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MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Leslie Lingley, Former Compliance Monitoring Program Manager

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SUBJECT: Status of Compliance Monitoring

The Compliance Monitoring Program Design has been reviewed by stakeholders and is being revised as needed by the department with assistance by the former Compliance Monitoring Program Manager.

Data entry from our 2008 field season is being concluded with help from the Department of Ecology. These data along with our special emphasis projects comprised of 20-acre exempt parcels and Alternate Plans will be presented in the 2008/2009 biennium report.

In response to stakeholder input, the department will conduct another special emphasis review on wetlands for the 2009 field season. The average number of Forest Practices Applications (FPAs) per year that contains wetland activities is about 13% (600 FPAs). These activities will be conducted in addition to the riparian and roads reviews that are ongoing.

The Department of Ecology will be leading a pilot study on haul roads compliance, and this aspect of the program will be presented to stakeholders for review sometime this spring.

Stakeholder reviews of the Program Design were due by January 15, and revisions will be made as appropriate in relation to the Technical Review suggestions. I have made a commitment to assist in the revision of the document in order to move the program ahead.

FPAs have been randomly generated, screened for appropriate activities, and will be ready for the start of the 2009 field season. Trainings are planned for each Region. All participants are required to attend as stakeholder reviewed Protocols have been finalized.

The draft charter for the steering/advisory committee has been sent to the state caucus lead representatives for review.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 360-902-2138 or leslie.lingley@dnr.wa.gov for any further questions.