MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Julie Sackett
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SUBJECT: Report on May 2010 FPB meeting public comments made by Log Smarter

Discussions with region forest practices staff to date have indicated that Forest Capitol timber harvest operations have been in compliance with forest practices rules. The region confirmed the incident where chemical application occurred onto an adjacent landowner; aside from this incident there has been no other issues identified by forest practices staff relating to chemical spray application.

Log Smarter expressed numerous concerns pertaining to Forest Capitol's management of forestland. I have combined the concerns that pertain directly to operations into the following categories:

- Timber harvest
  - Rate of harvest
  - Harvest practices
- Chemical use and application
  - Combining chemicals
  - Potential for impact to well sites and water contamination in the area
  - Public safety, specifically recreation and harvest of forest products, within areas receiving chemical application
  - Chemical application to 12-year old Ponderosa pine trees on ownership managed by Forest Capitol
  - Chemical application onto adjacent property owner

My report will consist of a PowerPoint presentation that will cover the following:

- Brief overview of Forest Capitol – the company's background and how long they have been operating in Washington.
- Concerns listed above as identified by Log Smarter will be addressed
- Additional information on the following:
  - How forest practices staff review chemical spray applications
  - How forest practices determines whether chemicals are approved for use in a forested environment
  - Information from the Department of Agriculture
  - Comparison to other large landowners in eastern Washington regarding harvest practices