July 19, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Darin Cramer
Forest Practices Division Manager

SUBJECT: Watershed Analysis Mass Wasting Prescription Review Update

Per the recommendations from the Board Committee on Watershed Analysis, and the discussion at the March 26, 2010 Board meeting, we have been working on prioritizing approved Watershed Analyses (WSAs) for review and developing a standardized mass wasting prescription review process.

Leslie Lingley, Forest Practices Science Team Lead, recently completed a preliminary prioritization and presented the results to a stakeholder committee for review and feedback. Next steps include contacting landowners to determine their interest in pursuing reviews, or opting out of WSA, and establishing a review schedule based on DNR and landowner capacity. Upon completion of these steps we will have a final, prioritized WSA review list. Leslie has also developed a draft framework for WSA mass wasting prescription reviews and provided copies to stakeholders. We will take feedback and develop a complete, draft review process for presentation to stakeholders during a meeting scheduled on July 22nd. We anticipate needing one or two more meetings to finalize the review process, and are targeting the end of August for completion.

In a related action, DNR and the Weyerhaeuser Company have entered into a voluntary agreement regarding how forest practices will be conducted within the Upper Chehalis and Stillman Creek WSAs while reviews are pending. Pursuant to WAC 222-42-010, a Supplemental Directive (SD) was issued and signed by Weyerhaeuser and DNR on May 26th, 2010. The SD advises Weyerhaeuser to supplement existing WSA mass wasting prescriptions with avoidance of potentially unstable landforms as they are currently defined in WAC 222-16-050. When avoidance is not practical, but the activity is consistent with the existing WSAs, Weyerhaeuser will either submit an Alternate Plan or agree the activity will be subject to review under the State Environmental Policy Act. The SD will be in place until DNR has approved updated mass wasting prescriptions for the Upper Chehalis and Stillman Creek WSAs.

I look forward to providing you further information on August 10. If you have questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 902-1088 or darin.cramer@dnr.wa.gov.

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July 16, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Darin Cramer
Forest Practices Division Manager

SUBJECT: Watershed Analysis Rule Making - Action Requested

On May 6, 2010, Jim Hotvedt, Forest Practices Adaptive Management Program Administrator, delivered a recommendation to Forests and Fish Policy regarding the Board's April 23, 2010 Proposal Initiation on Watershed Analysis Mass Wasting Prescriptions. A summary of Jim's recommendation is as follows:

- Place the proposal in the policy track;
- Review WAC 222-22-090, other relevant rules, Board Manual sections and materials from the Board's Committee on Watershed Analysis; and
- Submit recommendations for rule-making and/or Board Manual amendments to the Board as soon as possible.

The recommendation was accepted with one modification. Policy imposed a schedule on itself to try and deliver a recommendation to the Board by December 2010, or earlier, but no later than May 2011.

Good progress had been made to date, and the Policy subgroup overseeing the proposal believes rule making will be necessary to implement the items specified in the Board's proposal. So, at your upcoming August 10, 2010, I will request the Board direct staff to file a CR-101 *Pre-proposal Statement of Inquiry* with the Office of the Code Reviser to notify the public that the Board is considering possible rule making on Watershed Analysis.

I look forward to providing you further information on August 10. If you have questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 902-1088 or darin.cramer@dnr.wa.gov.

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