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# **2022 DNR Legislative Priorities: Climate Resilience and Salmon Recovery**

## **Agency Request Bills**

### **Keep Washington Evergreen GF-S \$1M/Cap \$25M**

(1) Establish goals to restore the health of one million acres of working forests; conserve one million acres of forests; and plant one million acres of trees by 2040. This will fund environmental and economic analyses to determine how best to restore, conserve and reforest our highest-value working and natural forests. (2) Creation of a rapid response fund to acquire critical forested lands at risk of permanent conversion, either for conservation or to keep working forests working, ensuring that DNR can more effectively fulfill one of its important roles as steward of high-value conservation lands across the state.

### **Derelict Vessel Removal Program (GF-S \$7.5M)**

Investment to stabilize DNR's Derelict Vessel Removal Program to ensure there is reliable and consistent funding for the program to remove more vessels, addressing a backlog and decreasing the total of derelict vessels to protect our waterways and improve fish habitat. This request will allocate 25 percent of the current watercraft excise tax, approximately \$7.5 million per biennium, for this program.

## **Budget Requests**

### **Drought Resilient Washington (GF-S \$450k)**

Funding to evaluate the effect of drought on state trust lands, such as agricultural and forested lands, and neighbors through a targeted analysis that would build on existing DNR practices while evaluating opportunities for improved water rights, storage, and conservation to further watershed health and drought mitigation.

### **Watershed Resilience Action Plan Implementation (GF-S \$400k)**

Investment in critical salmon recovery projects prioritized in DNR's Watershed Resilience Action Plan, including a watershed steward to lead and coordinate implementation of the Action Plan, a fish passage barrier survey coordinated with small forest landowners, a water quality assessment to identify contamination harmful to salmon populations, and partnering with local schools to have Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 7 serve as an outdoor classroom for salmon recovery.

### **LiDAR (GF-S \$3.4M)**

Investment in the state's LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) program to ensure DNR can collect critical information for better and more equitable land and hazard management. This will allow DNR create a more equitable and predictable collection



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cycle that will be used to assess and monitor riparian pathways, forest health projects, fish habitat, and flood and geological hazards, including landslides, tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanic hazards, leading to more resilient communities across our state.

#### **Climate Commitment Act Supplemental Funding (GF-S \$441k)**

Funding to implement the Climate Commitment Act's establishment of a small forest landowner work group to provide recommendations for a carbon offset credit pilot project.