WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

PETER GOLDMARK
Commissioner of Public Lands

MEMORANDUM

April 25, 2014

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Ratcliff
Forest Practices Policy and Services Section

SUBJECT: Board Manual Development Update

DNR requests the Board's approval to delay until 2015 the amending of Board Manual:

- Section 7, *Guidelines for Riparian Management Zones* to coordinate development to coincide with the Board's RMZ rule making timeline;
- Section 22, *Adaptive Management Program* to begin when the TFW Policy Committee (Policy) has the capacity to participate in the process to amend;
- Section 23 (Part 2), *Guidelines for Field Protocol to Locate Mapped Divisions Between Stream Types and Perennial Stream Identification* to begin when Policy has the capacity to finish development of a methodology to identify the upper most point of perennial flow of a Type Np Water during the wet season.

The recommended changes to Board Manual development are shown in the amended Board Work Plan attached to the rule making memo.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 360.902.1414 or marc.ratcliff@dnr.wa.gov .

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April 23, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Walt Obermeyer, Compliance Monitoring Program Administrator

SUBJECT: Status of Compliance Monitoring

DNR Compliance Monitoring staff provided the Compliance Monitoring Stakeholder Committee (Committee) the 2012-2013 Compliance Monitoring draft report for review and comment April 7, 2014. The Committee will provide their feedback in early May which will be considered for edits to the final draft. Publication of the final report is expected prior to the August 2014 Board meeting when report contents will be discussed with Board members.

The Compliance Monitoring Program staff has completed design changes for 2014. The Committee reviewed the plan and design and provided comments in March. Staff made revisions based on comments from the Committee. Committee members and/or participating field staff reviewed the field protocol document and field forms for the 2014 sampling season.

The annual Compliance Monitoring field staff meeting held April 23 included field staff from Tribes, Departments of Ecology and Wildlife, and DNR Region Forest Practices staff. The meeting provided the opportunity to clarify protocols, field procedures and scheduling expectations for those participating in field reviews.

The field sampling for 2014 is scheduled to begin May 5.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Chris Hanlon-Meyer, Division Manager for Forest Practices

DATE: May 7, 2014

SUBJECT: 2014 Legislative Session Impacts

A brief summary of passed legislation and their impacts to the Board and the forest practices program:

SHB 2105 – *Requiring public agencies with governing bodies to post agendas on line*
To promote transparency and strengthen the Open Public Meeting Act, agencies with governing bodies must post meeting agendas online at least 24 hours in advance of each regular meeting. An agency is not required to post an agenda online if the agency does not have a website or if it employs fewer than 10 full-time equivalent employees. Failure to post an agenda online does not provide a basis for an award of attorney's fees, nullification of action taken at the meeting, or an action for mandamus or injunction, as provided under the Open Public Meetings Act.

> **IMPACT** - No impact to the Forest Practices Board because we already do this. The agendas for the Forest Practices Board meetings are placed on the website at least 4-5 days in advance of the meeting.

SHB 2724 – *Exemption of information concerning archaeological resources and traditional cultural places from public disclosure*
This bill expands the public disclosure exemption for cultural resources information at RCW 42.56.300 -Archaeological sites. Exempt is "Any information related to" historical archaeological resources, traditional cultural places, or archaeological resources that is obtained by an agency:

- from another agency,
- from a tribal government, or
- "pursuant to" a data sharing agreement with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
  (DAHP).

> **IMPACT** - Forest Practices' data sharing agreement with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) already includes a section specific to the security of archaeological site data.

Forest Practices Board
Chris Hanlon-Meyer
May 7, 2014

ESSB 5964 – *Training public officials and employees regarding public records*
The bill requires members of a governing body, elected officials, and public records officers to complete training on the requirements of the open public meetings act and the provisions of the public records act within 90 days of assuming duties and a refresher every 4 years. The training may be completed remotely with technology.

> **IMPACT** - Newly appointed Board Members receive an orientation which includes training on records disclosure and retention. This training is already provided by the Attorney General's Office and Forest Practices Division staff. The refresher training every four years is an additional requirement that can be incorporated into the Forest Practices Board training plan.

SSB 6478 – *Dedicated funding for the Forest Practices Adaptive Management Program* – DID NOT PASS
DNR and Ecology requested legislation that fulfills an obligation to seek dedicated funding for the Adaptive Management Program's (AMP) research and monitoring program and to fund performance reviews and audits of the AMP. It also provides additional funding opportunity to the Forestry Riparian Easement Program, the Family Forest Fish Passage Program, and the Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program.

Please feel free to contact me at (360) 902-1398 or chris.hanlon-meyer@dnr.wa.gov if you have further questions.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

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

SUBJECT: Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group Update

The rule establishing the Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group, WAC 222-16-010, requires an annual reporting to the Board of reviews conducted by this group. The rule then asks the Board to determine the need to maintain the Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group.

The Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group evaluates the need, based on available habitat, to maintain northern spotted owl site centers in circles where the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has approved the absence of northern spotted owls, based on protocol surveys, within the suitable habitat supporting a northern spotted owl site center.

Within the last year there were no northern spotted owl surveys submitted for review and approval to the WDFW. As such, the Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group did not meet.

Should you have any questions before your November meeting, please feel free to contact me at 360.902.1309 or marc.engel@dnr.wa.gov.

April 21, 2014

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Andrew Hayes and Lauren Burnes, DNR on behalf of the Northern Spotted Owl Implementation Team (NSOIT)

SUBJECT: Update on activities of the NSOIT

The NSOIT has not met since our last update to the board; however, the technical team has met three times to make progress on their technical report.

In November 2012, the board directed the NSOIT to, "in addition to its duties assigned in February, 2010 and in accordance with its approved Charter…, Investigate and make recommendations to the board not later than the August 2013 board meeting, as to whether the State should consider seeking: Voluntary "opt-in" federal assurances for forest landowners, designed to promote the establishment, use and operation of a Northern Spotted Owl conservation bank or other voluntary conservation incentive planning tools; or, a programmatic Habitat Conservation Plan, Safe Harbor Agreement or other federal assurance mechanisms…" Last August, the board unanimously passed a motion allowing the NSOIT "until November 2013 to complete developing recommendations as assigned by the board at the November 2012 meeting." In addition, an interim report was completed and distributed to the board on August 23, 2013. Addressing this directive has been the primary focus of the NSOIT. Maintaining momentum on ongoing priority work plan tasks – particularly the work of the Technical Team to identify the most effective and efficient places to incentivize northern spotted owl conservation – has been key to this effort. As of the date of this memo, the team continues to receive and evaluate Technical Team work products and develop policy recommendations.

On November 13, 2013 the NSOIT presented a memorandum to the board with consensus habitat incentive and federal assurance recommendations of the NSOIT. The memo outlined recommended priorities for the best locations of proposed habitat incentives to best support northern spotted owl populations. It also recommended that the board and the chair play a role in advocating for funding opportunities as laid out in the August 2013 NSOIT interim report, and that the board pursue a programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement in partnership with US Fish and Wildlife Service. Lastly, it identified a list of tasks that the NSOIT indicated it intended to continue to pursue and complete early this year. The board passed a motion to accept the NSOIT recommendations dated November 8th and authorize the chair to liaise on the Board's behalf in support of these recommendations.

The NSOIT has not met since January 27th, where they were briefed by staff on programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement (SHAs). They were provided an overview of the policy and legal authority for SHAs, a description of the structure of SHA agreements, and a survey of relevant examples of programmatic SHAs for the spotted owl and other listed species. The NSOIT will continue to investigate how a voluntary programmatic SHA might work for the northern spotted owl in Washington.

The NSOIT Technical Team is near completion of their Phase 3 report. The NSOIT reviewed an initial draft of the Phase 3 technical report earlier this year, and the Technical Team is currently undertaking a final review of the report, which they expect to be submitted to the NSOIT for final review before the May board meeting. The Technical Team has also completed additional project planning that identified needs for analysis for which project funding has not been identified. This analysis, if funded and completed, would assist the NSOIT in implementing a voluntary landowner incentive program.

We will be available during the May Board meeting should you have any questions.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Forest Practices Board

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

SUBJECT: Rule Making Activity and 2014 Work Plan

On May 13th I will request the Board's approval to modify your Work Plan to reflect changes to the rule making schedule. These changes will allow DNR and the TFW Policy Committee to complete critical Board and Policy work associated with water typing and unstable slopes and landforms.

The amended rule making schedule in the Work Plan:
Road Maintenance
A CR-101 *Pre-proposal Statement of Inquiry* was filed on March 10, 2014. Staff will continue to prepare a draft rule proposal to present to the Board at your August meeting.

SEPA Clarification and RMZ Clarification
Staff will request Board initiation of these rule makings in calendar year 2015.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 360.902.1390 or marc.engel@dnr.wa.gov.

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FOREST PRACTICES BOARD
2014 WORK PLAN
Updated 2014

TASK	COMPLETION DATE/STATUS
Adaptive Management Program	
· CMER FY 2015 Work Plan and Budget*	May
· CMER Master Project Schedule prioritization*	May
· The Mass Wasting Effectiveness Monitoring Project: A Post Mortem Study Examination of the Landslide Response to the December 2007 Storm in Southwestern Washington*	February
· Program Funding	On-going
· Compilation of TFW Caucus Comments on Hydraulic Code Revision*	February
Annual Reports	
· Clean Water Act Assurances	August
· Compliance Monitoring Biennial Report	August
· Northern Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group	May
· Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly Report	May
· TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable including WAC 222-20-120	August
· TFW Policy Committee Priorities*	August
· Western Gray Squirrel	May
Board Manual Development	
· Section 7, Guidelines for Riparian Management Zones*	*2015*
· Section 22, Adaptive Management Program*	*2015*
· Section 23 (Part 2), Guidelines for Field Protocol to Locate Mapped Divisions Between Stream Types and Perennial Stream Identification	*2015*
CMER Membership	As needed
Rule Making	
· Road Maintenance Clarification	November
· RMZ Clarification	*2015*
· SEPA Clarification	*2015*
Upland Wildlife - Northern Spotted Owl	On-going
Quarterly Reports	
· Adaptive Management Program & Strategic Plan Implementation*	Each regular meeting
· Board Manual Development	Each regular meeting
· Compliance Monitoring	Each regular meeting
· Clean Water Act Assurances	February
· Legislative Update	February & May
· NSO Implementation Team	Each regular meeting
· Rule Making Activities	Each regular meeting
· Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee & Office	Each regular meeting
· TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable	Each regular meeting
· TFW Policy Committee Work Plan Accomplishments & Priorities*	Each regular meeting
· Upland Wildlife Working Group	Each regular meeting
Work Planning for 2015	November

Italics = proposed changes
**= TFW Policy Committee*

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MEMORANDUM

April 16, 2014

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Tami Miketa, Manager, Forest Practices Small Forest Landowner Office

SUBJECT: Small Forest Landowner Office and Advisory Committee

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLAC)
Since my last staff report, the Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee met once on February 20, 2014. Issues discussed included:

- Small forest landowner's compliance monitoring results and the discussion of potential measures to improve compliance to the forest practices rules.
- Potential for regular reporting to SFLAC on small forest landowner's use of Alternate Plans and Long-term Applications.

Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP)
DNR continues to receive new applications for the purchase of forestry riparian easements. There are currently a total of 133 FREP applications on file. For the Fiscal Years 13-15 biennium the FRE program received $2 million which will purchase an estimated 20 easements.

Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program (R&HOSP)
No activity in this program since last reporting period. However, the Legislature appropriated $500,000 to this program for the Fiscal Years 13-15 biennium.

Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP)
The FFFPP was allotted $2 million from the Legislature for the Fiscal Years 13-15 biennium. For the 2014 construction season, the FFFPP plans to use remaining funds (approximately $6 million) from the Jobs Now Act and a portion of the $2 million allotted for this biennium to complete projects to eliminate 43 fish passage barriers.

Long Term Applications (LTA's)
There are now a total of 159 approved long term applications; which is an increase of 8 approved application since the end of the last reporting period (01/23/2014).

LTA Applications	LTA Phase 1	LTA Phase 2	TOTAL
Under Review	6	0	**6**
Validated	22	0	**22**
Approved	2	159	**161**
TOTAL	**30**	**159**	**189**

Forest Stewardship Program

The following are the summer 2014 Forest Owners Field Day Events:

- Idaho/Washington Interstate Forest Owners Field Day, June 21, Elk, WA.
- North Puget Sound Forest Owners Field Day, July 26, Arlington, WA.
- SW Washington Forest Owners Field Day, August 9 (tentative), location TBA.

To date, 11,000 landowners have now participated in these events at 34 venues across the state.

Coached Planning Shortcourses continue this spring, including an on-line option to help improve access for absentee landowners and those who live in areas not regularly served by in-person courses.

Cost-share funds continue to be available to help family forest owners address forest health and wildfire issues in eastern Washington. State capital funds have been added to existing federal grant funds with priority emphasis on Forest Health Warning Areas designated by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

The US Forest Service completed a review of the Forest Stewardship Program in March. They were highly complementary of the program with the only significant issue being the ongoing funding and staffing shortage in western Washington following the loss of state funding for the program in 2009.

Small Forest Landowner Outreach

The Small Forest Landowner Office distributed the March issue of Small Forest Landowner News. The Small Forest Landowner Survey remains open with many small forest landowners continuing to complete the survey and subscribe to the Small Forest Landowner News. Currently 1,045 small forest landowners have taken the on-line survey. Below is a summary of the survey results to date:

Characterization of Ownership

Forty-five percent of the respondents manage less than 20 acres, with 18 percent of the respondents managing more than 101 acres (Table 1). More than one-third of the respondents have owned their land for less than 10 years, with over half the respondents retaining ownership for less than 20 years (Table 2). Intergenerational ownerships (51 years plus) comprised less than a fifth of the total respondents (16%).

Table 1- Acres of forestland managed

Acres Managed	*Percent*
0-10	***24%***
11-20	***21%***
21-100	***37%***
101-250	***9%***
251-500	***5%***
501+	***4%***

Table 2 - Length of ownership

Length of Ownership (years)	*Percent*
0-10	***33%***
11-20	***22%***
21-50	***29%***
51-75+	***16%***

Primary Management Objective
Perhaps the most interesting information gathered is related to the primary management objective of the respondents. Defined categories for this question were Timber Production, Aesthetics, Firewood, Recreation, Wildlife Habitat and Other. For the purposes of this analysis, all choices besides Timber Production are considered "Non-Timber Uses".

When the responses are considered as a whole, over half (57 percent) of the responses indicate that the land is being managed for non-timber production uses (Table 5), with wildlife habitat (22%), aesthetics (13%) and recreation (12%) chosen most often.

Table 3 - Primary management objective.

	Percent
Timber Production	***43%***
Non-Timber Production Uses:	
Aesthetics	***13%***
Firewood	***1%***
Recreation	***12%***
Wildlife Habitat	***22%***
Other	***8%***
Total Non-Timber Production Uses	***57%***

However, when the responses are analyzed in conjunction with variables such as acres managed, the responses paint a more complex picture. Table 6 suggests that ownerships of less than 100 acres are generally managed for non-timber uses, with larger ownership managed for timber. Regardless of ownership size, wildlife habitat remains the most popular non-timber objective, followed by aesthetics and recreation.

Table 4 – Primary management objective by size of ownership.

Acres Managed	*Timber Production*	*Non-Timber*					
		Total	*Aesthetics*	*Firewood*	*Recreation*	*Wildlife Habitat*	*Other*
0-10	***31%***	***69%***	***17%***	***2%***	***15%***	***28%***	***8%***
11-20	***31%***	***69%***	***17%***	***2%***	***17%***	***23%***	***8%***
21-100	***42%***	***58%***	***13%***	***1%***	***12%***	***23%***	***9%***
101-250	***71%***	***29%***	***5%***	***0%***	***5%***	***14%***	***4%***
251-500	***76%***	***24%***	***4%***	***0%***	***6%***	***10%***	***4%***
501+	***76%***	***24%***	***2%***	***0%***	***0%***	***16%***	***7%***
Average	***55%***	***45%***	***10%***	***1%***	***9%***	***19%***	***7%***

Length of ownership may also be a factor in the respondent's primary management objective. The data suggests that ownerships of 11 to 20 years are the least likely to be used for timber harvest,

perhaps reflecting harvest rotation cycles and the age of the timber when the parcels were purchased. Similarly to size of ownership, the most popular non-timber use was wildlife habitat, followed by aesthetics and recreation.

Small Forest Landowner Grant Applications

SFLO staff members are currently researching federal grant possibilities (Grants.gov) and charitable foundation environmental grants, however finding grants categories that are open to state government remains difficult. We recently partnered with the Mason County Conservation District for a Salmon Recovery Fund grant for a barrier assessment of portions of the Tahuya watershed. The grant pre-application has been submitted, with the final package due in August of 2014 and final selection anticipated in December of this year.

Please feel free to contact me at (360) 902-1415 or tamara.miketa@dnr.wa.gov if you have further questions.

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Cultural Resource Roundtable

April 17, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable Co-Chairs
Jeffrey Thomas, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Karen Terwilleger, Washington Forest Protection Association

SUBJECT: Staff Report of Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable to the May 2014 Quarterly Forest Practices Board meeting

The TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable is pleased to submit this latest report to the Forest Practices Board.

Again, the report is in the form of the Roundtable's Action Item list. This list is reviewed quarterly by the Roundtable and updated here to reflect current activities. Changes from our previous report (dated November, 2013) are highlighted in red and italic print.

During the first six months of 2014, the Roundtable is focusing on completing additional guidance for identifying cultural resources and complying with state law, reviewing training materials and discussing potential amendments to the Cultural Resources Protection & Management Plan and producing a new logo. During the past quarter, we have also discussed issues related to FPA conditions related to cultural resources plans.

Please note:

- Beginning January 2014, The Roundtable will hold formal meetings every other month (January, March, May, July, September, and November) and informal work groups during the remaining months. We are maintaining momentum with email work sessions and in-person workgroups on specific issues between formal meetings.

- In 2014, Tribes will also continue to host our meetings at tribal offices around the state.

We look forward to your May meeting to answer questions or respond to Board requests. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us before the meeting.

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Enclosure

T/F/W Cultural Resources Roundtable					*5/13/2014*	*Changes from the previous report are in Red or Italics*
Project Priority	**Action Items**			**Lead**	**Status**	**Next Action**	**Relationship to the CRPMP**
High	1	Seek funding and staff support for the Roundtable's work		Allyson Brooks	*On hold due to state budget situation*	*Identify needs and potential resources*	
High	2	Prepare the cultural resource guidance documents and tools as agreed to in the CRPMP			Target completion date: *Early 2014*		Educational Program and Commitments
			Scope the guidance/manual project to develop a detailed description and outline of the proposed guidance or manual.		Complete		
			Work products:1) Guidance for T/F/W stakeholders, 2) Guidance specific to forest landowners, and 3) Guidance specific to Tribes.	Jesse and Gretchen	In progress	Schedule work group in *April* to review completed drafts; prepare drafts on remaining sections	
			Post Roundtable guidance documents and other information and training material on the DNR Forest Practices web site		On going		
High	*3*	Follow the State Environmental Policy Act rule making by the Department of Ecology to draft rules to increase categorical exemptions.		Gretchen	*On going*	*Ecology is recommending that Cultural Resource be considered as one of three top priorities for Phase 2 rulemaking. The Roundtable will continue to monitor*	
High	4	Investigate opportunities to develop training workshop curricula *and presentation* for private industrial foresters.		Jeffrey Karen	Planning	*Schedule work group in 2014*	An education component of the CRPMP
Medium	5	Develop a Logo for the Cultural Resources Roundtable		Jeffrey *and dAVe*	In progress	Draft logo under review	Publicity

T/F/W Cultural Resources Roundtable					5/13/2014	Changes from the previous report are in Red or Italics
Project Priority	**Action Items**			**Lead**	**Status**	**Next Action**	**Relationship to the CRPMP**
Medium	6	CRPMP amendments to consider and further discuss:		All	Scoping	Members of the Roundtable will provide suggestions for amendments after the guidance document task is completed.	CRPMP Support
			Regarding MOUs, consider adding a statement specifying when DNR has a role in implementing MOUs and if there is a role, specifying its nature.				
			Under "Education Program and Commitments," modify #2 to recognize that agreements are often executed at the field level without the need for higher level contacts				
			Reference a role for the CRPMP in Forest Practices ID team deliberations and preparation of SEPA documents for Class IV Special FPAs	Jeffrey			
Low	7	Prepare a report to the Forest Practices Board on the impact to cultural resource protection and management when forest land is converted to another use and regulatory responsibility passes to local government (county or city)		Jeffrey and Karen	On hold	Wait for other higher priority items to be addressed	

T/F/W Cultural Resources Roundtable					5/13/2014	*Changes from the previous report are in Red or Italics*
Project Priority		**Action Items**	**Lead**	**Status**	**Next Action**	**Relationship to the CRPMP**
On-Going Tasks	1	The Roundtable will: (a) meet quarterly; (b) Report- to the FP Board at each regular meeting; (c) Review the CRPMP each year; (d) Report to the FP Board each August on progress of the CRPMP during the previous FY *(e) suggest recommendations for modification to CRPMP* .	Co-Chairs	FPB meeting *Apr 17* , Report due *May 21*		Annual & quarterly obligation
	2	Give a CRPMP presentation at Regional TFW meetings as new CRPMP support material is released.	All	Next opportunity for TFW presentations after the 20-120 rule and supporting manual is passed by the FPB		Communication
		Create a Roundtable presentation about the CRPMP and Roundtable activities with a singular message and bullet points	Jeffrey and Jesse			
	3	Maintain an annual calendar of recurring Roundtable tasks and functions and post on DNR's website. Include FP Board report due dates, DNR regional TFW meetings and upcoming training opportunities. Emphasize accomplishments when communicating progress on implementing the CRPMP. Post examples of successes and cooperative opportunities on the DNR Forest Practices web site.	Jeffrey	Planning	Select calendaring software	CRPMP Support; Communication
	4	Contact individual FP Board members to “champion” CR Roundtable issues	All	Collaborate with current FP Board members regarding cultural resources issues coming to the Board.		Advance the Roundtable's work
	5	Individual caucuses will continue to support funding for a **full time** position at DAHP for the maintenance of CR data in support of the forest practices risk assessment tool.	Individual Caucuses	Currently the position has 1/2 time funding	Next opportunity is the *2014* Legislature	DNR Forest Practices Program support
	6	Seek funding for a CR Module pilot project		On hold	Waiting for the next opportunity	Board Manual Section 11 Appendix J

T/F/W Cultural Resources Roundtable					5/13/2014	Changes from the previous report are in Red or Italics
Project Priority		**Action Items**	**Lead**	**Status**	**Next Action**	**Relationship to the CRPMP**
Completed Items	1	Cultural Resource Protection and Management Plan (CRPMP)		Completed 2003		
	2	Forest Practices Board adopted the rules recommended in the CRPMP		Completed 2005		
	3	Statutory exemption for sensitive cultural resource information gathered during a watershed analysis CR module or stand-alone CR module		Completed 2005		
	4	Updates to the CRPMP		Completed 2008		
	5	Recommendation to DNR staff and the Board for changes to the historic site definitions in Class III and Class IV Special definition to correct long standing interpretation issues		Completed 2008		
	6	A recommendation to include a cultural resource question on the Phase II 15-year small landowner permit application.		Completed Spring 2009		
	7	Draft a motion for the Forest Practices Board to request that the staff create a CR page on the Department's forest practices website		Complete (Board action was unnecessary)		
	8	With the support of the Commissioners Office, a Charter for the Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable (formerly known as TFW Cultural Resources Committee) delivered to the Forest Practices Board		Completed 2011		
	9	Consensus recommendation on changes to WAC 222-20-120 delivered to the Forest Practices Board		Completed 2011		
	10	As requested by the FPB, review and comment on a suggestion to amend 222-20-120 Sub-Section (3)(c))(i)		Completed 2011	Recommendation adopted by the Board in Feb, 2012	
	11	Prepare a streaming video of Lee Stilson's lecture on cultural resources that typically may be found in Washington's managed forests		Completed May 2012		

T/F/W Cultural Resources Roundtable					5/13/2014	*Changes from the previous report are in Red or Italics*
Project Priority		**Action Items**	**Lead**	**Status**	**Next Action**	**Relationship to the CRPMP**
	12	In time for the FY 2012 report to the FPB, develop a method for formally assessing the performance CRPMP in accomplishing its purposes as stated on page 1 of the plan.		Completed June 2012		
	13	Two new cultural resource links have been added to the DNR Forest Practices webpage. Roundtable agendas, notes and action item list are on the Forest Practices Board's webpage		Completed September 2012		
	14	Improve knowledge, understanding and use of the GLO, historic and current USGS quad maps and other publicly available information to identify historic features recognized during 19th century land surveys.		Completed October 2012		Making available tools to improve identification and recognition of cultural resources in the field
	15	Update the instructions for question 7 of the forest practices application.	Sherri	Completed October 2013	Draft submitted to DNR for inclusion in the next update of FPA Instructions.	This would be an edit to Appendix B of the Cultural Resources Protection and Management Plan

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April 17, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: **Forest Practices Board**

From: **Terry Jackson, Forest Habitats Section Manager**

SUBJECT: **UPLAND WILDLIFE UPDATE**

The following is a summary of new and ongoing state and federal activities related to upland wildlife in forested environments.

Western Gray Squirrel
DNR and WDFW will present the *"2013 Annual Report to the Forest Practices Board: The Status of a Voluntary Cooperative Approach for the Western Gray Squirrel"* at your May 13th Forest Practices Board Meeting. Please see report for further details.

Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly
DNR and WDFW will present the *"2013 Annual Report to the Forest Practices Board: The Status of a Voluntary Cooperative Approach for the Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly"* at your May 13th Forest Practices Board Meeting. Please see report for further details.

Fisher
The fisher is a member of the weasel family that inhabits coniferous forests and dens in snags and tree cavities. It has been a state endangered species since 1998 and a federal candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act since 2004. The Washington fisher population was extirpated due to unregulated trapping, incidental capture and predator control campaigns in the early 1900's. Although the harvest of fishers was prohibited in 1934, they have not been able to recover in the state without reintroductions due to limited connectivity with healthy populations in Oregon and British Columbia.

To date, no forest practices rules have been determined to be necessary in Washington for its recovery. The state recovery plan guided fisher reintroductions in Olympic National Park during 2008-2010. Indications of success for the project include documented breeding beginning the first year after reintroduction and detections of released fishers and their offspring in the summer of 2013 in a wide area on the peninsula across a matrix of forest land ownerships. Monitoring of the newly established population in the Olympic Recovery Area will continue in coming years.

As outlined in the state recovery plan, WDFW is continuing to work with USFWS, National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and U.S. Forest Service to return fishers to their historic

range. Beginning in late 2014, reintroductions will begin in the Cascades, with releases to the South Cascades (Mount Rainier National Park and U.S. Forest lands), followed by the North Cascades (North Cascades National Park and U.S. Forest lands). As was the case when fishers were released in the Olympics, no forest practice rules are recommended at this time.

Pending Federal Decisions

The following updates are intended to keep the Board abreast of proposed or final actions by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding upland wildlife in forested environments. The forest practices rules require that when a species is listed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior or Commerce, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) consults with WDFW and makes a recommendation to the Board whether protection is needed under the Critical Habitat (State) rule (WAC 222-16-080). In addition to this specific requirement, WDFW and DNR continue to coordinate in order to anticipate such federal actions and/or state action in response to changes in the status of a species.

Fisher

Although the fisher has been a federal candidate since 2004, a decision will be made on whether or not to propose the West Coast Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of fisher for listing in September 2014. At this time, it is unclear whether the DPS will be proposed for listing or if Washington will be included in the DPS if proposed. In order to prepare for this and ameliorate uncertainty for landowners concerned that reintroduced fishers might make their way to their land, WDFW is working with the USFWS to develop a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA). Landowners will then be able to sign on to the agreement and with their commitment to certain conservation measures for the species, they will not be required to implement additional conservation measures beyond those in the CCAA or have additional land, water, or resource use limitations imposed on them should the species become listed in the future.

Mazama Pocket Gopher

The Mazama Pocket Gopher (MPG) was listed by the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Commission as threatened in 2006. The state listing included 8 sub-species located in Clallam, Mason, Pierce, Thurston, and Wahkiakum Counties. These populations are found in open prairies/grasslands in southern Puget Sound, including Natural Area Preserves, private land, airports, military bases, and specific alpine meadows in the Olympic National Park.

On Wednesday April 9th of this year (2014), the final federal listing decision of a threatened status was released in the federal register for the MPG. This listing was for 4 sub-species located in Olympia, Roy, Tenino, and Yelm. The rule will become effective May 9, 2014. Major threats to the Thurston/Pierce sub-species of the MPG include prairie habitat loss through conversion and degradation of habitat, particularly from development and the spread of woody plants; and from other factors such as predation and fragmentation into small or isolated populations.

Critical Habitat totaling 1,607 acres in Thurston County was also designated for three of the sub-species of MPG. This was significantly less than the 9,234 acres proposed. No Critical Habitat was designated for the Roy sub-species in Pierce County (JBLM lands were originally proposed). The critical habitat was identified in three units: Olympia Airport Unit, Rocky Prairie Unit, and the Tenalquot Prairie and Rock Prairie Subunits.

Along with the listing decision, a 4(d) special rule was included to allow activities that promote the maintenance of open habitat or restoration of habitat conditions for the four sub-species.

These include: general activities conducted on agricultural and ranching lands, regular maintenance activities on civilian airports, control of noxious weeds and invasive plants, maintenance of roadside rights-of-way, and certain activities on single-family residential landowner parcels.

WDFW is working on providing recommendations for DNR's report to the Board pertaining to possible actions needed as a result of the April 9th federal listing and designation of critical habitats for the MPG.

Gray Wolf

Under federal ESA (1973), gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) are listed as endangered in the western two-thirds of Washington and are delisted in the eastern third. Under state law, gray wolves are listed as endangered throughout Washington. In June 2013, the USFWS proposed to federally delist gray wolves in the western two-thirds of Washington and elsewhere; a final decision is expected later this year. WDFW completed the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (Plan) in 2011. In order to delist wolves at the state level, the Plan calls for one of the following recovery goals to be met: (1)15 successful breeding pairs (not packs) that are distributed across the state's three recovery regions for at least three years, or (2) 18 successful breeding pairs distributed across the state for a single year.

The wolf population in Washington continues to grow at a rate parallel to what has been observed in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. Survey results for 2013 estimated at least 52 known wolves in 13 known packs, including at least 5 successful breeding pairs. Since the first wolf pack was documented in Washington in 2008, the average annual population growth rate is about 39%. Based on this growth, recovery objectives for State delisting could be reached by 2021.

WDFW and DNR will continue to implement the current forest practices rules pertaining to Class IV-Special and critical habitat for gray wolves. To help that process, WDFW is currently developing protocols and procedures for confirming active den sites and for sharing available data to DNR and forest landowners to assist in harvest planning. That being said, wolf management in Washington will likely be in a state of transition over the next few years, with wolves expanding rapidly, and federal/state delisting in the foreseeable future. As such, there will likely be a need to reassess the forest practices rules pertaining to wolves to balance land-use practices with a species that is transitioning quickly from rare to sustainable.

Canada Lynx

The USFWS announced a proposed revision to their 2009 critical habitat designation for the Canada lynx on September 26, 2013. In Washington, a review by WDFW and DNR found that the proposed revised critical habitat designation includes all lands currently designated plus the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, some BLM lands, and Loomis State Forest lands. As in the current 2009 designation, Loomis State Forest lands covered by DNR's Lynx Habitat Management Plan are proposed for exclusion. The revised proposed critical habitat designation will add 3.07 square miles of private land (four small landowners in Okanogan County), lands that do not have developed habitat management plans. In addition, the proposed critical habitat designation contains two large landowners whose lands appear to have expired habitat management plans. WDFW plans to work with the four small landowners to develop management plans, as well as work with the two large landowners to update their management plans.