**Forest Biomass Work-Group**

**Draft Potential Edits**

**March 29, 2012**

The following changes, in red, reflect the requested addition to the proposed definition of forest biomass and an amendment to the definition of forest practice as requested at the March 21st Workgroup meeting.

**“Forest biomass”** (proposed) means material from trees, stumps and woody plants that are by-products of forest management, ecosystem restoration, or hazardous fuel reduction treatments on forest land. Only stumps removed from road and landing construction, for the purpose of forest health, or for conversion to non-forest land qualify as forest biomass.

**"Forest practice"** (proposed amendment) means any activity conducted on or directly pertaining to forest land and relating to the growing~~,~~ and removal through harvesting~~,~~ or processing of timber or forest biomass, including but not limited to:

Road and trail construction;

Harvesting, final and intermediate;

Precommercial thinning;

Reforestation;

Fertilization;

Prevention and suppression of diseases and insects;

Salvage of trees; and

Brush control.

"Forest practice" shall not include: Forest species seed orchard operations and intensive forest nursery operations; or preparatory work such as tree marking, surveying and road flagging; or removal or harvest of incidental vegetation from forest lands such as berries, ferns, greenery, mistletoe, herbs, mushrooms, and other products which cannot normally be expected to result in damage to forest soils, timber or public resources.