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TO: Forest Practices Board

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SUBJECT: Ecology Update on CWA Assurances Milestones

Most of the CWA milestones for 2009 and early 2010 are proceeding approximately one to two months behind their target due dates. With the considered efforts being put forward by DNR management and staff, most of these issues are now moving forward at an exceptional pace. Consequently, processes are being put in place to get on track with the milestones before the end of 2010.

Currently, problem milestones (likely to be delayed more than a few months) include:

- Developing a process to flag CMER studies lagging behind and needing help (Dec. 2009).
- Completing the Hardwood Conversion Temperature Case Study (Dec. 2009).
- Completing study design for Accuracy and Bias (Dec. 2009).

DNR is working with Ecology to apply project planning concepts to track and document completion of the CWA milestones. Project managers and project leads have been established for each group of milestones due later in 2009 and 2010.

Project plans and leads were established for milestones related to:

- Compliance Monitoring Issues – Walt Obermeyer
    - Rule Element Sampling
    - Field Dispute Resolution
    - Non-Compliance Rate for Riparian Prescriptions
- RMAP Issues– Terry Meisenheimer
    - Stakeholder RMAP Participation
    - RMAP Summary
- Water Type Modification Prioritization – Art Tasker
- Tracking Individual Landowner Compliance– Sue Casey
- Adaptive Management Program – Jim Hotvedt

Ecology's greatest concern at this time is securing a budget for the Adaptive Management Program that will allow all of the necessary ongoing and planned work to be completed.