



Status of Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plans (RMAPs)

**FOREST PRACTICES BOARD MEETING
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RMAP Requirements

Large Forest Landowners

- **RMAPs were required by rule (WAC 222-24-050) in 2001 to meet FP rule standards by October 31, 2016**
- **WAC 222-24-051 Large forest landowner schedule**
 - **20% of roads or land base annually with entire inventory completed by July 1, 2006**
 - **Worst first – highest benefit to the public resources**
 - **Even flow**
 - **Annual Report**



RMAP Extension of Performance Period

- **2011 – new rule allowing large forest landowners to apply for an extension to complete work by October 31, 2021**
- **57 plans were granted extensions**
 - **24 RMAP extensions completed before January 1, 2020**
 - **33 RMAP extensions with remaining work in the final operating season (Summer 2021)**



What has been Accomplished?

- **Over the last 21 years:**
 - **30,782 miles of forest road have been improved**
 - **8,468 fish passage barriers have been corrected, opening 5,184 miles of streams to fish habitat**



RMAP Work Expected to be Done by 10/31/2021

- 33 RMAP plans to be completed**
- 1,446 miles of forest road to be improved**
- 147 fish passage barriers to be corrected**



Barriers to be Corrected

- Landowners reported 595 fish passage barriers identified for 2021 operating season
- Barrier Total Includes:
 - 362 “life of pipe” decisions
 - 86 new discoveries
- 147 fish passage barriers remaining to be corrected by October 31, 2021 (1.6% percent of total barriers identified)



Fish Barriers Remaining After October 31, 2021

- **19 barriers are known**
 - **Unable to purchase specific culverts**
 - **Limited entry to reduce impact to public resources (water, fish, wildlife)**
 - **Adjacent landowners' restricting entry/other property disputes**
 - **Disagreements on water typing or non-fish stream observed fish**
- **DNR is working with landowners taking appropriate action**



DNR Maintaining Focus on Forest Roads

- **DNR is maintaining a regulatory focus so that forest roads meet forest practices rule standards**
 - **Focusing on sediment delivery to waters, and**
 - **ensuring fish passage.**
- **DNR devotes about 10-15% of its regulatory operating capacity on road review and compliance**



Recognition in May



