropriate fish passage design (i.e. bridges, stream simulation, no slope) to ensure that fish protection standards are met.

‘Life of Pipe’ and Maintenance

DNR works with WDFW and Tribal biologists on the determination of whether a stream crossing structure is in a condition that allows it to be retained for the extent of its “life”. DNR is monitoring and enforcing the continued maintenance of RMAP requirements and Forest Practices Hydraulic Projects.

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The Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan 2014 annual report provides a comprehensive overview of the RMAP program and accomplishments over the past year and will be finalized in December.

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS:

DNR welcomes Tribal representatives (biologists) to participate in the annual RMAP reviews that are led by Region RMAP Specialists.

DNR also encourages Tribal biologist staff to work with their RMAP specialists to review the RMAP work completed and to be completed with the RMAP specialists.

OVERVIEW: Tribes have requested an update from the Department relative to enforcement. The panel will provide information and discuss a number of topics with the Leadership to include such things as:

- Variance in enforcement practice
- Enforcement support
- Violations by permit holders

SOME KEY POINTS:

Our Mission: Our purpose is to ensure your safety and to protect state assets and the environment. We want to make sure you have a safe and enjoyable experience when you are on state trust lands.

DNR Police Services consists of 11 uniformed commissioned officers, one chief and one assistant. Officers proactively patrol DNR managed lands in several counties within their respective region of responsibility. Our law enforcement partners include, but are not limited to, County Sheriff Personnel, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Patrol, Tribal Police, and U.S. Forest Service.

DNR Police Officers provide education and enforcement in the following area:

Recreation, Special Forest Products, Timber Theft, Public Behavior and Wildland Fire Investigations.

DNR Officers conduct emphasis patrols throughout the year to address large recreational events or areas experiencing high levels of theft and/or vandalism. It is our responsibility to protect and preserve the properties, and natural resources of the State of Washington, DNR employees and to ensure public safety.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Topics/OtherNeighborQuestions/Pages/amp_les.aspx

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OVERVIEW: Forest practices is an expansive area, and tribal staff and leadership have proposed several topics for discussion. It is the intent of the panel to provide some historical context relative to a number of sub-topics to include:

- Cultural Resource protections and Forest Practices Applications; current protections and potential gaps;
- Small Land Owner Alternate Plans and ID Teams; process and practice;
- 2015 Legislative Session Compliance and Adaptive Management budget requests.

SOME KEY POINTS:

Protecting Cultural Resources

DNR will protect cultural resources by assessing each Forest Practices Application (FPA) using screening tools and information provided by Tribes; requiring landowner/Tribal meetings according to the forest practices rules; and applying conditions to approved FPAs as permitted by law. Applications that are likely to have an adverse impact on cultural resources are Class IV-Special and must undergo SEPA.

Alternate Plans for Riparian Habitat Protection

Forest Practices Rules require that alternate plans are as effective in protecting riparian management zones as the rules' standard requirements. Tribal representatives are an essential component of Interdisciplinary (ID) Teams, which review alternate plans, and are highly regarded for their professional knowledge in their areas of expertise.

Compliance and Adaptive Management

DNR is striving to achieve a compliance rate of 90% or greater for all riparian, unstable slopes and road prescriptions. The Adaptive Management Program (AMP) is accelerating the pace of research to assess effectiveness of the forest practices rules. Significant budget needs exist to achieve these outcomes— DNR is requesting \$3.2 million to improve field staff for compliance improvement, and \$5.9 million to support AMP.

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POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS:

- DNR is working with the Cultural Resources Round table to identify and resolve concerns about effective protection of cultural resources without inadvertent discovery of sensitive information.
- DNR has been developing updated program guidance for Forest Practices staff on the Alternate Plan process and expectations for review.
- DNR is holding a series of Forest Practices Application Review System trainings for Tribal staff and will send a request to all Tribes to update their contact information.
- DNR seeks Tribal support for our endeavor to secure funding for the Adaptive Management Program and Forest Practices Compliance initiatives during the 2015 legislative session.