

Stillman Creek Landslide

presented to Washington State Forest Practices Board

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Stillman Creek

- tributary to the South Fork of the Chehalis River
- western Lewis County
- ~ 15 miles W of I-5, ~ 10 miles S of Hwy. 6, W of Wildwood

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- received on August 23, 2004
- Weyerhaeuser = landowner/ operator
- even-age harvest (i.e., "clear cut"): 106 acres w/ 917 feet of road construction
- notice of FPA distributed via FPARS
- screened by Forest Practices staff
- approved as Class III on September 21, 2004

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- according to Weyerhaeuser: original area under consideration 128 acres, 2 areas totaling 22 acres (17%) excluded after pre-harvest review by Weyerhaeuser staff, due to slope stability concerns
- harvest unit traversed by Weyerhaeuser geologist



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- followed Stillman Creek Watershed Analysis
- WA prescription for timber harvest = no special protective measures for unstable slopes: most slope failures in unit associated with roads
- WA completed = January 1995
- WA 5-year review completed = February 2000: no changes to prescriptions





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- retrospective review: 3 errors and discrepancies that would not have altered DNR's decision to approve application
 - SFL 20-acre exemption claimed
 - contradictory and missing information on harvesting adjacent to typed waters
 - statement about unstable slopes
- conclusion: application was correctly classified and processed by DNR according to the Forest Practices Rules