

MEMORANDUM

February 2, 2009

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Engel, Assistant Division Manager, Policy and Services

SUBJECT: 2009 Rule Making Schedule

Following is an update on each rule making.

Desired Future Condition – Rule making hearings were held in December and January. At the February meeting, Chuck Turley and Lenny Young will present three proposals for your consideration for a permanent rule.

Desired Future Condition – Fixed Width - Staff has developed some concepts and continues to work with stakeholders for an agreement.

Trees and Houses – Staff continues to address comments received during the 30-day comment period and working with stakeholders to refine the rule proposal. Staff anticipates a rule proposal for your consideration at the May meeting.

Northern Spotted Owl Rule Making – The emergency rule that was approved at your December special meeting became effective January 1, 2009. The CR-101 for the permanent rule was filed with the Office Code Reviser on December 29, 2008. At your February meeting staff will request your approval to proceed with the 30-day review for permanent rule making with the same language as the emergency rule.

Chapters 222-20 & 46 WAC – Staff has begun rule development to reorganize chapter 222-20 WAC and to implement 2007 legislation pertaining to conversions. Staff anticipates presenting a recommendation at your May meeting to consider filing a CR101.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Patricia Anderson at 360.902.1413. Also, I will be happy to answer any questions at the February meeting.

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Attachment:

Rule Making Schedule
2009 Work Plan