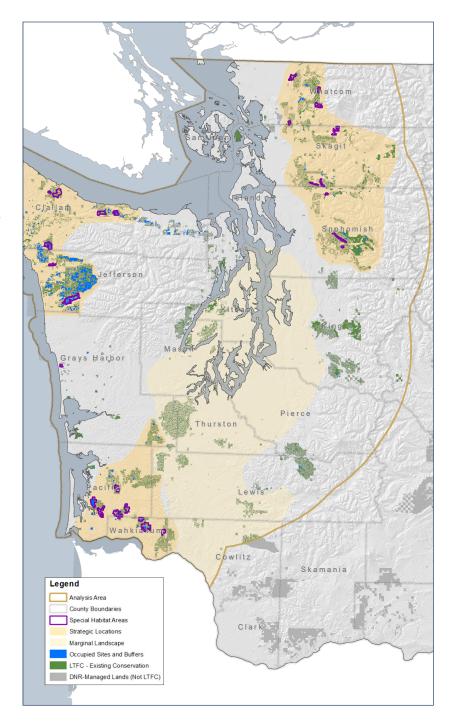


Alternative Profile

The preferred alternative concentrates marbled murrelet conservation into 29 special habitat areas. Long-Term Forest Cover (LTFC) totals approximately 610,000 acres. Special habitat areas are designed to increase the nesting productivity of existing occupied sites in strategic locations by increasing interior forest and reducing fragmentation and edge effects on those sites. The proposed alternative also meters the harvest of existing marbled murrelet habitat outside of LTFC in order to reduce and delay the short-term impacts to the marbled murrelet population. In this proposal, impacts to marbled murrelet habitat, including those from harvesting, roads, and edges, are entirely offset by mitigation, as measured by DNR and USFWS' analytical framework. Moreover, the proposed alternative incorporates conservation strategies and additional mitigation to address uncertainties identified by USFWS and DNR. Finally, the proposed alternative reduces financial impacts to specific trusts and counties that were heavily impacted in other alternatives analyzed in the Draft **Environmental Impact Statement** (DEIS) and in draft alternatives considerd by the Board of Natural Resources.

Note: Detailed analyses of the preferred alternative will be presented in the forthcoming revised draft environmental impact statement for the marbled murrelet long-term conservation strategy.



Components

Occupied Sites and Buffers: 92,000 acres

All occupied sites are conserved and will receive a 100-meter buffer to conserve interior forest conditions.

Special Habitat Areas: 58,000 acres

Twenty-nine special habitat areas concentrate conservation in strategic locations to maximize interior forest conditions around occupied sites and P-stage habitat to allow for the development of large contiguous areas of P-stage habitat. Conservation on State Forest Lands in timber dependent counties, including Wahkiakum, Pacific, and Clallam, was modified from boundaries proposed in Alternative D in the DEIS.

Existing Conservation: 567,000 acres

Approximately 567,000 acres of DNR-managed lands are already in a conservation status supporting species conservation under DNR's State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan. These areas already protect 155,000 acres of today's murrelet habitat on DNR-managed lands. These areas are projected to see an increase in habitat over the next 50 years to 259,000 acres.

Metering:

The harvest of existing marbled murrelet habitat will be delayed to reduce and delay the initial impacts on the marbled murrelet population until later in the planning period when more habitat will be available on the landscape.

Table 1. Summary of financial impacts for the preferred alternative

Impacts calculated for the revised draft environmental impact statement for the marbled murrelet long-term conservation strategy

		Current	
Trusts		Revenue	% Impact
Federally Granted Trusts	Agricultural School	3,000,000	-1%
	Grant		
	Capitol Building Grant	7,000,000	-1%
	CEP&RI and CEP&RI	4,000,000	0%
	transferred		
	Common School and Escheat	28,000,000	-1%
	Normal School	1,000,000	-4%
	Scientific School Grant	6,000,000	-1%
	University Grant	1,000,000	-11%
Other Lands	Community College		201
	Forest Reserve	500,000	0%
	Water Pollution		
	Control Division Trust	200,000	0%
	Land		
	Other	<100,000	0%
State Forest Transfer Trust	Clallam County	6,000,000	1%
	Cowlitz County	2,000,000	0%
	Grays Harbor County	200,000	4%
	Jefferson County	2,000,000	2%
	King County	2,000,000	0%
	Kitsap County	400,000	0%
	Lewis County	7,000,000	0%
	Mason County	3,000,000	0%
	Pacific County	1,000,000	-2%
	Pierce County	300,000	0%
	Skagit County	10,000,000	-1%
	Snohomish County	11,000,000	-1%
	Thurston County	3,000,000	1%
	Wahkiakum County	1,000,000	7%
	Whatcom County	3,000,000	-1%
State Forest Purchase Trust	Multiple counties	2,000,000	-1%

Numbers

Impact11,335 adjusted acresMitigation12,070 adjusted acresEpsilon735 adjusted acres

LTFC 610,000 acres **SHAs** 58,000 acres