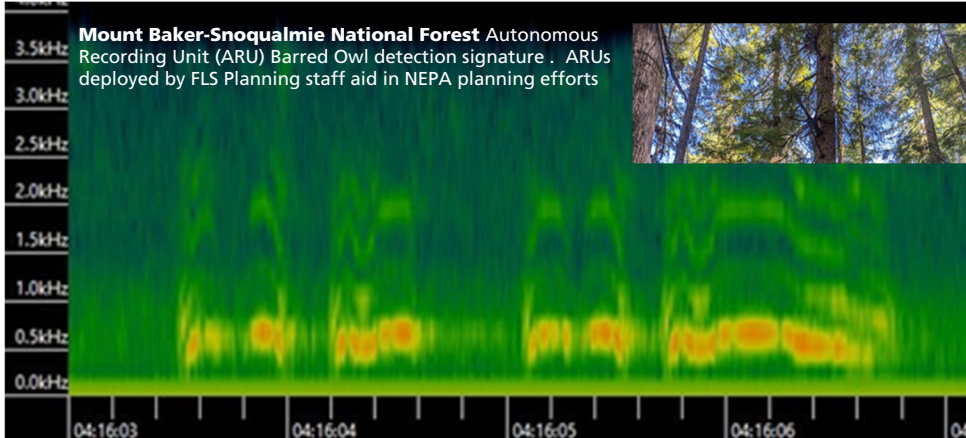


Washington Department of Natural Resources

Federal Lands Section 2024 Annual Update

FLS Staff Spotlight:

Julia Colantonio works in the Federal Lands Engineering Program to support the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS) as additive engineering capacity to address critical forest road needs.



WA State Department of Natural Resources Federal Lands Section (FLS) continues to make progress on its 2023-2025 biennium portfolio of work on the **six national forests in Washington**, as well as **Bureau of Land Management lands**. Through the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), FLS staff are supporting federal partners at a broad level. From NEPA planning services to commercial restoration thinning and addressing forest road issues, the FLS team is laser-focused on efficient and effective work on the ground.

2024 is an important year with **Farm Bill revisions for GNA** underway. Tribal and county partners using GNA and increased flexibility are among anticipated updates. 2023 saw new federal agencies receive access to GNA including the **National Park Service** and the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Fish Service**, expanding our ability to address restoration needs on federal lands.

Julia came to DNR after studying at SUNY College of Environmental Science to work as an intern with the forest roads program, where she put her education to work. She joined the FLS in 2021, focused on northwest WA.

The MBS has some of the most challenging forest road issues in the state, where **impacts to fish and public recreation access** often combine to create complex restoration projects.

When not collecting stream data or studying for her Professional Engineer license, look for Julia and her puppy exploring the Northwest with her standup paddleboard.

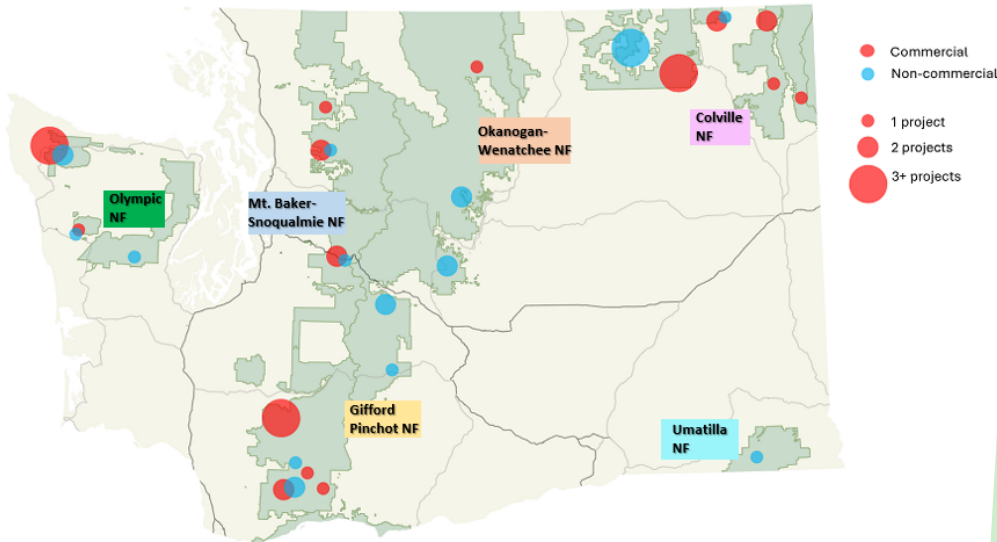
Did you know: The FLS works with other state agencies as part of a larger network conducting GNA work across the West? The FLS participates in the Council of Western State Foresters GNA Committee where we collaborate and share our collective experiences. Visit <https://www.westernforesters.org/committees/good-neighbor-authority-committee>.



Olympic National Forest: 2D Restoration thinning using forwarder yarding technique to reduce soil compaction.



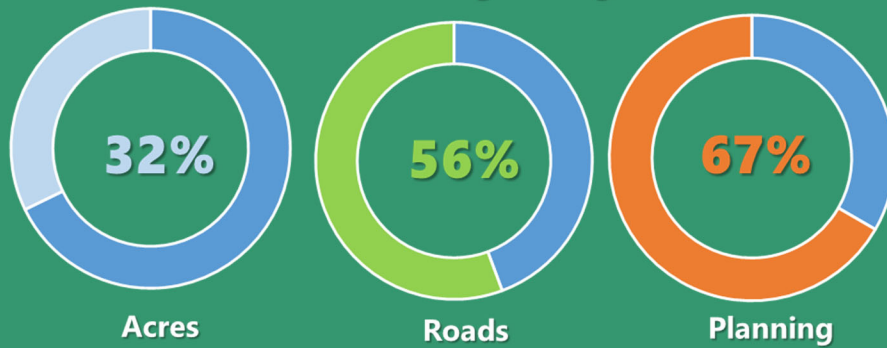
2019-2024 Federal Lands Projects



Since 2019 FLS has implemented:

- ◇ 25,300 acres of restoration work
- ◇ 109 MMBF sold on five national forests
- ◇ 345 miles of forest road improvements
- ◇ 24 NEPA projects across Washington
- ◇ 68 Aquatic Improvement Projects including:
- ◇ 7 Bridge Installations
- ◇ 750 miles of hiking for ARU work and
- ◇ Deployed 147 ARUs to support NEPA planning efforts

23-25' FLS Target Progress



- 23-25 FLS Targets**
- 4,050 Commercial Acres
 - 12,100 Non-Commercial Acres
 - 50,000 MBF Volume
 - 22 Aquatic Improvement Projects
 - 75 Def Maintenance Miles
 - 10 Decom Miles
 - 12 NEPA projects
 - 6 National Forests
 - 1 BLM District

MORE INFORMATION

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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest: The Green Climber LV800 remote slope masticator on a demo day showing how the FLS will use this technology for non-commercial hazardous fuels reduction work

