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To: Forest Practices Board

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Subject: Revised Adaptive Management Proposal Regarding Watershed Analysis Mass Wasting Prescriptions

Attached is a revised version of the Watershed Analysis Mass Wasting Prescriptions Adaptive Management Proposal for your consideration. Staff recommends the Board initiate this adaptive management proposal and forward to the Adaptive Management Program Administrator.

The proposal is focused on WAC 222-22-090 and is intended to address gaps in the current watershed analysis review process. Since 222-22-090 is an asterisked rule, any proposed changes need to be developed within the Adaptive Management Program and agreed to by the Department of Ecology. Therefore, staff has developed the proposal per Board Manual Section 22 by addressing the items outlined on pages 22-7 and 8 in the Board Manual and, if approved by the Board, will be forwarded to Jim Hotvedt, Adaptive Management Program Administrator. Jim will respond to the questions on pages 22-8 and 9 and forward a recommendation to Forest and Fish Policy for consideration.

In addition to initiating the proposal, staff also recommends the Board request a report on an estimated schedule for completion of this proposal at the next regular meeting in May.

Should you have any questions in advance of the April 23rd meeting I can be reached at (360) 902-1088 or darin.cramer@dnr.wa.gov.

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