WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Commissioner of Public Lands

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Gretchen Robinson
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SUBJECT: Rule Making: Incorporate SB 6406 and Amend Class IV-General Definition

On May 8, 2012 I will request the Board's approval to file a CR-101 *Preproposal Statement of Inquiry* for forest practices rule making to:

- Incorporate provisions of Senate Bill 6406 related to hydraulic project approvals for forestry activities; and
- Add clarity to the definition of Class IV-General forest practices related to timber harvest or road construction within urban growth areas (UGAs).

The CR-101 is the first of three steps required in the Administrative Procedure Act for rule making. It informs the public that an agency is considering rule development on a particular subject. It provides the agency's contact information for anyone who would like to participate in the rule making process.

If you approve this filing, Forest Practices staff plans to accomplish the following related activities in the next few months:

- Develop a timeline for the rule making to implement Senate Bill 6406. We plan to share this with the Board in August.
- Amend the Class IV-General definition to propose to the Board in August along with rule making related to conversions.

I'll be happy to answer any questions at the meeting.

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