



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Forest Practices Board

Subject of possible rule making:

The Forest Practices Board is considering rulemaking to implement 2007 legislation (SSSB 5883) regarding conversion of forest lands to non-forestry uses.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 76.09.040

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The Board intends to define "conversion activities" and set forth administrative procedures in Title 222 WAC, "Forest Practices." The intent would be to ensure that state agencies and local governmental entities who enforce the law understand which activities are deemed conversion activities, and the procedures for issuing and receiving notices regarding conversion from forestry to non-forestry uses.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

The Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) will be involved in regulating this subject. According to SSSB 5883, DOE will receive notices of unauthorized conversion activities from either the local governmental entity or the Department of Natural Resources. The Board will include DOE in rule development.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

The Board will request input from interested stakeholders to develop rule language.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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