WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Jim Hotvedt, Adaptive Management Program Administrator

DATE: April 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Post-Mortem Findings Report Package by Policy

In my November 2012 quarterly staff report, I reported that Policy was waiting for a package of material (Findings Report Package) from CMER and me related to the non-consensus CMER report "The Mass Wasting Effectiveness Monitoring Project: An Examination of the Landslide Response to the December 2007 Storm in Southwestern Washington" (aka the post-ortem report). As a reminder, because CMER did not have consensus on the report, and because some members did not believe further efforts at reconciling differences would be productive, the CMER co-chairs chose to forward the latest version of the report to Policy as a non-consensus report.

Policy accepted a Findings Report Package at its April 4, 2013 monthly meeting. The Findings Report Package included:

- The post-mortem report,
- Non-consensus CMER members' minority reports on issues related to the post-mortem report,
- Post-mortem report authors' responses to the minority reports,
- CMER's answers to six questions found in Appendix B Framework for Successful Policy/CMER Interaction found in Board Manual 22 Guidelines for Adaptive Management Program,
- CMER's responses to Independent Scientific Peer Review (ISPR) reviewer comments,
- CMER co-chairs' non-consensus post-mortem report transmittal memo to Policy, and
- A summary of minority issues and author's responses to those issues.

The report is now fully in Policy's hands. The next steps are for Policy to determine whether or not any rule or guidance recommendations should be made to the Board, and if so, alternative courses of action that would be appropriate management responses to the information contained in the Findings Report Package.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Walt Obermeyer, Compliance Monitoring Program Administrator

SUBJECT: Status of Compliance Monitoring

2013 Field Sampling

The 2013 sample is 30 percent complete at this time, which is higher than usual due to an early field review start in late January and revised procedures for scheduling on site reviews. The completed work was concentrated in the lower elevations of Olympic, South Puget Sound, and Pacific Cascade regions to avoid weather delays. Compliance monitoring field work reaches optimum production rates from April through June when there is better light and temperature conditions. The program anticipates finishing the sampling season on schedule in autumn.

Staff completed the sample selection for all regions except Pacific Cascade. Pacific Cascade region has the largest proportion of samples and, therefore, requires more time to locate the less common prescription types, such as Type F Desired Future Condition Option 1 harvest and Type F No Harvest Outer Zones.

Annual Report Preparation

The first annual compliance monitoring report is in the process of being written. The Stakeholder Committee reviewed the proposed report outline on March 22. Carol Walters and Charlene Rodgers, FPHCP Administrators, are assisting with Annual report writing. Sections of the report have been drafted and the statistical analysis is nearing completion. The stakeholder committee members will be provided the opportunity to review the draft in May. The program plans on having a final version for review in July.

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April 19, 2013

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Andrew Hayes and Lauren Burnes, DNR on behalf of the Northern Spotted Owl Implementation Team

SUBJECT: Update on Activities of the Northern Spotted Owl Implementation Team (NSOIT)

Since our last meeting to the Board, the NSOIT has met once (February 5th) and has two additional meetings scheduled in late April and early May.

The Board directed the NSOIT last November, "in addition to its duties assigned in February, 2010 and in accordance with its approved Charter…to: Investigate and make recommendations to the Board not later than the August, 2013 Board meeting, as to whether the State should consider seeking: Voluntary "opt-in" federal assurances for forest landowners, designed to promote the establishment, use and operation of a Northern Spotted Owl conservation bank or other voluntary conservation incentive planning tools; or, a programmatic Habitat Conservation Plan, Safe Harbor Agreement or other federal assurance mechanisms…" The expanded NSOIT was convened on February 5th to discuss how to complete the additional Board directive due this August while maintaining momentum on ongoing priority work plan tasks such as the Technical Team, Voluntary Incentives, and Eastside Pilot Project. During the meeting, the NSOIT also had a robust discussion with USFWS staff regarding conservation banking and federal assurances mechanisms. Later this April, the NSOIT looks forward to meeting with a conservation banking expert from California to explore whether northern spotted owl conservation banking could be viable on nonfederal lands in Washington. The NSOIT continues to investigate successful conservation banks and programmatic federal assurances mechanisms implemented across the nation, and is exploring a variety of options before developing recommendations to the Board.

Technical Team: The Technical Team has met four times since our last update to the Board and continues to make steady progress. The current focus of the team is to reach consensus on assumptions for the federal baseline scenarios. The three baseline scenarios include: (1) 2012 final Critical Habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl; (2) Northwest Forest Plan as intended; and (3) Northwest Forest Plan as implemented. Once modeling assumptions are agreed upon, the team will be able to map and deliver their draft federal baseline scenarios to be run by the technical experts who worked on the designation of Critical Habitat project. Staff is currently working to secure the necessary technical expertise under contract in order to complete the anticipated work. This will be an iterative process, and relies heavily on

technical support from the USFWS modeling team to ensure that the NSOIT technical team has a solid understanding of the capabilities and limitations of the USFWS critical habitat modeling tool.

Voluntary Incentives: Last December, the NSOIT held a panel of large landowners to explore the factors a landowner considers when determining whether or not to voluntarily engage in northern spotted owl conservation actions. Participants shared examples of recent conservation transactions in which they participated (including a Habitat Conservation Plan, a Safe Harbor Agreement, a conservation easement, and other conservation efforts), and addressed a number of factors influencing their company's past, present and future participation in voluntary conservation efforts. This May, the NSOIT will hold a panel of conservation funding specialists to help better understand the factors a conservation funder may consider when determining whether or not to voluntarily engage in northern spotted owl conservation actions. Panelists will discuss spotted owl conservation projects their organizations have participated in, and address relevant questions posed by the NSOIT. The NSOIT greatly appreciates the panelists for taking time out of their schedules to have a robust discussion about successful voluntary conservation projects, therefore helping the Team focus their inquiry to ideas having the greatest potential to contribute to owl conservation.

Eastside Pilot Project: The goal of the eastside pilot project is to explore whether prescriptions for thinning overstocked stands on the eastside could be both economically and operationally feasible. Success of the pilot is a high priority for the NSOIT as it has the potential to demonstrate how incentives could be applied to promote beneficial management of spotted owl habitat on non-federal lands. In multiple field visits and over six months of work, the pilot team only found one stand that even marginally meets the requirements established in the Board's 2010 pilot rule. To that end, the team, in partnership with Longview Timber, is currently conducting a stand analysis to determine the likely outcomes of various treatment options for treatment of that stand under the pilot rule. In discussions with staff and Longview Timber, however, the NSOIT is contemplating options for moving forward that acknowledge that the types of stand conditions targeted by the pilot rule on Longview Timber lands do not exist in abundance. The NSOIT will develop a recommendation to the Board for proceeding in the coming months and will provide an update on the Team's progress at the August Board meeting.

We will be available during the May Board meeting should you have any questions.

NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
WORK PLAN

On February 10, 2010 the Forest Practices Board (Board) accepted the consensus recommendations of the Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group, and directed DNR to form an Implementation Team (NSOIT) of five members: DNR, WDFW, industry, conservation caucus, and a land trust group.

The Board also directed the NSOIT to develop a work plan, including prioritization, and directed the team to coordinate with the federal agencies with regard to the Barred Owl control experiments. In addition, the Board directed the NSOIT to formally convene a technical team to assess spatial and temporal allocation of conservation efforts on nonfederal lands using best available science.

While the Board has been provided regular status updates of the NSOIT's work items, the following represents the group's formal prioritized work plan, and is intended to provide information relative to the status and next steps of each recommendation. Information in the work plan will be modified as progress is made on existing tasks, when new tasks are identified, etc.

On November 13, 2012, the Forest Practices Board expanded the NSOIT membership to consist of nine members: DNR, WDFW, two industry representatives, two conservation caucus representatives, a land trust group, USFWS, and a small forest landowner representative. In addition to the tasks outlined in the work plan below, the NSOIT was further directed by the Board in November 2012 to: "*investigate and make recommendations to the Board not later than the August, 2013 Board meeting, as to whether the State should consider seeking: Voluntary "opt-in" federal assurances for forest landowners, designed to promote the establishment, use and operation of a Northern Spotted Owl conservation bank or other voluntary conservation incentive planning tools; or, a programmatic Habitat Conservation Plan, Safe Harbor Agreement or other federal assurance mechanisms*…" The expanded NSOIT will be convened in early February to discuss how to accomplish the additional Board directive due in August in addition to maintaining momentum on ongoing priority work plan tasks.

Item	Status	Next Steps
Endorse a Voluntary Incentives Program For Landowners to Achieve Conservation Goals	This May, the NSOIT will hold a panel of conservation funding specialists to help better understand the factors a conservation funder may consider when determining whether or not to voluntarily engage in northern spotted owl conservation actions. Panelists will discuss spotted owl conservation projects their organizations have participated in, and address relevant questions posed by the NSOIT. The NSOIT held an industry incentives panel on December 6th, 2012 to explore what factors a landowner considers when determining whether or not to voluntarily engage in northern spotted owl conservation actions. Participants shared examples of recent conservation transactions in which they participated (such as a Habitat Conservation Plan, a Safe Harbor Agreement, a conservation easement, or other conservation efforts), and addressed a number of factors influencing their company's participation in past, present and future participation in voluntary conservation efforts. Major takeaway messages from the panel include but are not limited to: the need to provide regulatory certainty to landowners engaging in conservation transactions related to the northern spotted owl; the importance of creating incentive tools that are simple and efficient to participate in; there exist a variety financial and regulatory inventive mechanisms available to landowners that each have value, and individual circumstances and landowner goals dictate the appropriate application of each mechanism; and federal assurances can be an effective tool for creating certainty, but are not desired by all landowners in all circumstances. The NSOIT greatly appreciates the information provided by panelists, and looks forward to continued engagement with the participants as the NSOIT moves forward with its exploration of conservation banking and federal assurances mechanisms. Bettina Von Hagan (EcoTrust) & Cindy Mitchell (WFPA) interviewed an expert in the field of forest incentives (Becca Madsen, Biodiversity Program Manager at Ecosystem Marketplace, Washington, D.C.) and have provided background material to the NSOIT on various ecosystem service markets around the world. They also included links to suggested reading as well as contacts for the various markets. House Bill 2541 was passed in 2010, and will dovetail with efforts of the	1. Possible Conservation Funding Summit 2. Have a discussion on which market(s) and/or framework would work best for NSO habitat in WA 3. Develop a list of questions relative to NSO habitat markets possibilities for future conference calls w/ experts. 4. Pending NSOIT follow-up: recommend to FPB inclusion of NSO habitat outside of SOSEAs for RHOSP. 5. The NSOIT Technical Team process includes developing incentive-based recommendations to best achieve desired conservation outcomes from biological recommendations; their work will help inform the NSOIT of voluntary incentives programs for landowners to achieve conservation goals.

	NSOIT. DNR is required to develop landowner conservation proposals, including both markets and conservation easements, which support forest landowners by December 31, 2011. In the development of the proposals, the DNR must consult with the Board, Indian tribes, small forest landowners, conservation groups, industrial foresters, and state, federal, and local government. The proposed initiatives, if any, must be presented to the Governor, the Legislature, the Commissioner of Public Lands, and the Board. The DNR must also offer to present its findings to the Washington congressional delegation, local governments, and appropriate agencies of the federal government. Paula Swedeen attended the World Resources Institute/American Forest Foundation Conference in Madison, WI at the end of June and led a discussion session on incentives for owl conservation. Participants gave the following recommendations: 1) Develop a state-level "Conservation Stamp" program similar to the federal Duck Stamp program that is used for wetlands conservation. Commission artists to design stamps, sell them with hunting licenses and at recreational good stores, legislatively protect the proceeds so they are used for buying easements on owl habitat/restoration areas; 2) Raise funds from development impact fees; 3)Take advantage of overlap of funds from other ecosystem service priorities such as source drinking water protection areas and watersheds important for salmon; 4) prioritize funds in next Farm Bill (all acknowledged challenges in current federal budget climate). Mark Nechodem, Special Assistant to Secretary Vilsack agreed that targeting funds from the Farm Bill like the Healthy Forest Reserve Program, was a good idea, and he would help us advocate for it. The Encumbered State Forest Land Transfer program, enabled in 2009, provides the necessary tools for the state to maintain long-term working forests and trust revenue to small rural counties. It does so by acquiring productive working forest lands to replace State Forest lands encumbered by harvest restrictions due to Endangered Species Act-listed species, thereby maintaining the corpus of the State Forest trusts. Encumbered habitat lands have to meet two requirements. They have to (a) be located in counties with a population less than 25,000, and (b) be encumbered with timber harvest deferrals that are associated with federal ESA-listed wildlife species and greater than 30 years in length. Lastly, when transferred, lands that meet these	

	criteria must be appraised at fair market value without consideration of management or regulatory encumbrances associated with the listed species' habitat. Once transferred using the Trust Land Transfer program, lands are placed in Natural Resources Conservation Areas.	
Support an Action Program: Outreach to Owners Of Specific Lands Inside And Outside Of SOSEAs	The NSOIT has disused this item, which is intended to conduct outreach to specific landowners who may wish to secure important NSO habitat that is currently not protected. Work on this will be enhanced after the team convenes and obtains results from the Board-mandated Technical Team, which will assess the spatial and temporal strategic allocation of conservation efforts on nonfederal lands. (See the last item on this work plan).	Develop communication strategy, including possible outreach materials for distribution once mechanisms are in place. Cindy (WFPA) has expressed interest in assisting the NSOIT with the outreach program once this component is ready to be addressed.
Promote Barred Owl Control Experiments and Research	The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead agency on Barred Owl control experiments, and the NSOIT is coordinating with the Service on the progress of these experiments, through the Barred Owl Working Group operating within the context of the Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Planning process.	There is not a lot of activity on this issue outside of the Barred Owl EIS process. The NSOIT has requested an update from USFWS once the Barred Owl EIS is finalized in early 2013. The NSOIT continues to track the progress of the Barred Owl EIS process and to-be-rechartered Barred Owl Working Group.
Continue the Current Decertification Process for owls Sites During a Transition Period	The Forest Practices Board adopted a permanent rule in May 2010 which establishes a three-member, multi-stakeholder Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group that makes a determination on whether owl site centers and surrounding habitat is important to the Northern Spotted Owl while the Forest Practices Board determines a long-term strategy for spotted owl habitat conservation. The Advisory Group makes their determination after the Department of Fish and Wildlife determines that surveys for Northern Spotted Owls have met survey protocols that indicate the absence of spotted owls. Membership was updated at the November 13th, 2012 Forest Practices Board meeting and consists of: Aaron Everett, Kara Whittaker, and Marty Vaughn. To date, the Conservation Advisory Group has not been convened.	**This item has been accomplished.**
Initiate Two Washington Pilot	**Eastside Pilot:** A FPB Pilot Rule was adopted to allow one pilot project with Longview Timber in the Entiat SOSEA. The project would explore whether	**Eastside Pilot:** In multiple field visits and over six months of work, the pilot team only

Projects for Thinning and Habitat	thinning in highly stocked suitable owl habitat will improve habitat quality and is operationally and economically feasible. Efforts to secure funding to conduct the thinning project have been unsuccessful. **Westside Pilot:** A Section 6 grant application was submitted to thin and defer Westside forest with the goal of accelerating NSO habitat development. This application was not funded. Non-profits (Pacific Forest Trust and Seattle Audubon) worked to advance owl-related Section 6 projects with landowners for the 2012 funding cycle. Due to lack of financial support for the pilot, initial attempts at initiating the project have been unsuccessful.	found one stand that even marginally meets the requirements established in the Board's 2010 pilot rule. To that end, the team, in partnership with Longview Timber, is currently conducting a stand analysis to determine the likely outcomes of various treatment options for treatment of that stand under the pilot rule. In discussions with staff and Longview Timber, however, the NSOIT is contemplating options for moving forward that acknowledge that the types of stand conditions targeted by the pilot rule on Longview Timber lands do not exist in abundance. The NSOIT will develop a recommendation to the Board for proceeding in the coming months and will provide an update on the Team's progress at the August Board meeting. **Westside Pilot:** The NSOIT is investigating whether, and how, this project, or a similar project, could be reinitiated.
Support Identification and Design of a Flagship Incentive Project	The concept is to test incentives options on a landscape scale, possibly w/ multiple landowners, in order to achieve significant conservation value and competitive, economically sustainable forest management.	Investigate and possibly find areas of opportunity to learn from or collaborate with other efforts, i.e., Tapash Collaborative, Oregon Safe Harbor Agreement, etc. Further efforts are contingent on information obtained from incentive pilots, funding, etc. A pilot under the auspices of ESHB 2541 in the Nisqually River Basin is in early planning stages. Landowners and other participants in the pilot are interested in having a component focusing on owls, in addition to murrelets, water, and possibly carbon.

Approve Measures of Success	"Measures of Success" were recommended to the FPB, which accepted the final report of the Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group.	Re-assess previously proposed "Measures of Success," determine if they provide the proper metrics. Consider updating and reporting the FPB.
Convene a Technical Team to Assess Spatial and Temporal Allocation of Conservation Efforts on Nonfederal Lands Using Best Available Science	**This is the current focus of the NSOIT.** The technical team component of our work plan began following the release of the 2011 Revised Final Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Plan and draft Critical Habitat rule, which contains critical modeling tools intended to assess the importance of different scenarios of blocks of land to be managed for the Northern Spotted Owl. The NSOIT and technical team have received briefings from the USFWS regarding the critical habitat modeling tool and draft critical habitat rule. The Technical Team is developing federal and non-federal baseline scenarios to compare against future modeling runs. The team is also determining how much can already be answered with existing information and what would need to be answered with additional modeling runs.	The team is reaching consensus on assumptions for the federal baseline scenarios. Once modeling assumptions are agreed upon, the team will be able to map and deliver their draft federal baseline scenarios to be run by the technical experts who worked on the designation of Critical Habitat project. Staff is currently working to secure the necessary technical expertise under contract in order to complete the anticipated work. This will be an iterative process, and relies heavily on technical support from the USFWS modeling team to ensure that the NSOIT technical team has a solid understanding of the capabilities and limitations of the USFWS critical habitat modeling tool.

Other Processes the NSOIT is tracking that might be relevant and fruitful:
WWRP appraisal process
Funding

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MEMORANDUM

April 23, 2013

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Engel, Forest Practices Assistant Division Manager, Policy and Services

SUBJECT: Rule Making Activity

Rule making activity includes the following:

2ESSB 6406/Forest Practices Hydraulic Projects – At your May meeting, staff will present a rule proposal and request your approval to file a CR-102 Proposed Rule Making. This rule proposal incorporates the fish protection standards in the hydraulic code rules into the Forest Practices rules.

WAC 222-12-045 Adaptive Management Reform and Forest Biomass – At your May meeting, staff will present a rule proposal and request your approval to file a CR-102 Proposed Rule Making. This rule proposal includes reform measures to the Adaptive Management Program presented to the Board from the Policy Committee as a result of the Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan settlement agreement as well as recommendations presented to the Board from the Forest Practices Biomass Work Group to amend rules relating to harvest of forest biomass.

WAC 222-16-080 Critical Habitat – This rule making remains on hold.

Attached is the timeline for each rule making.

If you have any questions feel free to call me at 360.902.1390.

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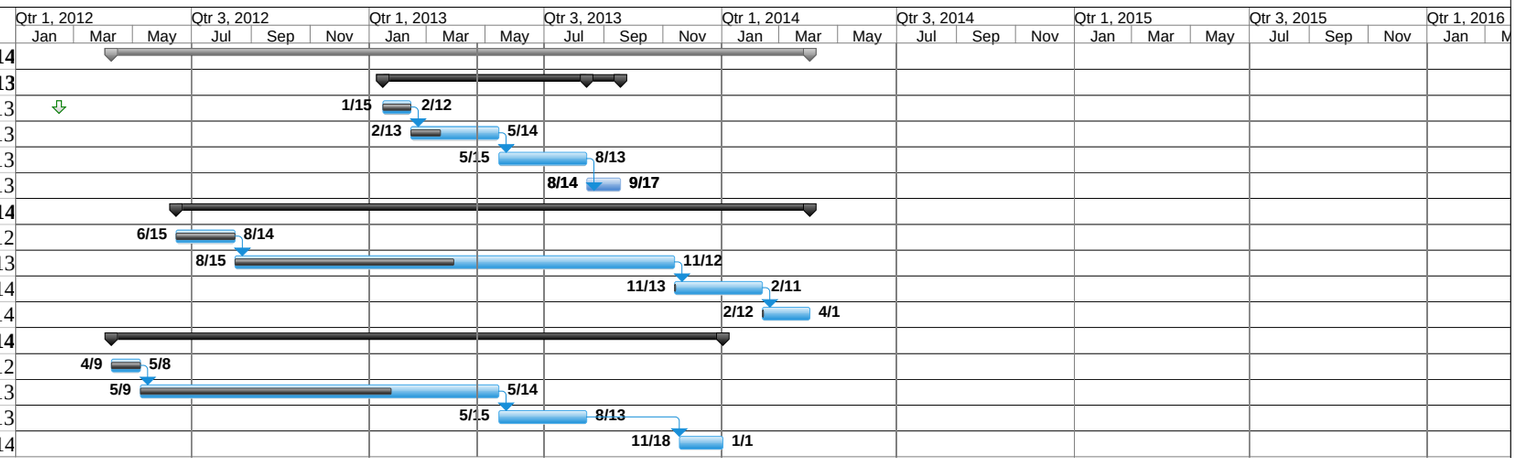
FOREST PRACTICES BOARD
2013 Rule Making Schedule

ID	Task Name	Start	Finish
0	**2012-2013 Rule Making Schedule**	**Mon 4/9/12**	**Tue 4/1/14**
1	**WAC 222-12-045 Adaptive Management**	**Tue 1/15/13**	**Tue 8/13/13**
2	CR101	Tue 1/15/13	Tue 2/12/13
3	CR102 (CBA, SBEIS, SEPA)	Wed 2/13/13	Tue 5/14/13
4	CR103	Wed 5/15/13	Tue 8/13/13
5	Estimated effective date	Wed 8/14/13	Tue 9/17/13
6	**WAC 222-16-080**	**Fri 6/15/12**	**Tue 4/1/14**
7	CR101	Fri 6/15/12	Tue 8/14/12
8	CR102 (CBA, SBEIS, SEPA)	Wed 8/15/12	Tue 11/12/13
9	CR103	Wed 11/13/13	Tue 2/11/14
10	Estimated effective date	Wed 2/12/14	Tue 4/1/14
11	**Forest Practices Hydraulic Projects (2ES**	**Mon 4/9/12**	**Wed 1/1/14**
12	CR101	Mon 4/9/12	Tue 5/8/12
13	CR02 (CBA, SBEIS, SEPA)	Wed 5/9/12	Tue 5/14/13
14	CR103	Wed 5/15/13	Tue 8/13/13
15	Effective date	Mon 11/18/13	Wed 1/1/14



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April 15, 2013

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Tami Miketa, Manager, Forest Practices Small Forest Landowner Office TM

SUBJECT: Small Forest Landowner Office and Advisory Committee

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLAC)
The Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee met on February 28, 2013. Issues discussed included: status of forestry riparian easement purchases under FY 11-13 funding; preparation of 2013 small forest landowner (SFL) roads report; and long-term applications (LTA).

The committee agreed to convene the SFLAC every 2 months, the next SFLAC meeting is scheduled for April 24.

Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP)
DNR continues to receive new applications for the purchase of forestry riparian easements. There are currently 104 landowners that have applied for a forestry riparian easement with a total of 114 applications on file (some landowners have more than one easement application). At this time, DNR has purchased a total of three easements for this biennium and have sent out offers to purchase 10 additional easements before the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2013). All but two of the 10 formal offers have been accepted at this time.

The program is working on creating detailed instructions to assist landowners with the FREP application. This application is also going to be made available on-line on the Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO) web page sometime this May.

Forestry Riparian Easement Program Outreach
In the past couple of months the SFLO has presented a FREP overview to landowners at: regular meetings for the Pierce County and Olympic Chapters of the Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA); and the Family Forest Expo in Auburn.

Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program (R&HOSP)
No activity in this program since last reporting period.

Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP)
The Small Forest Landowner Office received 60 new FFFPP applications totaling 71 project sites since the beginning of this fiscal year (July 1 2012). The number of project sites is greater than the number of applicants as some landowners have more than one project site on their land. The

number of applications received thus far is above the average of 54 applications normally received in this same time period. In response to the $10 million funding provided under the Jobs in the Environment Bill, there are 48 projects planned for completion during the 2013 construction season, nearly double the historical average.

For the 2014 construction season, the FFFPP plans to fund projects to eliminate approximately 50 more barriers. This number may be adjusted based on the actual costs incurred for 2013 project implementation.

Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP) Outreach
The FFFPP published a press release about the new FFFPP video. The announcement was published in twelve newspapers around the state. The program has promoted the video through a DNR blog, DNR Facebook, social media interactions, and a radio interview on KMAS News radio's Environmentally Sound program. The SFLO also created a bookmark to promote the video which will be useful as a handout to interested landowners instead of distributing CDs of the video. All of these amplified outreach efforts have resulted in a significant increase in the number of high priority project applications s for the program.

SFLO is participating in a joint outreach effort with the Central Klickitat Conservation District in the distribution of a letter along with a FFFPP brochure explaining the program to 61 potentially eligible landowners within the conservation district.
The FFFPP annual engineer's conference was held in March. The focus of this conference was a discussion about the successes of recent past projects and the planned projects for the calendar year 2013 and 2014 construction seasons.

In the past couple of months the SFLO has presented FFFPP overview at the: regular meetings of the Pierce County and Olympic Chapters of WFFA, a Timber Fish and Wildlife Meeting for the DNR Pacific Cascade Region, and the Family Forest Expo in Auburn.

Long Term Applications (LTA's)
The approval process for long-term forest practices applications is a two-step process. The first step, Phase 1, is the review and approval of the proposed harvest of the total area identified on the LTA; and the second step, Phase 2, is the resources protection strategies review. There are a total of 119 approved long term applications; which is an increase of 1 approved application since the end of the last reporting period (02/01/2013).

LTA Applications	LTA Phase 1	LTA Phase 2	TOTAL
Approved	0	119	**119**
Under Review	5	5	**5**
TOTAL	**6**	**124**	**124**

The Small Forest Landowner Office is currently updating the long-term application brochure posted on the Small Forest Landowner Office website. This update will ensure it reflects the new information regarding the changes to the Forest Practices Application and correcting region contact information.

Forest Stewardship Program

The forest stewardship program has, effective April 1, added two new members to the program staff:

- Ken Bevis is the new Forest Landowner Assistance Fish and Wildlife Biologist. This statewide position will be based out of the DNR SE Region Office in Ellensburg. Ken comes to DNR following many years of experience at WDFW. Ken replaces Jim Bottorff who retired last fall.
- Boyd Norton re-joins the SFLO as the northwest Washington Landowner Assistance Forester based out of the DNR NW Region Office in Sedro Woolley. He serves an eight county area in northwest Washington and the Olympic Peninsula. Current Landowner Assistance Forester, Mike Nystrom, will continue to serve the south Puget Sound area and Southwest Washington.

2013 Forest Owners Field Days

Last summer, cumulative attendance at these popular regional events topped the 10,000 landowner mark! Events for 2013 will include:

- Eastern WA Forest and Range Owners Field Day: June 22 – Tonasket.
- ID/WA Interstate Forest Owners Field Day: July 13 – Moscow, ID.
- Western WA Forest Owners Field Day: August 24 – Forks.

Forest Stewardship Program Outreach

The Eastern Washington Cost-share Program brochure has been completed and is being distributed to landowners.

The Forest Stewardship Program in conjunction with WSU Extension hosted a Family Forest Expo at Green River Community College in Auburn. The Expo was a hands-on, interactive educational event for families who own forestland throughout Washington. The event was funded through a grant to provide outreach to absentee landowners.

Small Forest Landowner Outreach/Grant Applications

The Small Forest Landowner Office distributed the February issue of Small Forest Landowner News and is in the process of assembling the headlines for the May issue. The Small Forest Landowner Survey remains open with many small forest landowners continuing to complete the survey and subscribe to the Small Forest Landowner News. At this time, 800 small forest landowners have participated in the survey.

SFLO staff continue to interact with stakeholders at DNR Regional Timber Fish and Wildlife Meetings and attend Washington Farm Forestry Association Meetings to promote the program and answer landowner's questions.

The Small Forest Landowner Office is continuing to seek grant opportunities to support all of the small forest landowner programs. The office is currently working on two grant proposals, one funded by the Northwest Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the other funded by the Forest Service Western Competitive Grant solicitation.

Please feel free to contact me at (360) 902-1415 or tamara.miketa@dnr.wa.gov if you have further questions.

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Cultural Resource Roundtable

April 19, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable Co-Chairs
Jeffrey Thomas, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Karen Terwilleger, Washington Forest Protection Association

SUBJECT: Quarterly Report of Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable (covers period from January 2013 to date)

The TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable is pleased to submit this latest report to the Forest Practices Board.

Again, the report is in the form of the Roundtable's Action Item list. This list is reviewed quarterly by the Roundtable and updated here to reflect current activities. Changes from the January 2013 report are highlighted in red and italic print.

The Roundtable, by approval of the Board chair, has combined its two annual reports to the Board into one report. On behalf of the department, the Roundtable reports each August on how the Cultural Resources Protection and Management Plan is working, in partial fulfillment of WAC 222-08-160 *Continuing review of forest practices rules*. The Roundtable gathers information for this report via an annual survey. To fulfill the Board's request for an annual report on how updated WAC 222-20-120 *Notice of forest practices that may contain cultural resources to affected Indian tribes* is working, the Roundtable has added rule-specific questions to its annual survey and will include the results in its annual August report. The Roundtable respectfully believes one annual survey followed by one annual report on cultural resources will be more efficient and meaningful for all involved.

Progress has also been made in several other areas. We've completed draft text for cultural resource guidance that we hope to finish soon and publish on the Cultural Resources page of the DNR's web site. While drafting this guidance, the Roundtable discovered that information regarding forest practices on

DAHP's website can be improved, so that effort is still underway. The Roundtable continues to track progress on Ecology rules to streamline SEPA and modify exemptions to SEPA processes. Addressing cultural resources is one of Ecology's top three priorities in current Phase 2 rule making. The Roundtable has also embarked on an effort to simplify Forest Practices processes to avoid disincentives that could discourage forest landowners and land managers from actively identifying and reporting cultural resources.

Please note:

- Co-chair Jeff Thomas is continuing his graduate program in the College of the Environment at UW and his time to spend on Roundtable work remains limited.
- Former co-chair Peter Heide retired from WFPA at the end of February and has left the Roundtable.
- The Roundtable has appointed Karen Terwilleger, WFPA, to fill the landowner co-chair position.
- The Roundtable has reduced its formal meeting schedule from monthly to quarterly (January, April, July and October) for the remainder of 2013. We maintain momentum with email work sessions and in-person workgroups on specific issues between formal meetings.
- Tribes continue to host our meetings at tribal offices around the state – in April, we were guests of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

We look forward to your May meeting to answer questions or respond to Board requests that may arise at the meeting; and please do not hesitate to contact one of us before the meeting.

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Enclosure

T/F/W Cultural Resources Roundtable					*4/16/2013*	*Changes from the previous report are in Red or Italics*
Project Priority	**Action Items**		**Lead**	**Status**	**Next Action**	**Relationship to the CRPMP**
High	1	Seek funding and staff support for the Roundtable's work	Allyson Brooks	On hold due to state budget situation		
High	2	Prepare the cultural resource guidance documents and tools as agreed to in the CRPMP		*Target completion date: December, 2013*		Educational Program and Commitments
		Scope the guidance/manual project to develop a detailed description and outline of the proposed guidance or manual.		Complete		
		Work products:1) Guidance for T/F/W stakeholders, 2) Guidance specific to forest landowners, and 3) Guidance specific to Tribes.	Jesse and Gretchen	In progress	*Schedule work group in July to review* completed drafts; prepare drafts on remaining sections *with a targeted completion date in time for Forest Practices program's planned update to the Instructions*	
		Post Roundtable guidance documents and other information and training material on the DNR Forest Practices web site		On going		
High	3	*Update the instructions for question 7 of the forest practices application.*	Sherri	*Work group in June to prepare draft for participate review*	Review the instructions and prepare a draft of a revision; *final targeted date of December, 2013.*	This would be an edit to Appendix B of the Cultural Resources Protection and Management Plan
High	*4*	*Follow the State Environmental Policy Act rule making by the Department of Ecology to draft rules to increase categorical exemptions.*	*Gretchen*	*On going*	*Ecology is recommending that Cultural Resource be considered as one of three top priorities for Phase 2 rulemaking. The Roundtable will continue to monitor*	
Medium	5	*Investigate opportunities to develop training workshop curricula for private industrial foresters.*	*Jeffery Karen*	Planning		An education component of the CRPMP

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Medium	8	Develop a Logo for the Cultural Resources Roundtable	Jeffrey	In progress	Draft logo under review	Publicity
Medium	9	CRPMP amendments to consider and further discuss:	*All*	Scoping	Each member of the Roundtable will bring suggestion for amendments to the *October,* 2013 meeting	CRPMP Support
		Regarding MOUs, consider adding a statement specifying when DNR has a role in implementing MOUs and if there is a role, specifying its nature.				
		Under "Education Program and Commitments," modify #2 to recognize that agreements are often executed at the field level without the need for higher level contacts				
		Reference a role for the CRPMP in Forest Practices ID team deliberations and preparation of SEPA documents for Class IV Special FPAs	*Jeffery*			
Low	10	Prepare a report to the Forest Practices Board on the impact to cultural resource protection and management when forest land is converted to another use and regulatory responsibility passes to local government (county or city)	Jeffery and *Karen*	On hold	Wait for other higher priority items to be addressed	

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On-Going Tasks	1	The Roundtable will: (a) meet *quarterly* ; (b) Report- to the FP Board at each regular meeting; (c) Review the CRPMP each year; (d) Report to the FP Board each August on progress of the CRPMP during the previous FY *(e) suggest recommendations for modification to CRPMP* .	Co-Chairs	FPB meeting *May 14* , Report due *April 19* .		Annual and quarterly obligation
	2	Give a CRPMP presentation at Regional TFW meetings as new CRPMP support material is released.	All	Next opportunity for TFW presentations after the 20-120 rule and supporting manual is passed by the FPB		Communication
		Create a Roundtable presentation about the DRPMP and Roundtable activities with a singular message and bullet points	Jeff and Jesse			
	3	Maintain an annual calendar of recurring Roundtable tasks and functions and post on DNR's website. Include FP Board report due dates, DNR regional TFW meetings and upcoming training opportunities. *Emphasize accomplishments when communicating progress on implementing the CRPMP. Post examples of successes and cooperative opportunities on the DNR Forest Practices web site.*	Jeff	Planning	Select calendaring software	CRPMP Support; Communication
	4	Contact individual FP Board members to “champion” CR Roundtable issues	All	Collaborate with current FP Board members regarding cultural resources issues coming to the Board.		Advance the Roundtable's work
	5	Individual caucuses will *continue to* support funding for a **full time** position at DAHP for the maintenance of CR data in support of the forest practices risk assessment tool.	Individual Caucuses	Currently the position has 1/2 time funding [	Next opportunity is the 2013 Legislature	DNR Forest Practices Program support
	6	Seek funding for a CR Module pilot project		On hold	Waiting for the next opportunity	Board Manual Section 11 Appendix J

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Completed Items	1	Cultural Resource Protection and Management Plan (CRPMP)		Completed 2003		
	2	Forest Practices Board adopted the rules recommended in the CRPMP		Completed 2005		
	3	Statutory exemption for sensitive cultural resource information gathered during a watershed analysis CR module or stand-alone CR module		Completed 2005		
	4	Updates to the CRPMP		Completed 2008		
	5	Recommendation to DNR staff and the Board for changes to the historic site definitions in Class III and Class IV Special definition to correct long standing interpretation issues		Completed 2008		
	6	A recommendation to include a cultural resource question on the Phase II 15-year small landowner permit application.		Completed Spring 2009		
	7	Draft a motion for the Forest Practices Board to request that the staff create a CR page on the Department's forest practices website		Complete (Board action was unnecessary)		
	8	With the support of the Commissioners Office, a Charter for the Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable (formerly known as TFW Cultural Resources Committee) delivered to the Forest Practices Board		Completed 2011		
	9	Consensus recommendation on changes to WAC 222-20-120 delivered to the Forest Practices Board		Completed 2011		
	10	As requested by the FPB, review and comment on a suggestion to amend 222-20-120 Sub-Section (3)(c))(i)		Completed 2011	Recommendation adopted by the Board in Feb, 2012	
	11	Prepare a streaming video of Lee Stilson's lecture on cultural resources that typically may be found in Washington's managed forests		Completed May 2012		

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	12	In time for the FY 2012 report to the FPB, develop a method for formally assessing the performance CRPMP in accomplishing its purposes as stated on page 1 of the plan.		Completed June 2012		
	13	Two new cultural resource links have been added to the DNR Forest Practices webpage. Roundtable agendas, notes and action item list are on the Forest Practices Board's webpage		Completed September 2012		
	14	Improve knowledge, understanding and use of the GLO, historic and current USGS quad maps and other publicly available information to identify historic features recognized during 19th century land surveys.		Completed October 2012		Making available tools to improve identification and recognition of cultural resources in the field

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
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PETER GOLDMARK
Commissioner of Public Lands

Memorandum

DATE: April 17, 2013

TO: Forest Practice Board

FROM: Marc Ratcliff, Policy and Services Section Manager

SUBJECT: Forest Practice Board Manual

Board manual development for 2013 includes the following:

Forest Practices Board Manual Section 5, *Guidelines for Forest Practice Hydraulic Projects* – Staff convened and has worked with stakeholders to prepare a draft board manual section 5 to provide guidance for the design, construction and maintenance of forest practices hydraulic projects as required by 2ESSB 6406. The Board can access a draft of this board manual section to refer to while reviewing the draft Forest Practice Hydraulic Project (FPHP) rules. Board Manual Section 5 will be available to view on the web at:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/ForestPracticesRules/Pages/fp_board_manual_development.aspx

In addition to preparing section 5 of the board manual, a number of existing sections of the Board Manual need to be amended to reflect changes in the forest practices rules through the FPHP rule making. Board Manual Section 3, *Guidelines for Forest Roads*; Section 4, *Guidelines for Clearing Slash and Debris from Type Np and Ns Waters*; Section 21, *Guidelines for Alternate Plans*; and Section 26, *Guidelines for Large Woody Debris Placement Strategies* will be amended to provide guidance under the new Forest Practices Hydraulic Project rules. The Board will receive Board Manual Section 5, *Guidelines for Forest Practice Hydraulic Projects* and these amended manual sections for approval at your August meeting.

Forest Practices Board Manual Section 22, *Guidelines for Adaptive Management Program* – Staff plans to convene a stakeholder group beginning in May to initiate amendment of this manual section to include elements of the Adaptive Management rule making resulting from the settlement agreement. The Board will receive this amended manual section for approval at your August meeting.

If you have any questions feel free to call me at 360.902.1414

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