



Status of Implementation of Board Manual Section 16: Guidelines for Evaluating Potentially Unstable Slopes and Landforms

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FPB Rule and Guidance

- **February 2015:** WAC 222-20-010(9) Application and Notification was adopted
 - DNR was authorized to require additional information about unstable landforms to properly classify applications
- **May 2016:** Board Manual Section 16 Guidelines for Evaluating Potentially Unstable Slopes and Landforms was approved



Guidance and Training

- **Training:**

- DNR developed and provided training to staff in January 2016
- DNR provided training to stakeholders between March-May 2016

- **Internal Guidance:**

- In March 2016, direction was issued regarding initial screening and classification of FPAs with potentially unstable landforms



Implementation

- In June 2016, DNR modified the FPA form to improve clarity of requirements:
 - Questions 11 and 12 changed to better align with rule language about operating on or around potentially unstable landforms
 - Slope stability information form required for FPAs in and around potentially unstable landforms



Implementation (cont.)

- Internal Review of Class IV-S and III FPAs
 - In October 2016, the program completed a review of the internal processes established in January and March for review, analysis and approval of certain FPAs
- Follow-up
 - Required mandatory training for program staff on office FPA review and processing
 - Adoption of a standard “diary”



Implementation (cont.)

- Unstable slopes training
 - In April 2017, a one-day training session was conducted in Olympia by the forest practices program
 - Over 90 attendees from landowners, agencies, tribes, local government and DNR forest practices
- Second internal process review
 - Forest practices will conduct a second review of its processes later in 2017



Summary

- About one year after adoption of BM Sec. 16, we are past the “start up” phase
- Questions and issues:
 - Information required of applicants’ qualified experts
 - Policy questions about rule-identified landforms, run-out calculations and so forth
 - Technical assistance for small forest landowners



