WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

PETER GOLDMARK
Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

Memorandum

DATE: July 25, 2013

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Ratcliff, Policy and Services Section Manager

SUBJECT: Forest Practices Board Manual Adoptions

On August 13, 2013, I will request the Board's approval to adopt Board Manual Section 5, *Guidelines for Forest Practices Hydraulic Projects*. In addition, I am asking the Board's adoption of the following amended board manuals:

- Section 3, *Guidelines for Forest Roads*
- Section 4, *Guidelines for Clearing Slash and Debris from Type Np and Ns Waters*
- Section 21, *Guidelines for Alternate Plans*
- Section 26, *Guidelines for Large Woody Debris Placement Strategies*
- Section 22, *Guidelines for Adaptive Management Program* with Appendix A

Forest Practices Board Manual Section 5, *Guidelines for Forest Practice Hydraulic Projects* – DNR in consultation with stakeholders have finalized recommended guidance for Board Manual Section 5 for the designing, constructing and maintenance of forest practices hydraulic projects.

This section of the board manual is required through 2012 legislation (2ESSB 6406) to accompany and provide guidance to implement the Forest Practices Hydraulic Project (FPHP) rules. As a result, four additional sections of the board manual have been amended to direct landowners to acquire an approved FPA for applicable FPHP and removes references for obtaining Hydraulic Permits from Department of Fish and Wildlife. These sections of the board manual are: Section 3, *Guidelines for Forest Roads*; Section 4, *Guidelines for Clearing Slash and Debris from Type Np and Ns Waters*; Section 21, *Guidelines for Alternate Plans*; and Section 26, *Guidelines for Large Woody Debris Placement Strategies.*

Forest Practices Board Manual Section 22, *Guidelines for Adaptive Management Program* – DNR, with support from the Policy Committee, has completed amendments to Board Manual Section 22 incorporating guidance in support of the Adaptive Management reform rule making. These amendments to the board manual incorporate Policy Committee consensus recommendations relating to key elements of the 2012 settlement agreement regarding the Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan. The amendments include redefining the principle Policy Committee caucuses, amending the dispute resolution process and adding provisions outlining the development and maintenance of the CMER master project schedule.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 360.902.1414 or marc.ratcliff@dnr.wa.gov.

MR