



At-a-Glance

A QUICK LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area in King County supports a variety of wildlife including native mountain goats, cougar and black bear.



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a statewide elected official, is Washington's fourteenth Commissioner of Public Lands since statehood in 1889.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) protects our state's heritage of natural resources by sustainably managing millions of acres of state lands in forests, under the sea and across agricultural plains.

Each year, state trust forest, range, commercial, agricultural and aquatic lands generate more than \$300 million

for public schools, state institutions, county services and aquatic restoration. As stewards of these lands, we manage them to also provide our state with fish and wildlife habitat, clean and abundant water and public access to outdoor recreation.

DNR ALSO:

- Protects forestlands and communities against wildfire using wildland firefighting crews and aviation resources, collaborative forest health efforts and community preparedness assistance

- Manages the state's most precious natural areas
- Administers state forest practices rules
- Monitors geologic hazards and regulates the reclamation of surface mines

\$9 billion

has been earned for trust beneficiaries since 1970... non-tax income for schools and communities

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RECREATION SITES

across in 2.2 million acres of land, including more than 70 campgrounds, picnic sites, water access points and 1,100 miles of trail

13 MILLION ACRES

of private and state forestlands are protected by DNR from wildfire—Washington's largest "on call" fire department

Washington's public landscapes are a legacy that provide our citizens with enormous environmental, recreation and economic benefit.



Washington's Trust Lands

DNR manages 3 million acres of trust lands to provide sustainable non-tax revenue for county services and statewide construction of public schools, universities, prisons and other state institutions.

Revenue is produced on state trust lands from the harvesting of timber and forest products, leasing agricultural and grazing lands, communication site leases, mineral leases and other activities.

Trust lands are simultaneously managed to provide vital habitat for many native plant and animal species. They also protect clean and abundant water, while offering public recreation opportunities statewide.



Managing Aquatic Lands

DNR is steward of more than 2.6 million acres of aquatic lands—beaches and tidelands under Puget Sound, the coast, and navigable lakes and rivers. DNR manages these submerged lands to protect fish and other wildlife while also providing commerce, navigation and public access. Revenue is generated by selling geoducks and leasing aquatic lands for marinas, ports and other uses. In addition to protecting and restoring aquatic resources, aquatic revenues help pay for local projects that create public access to aquatic lands.



Protecting Forests and Public Resources

DNR administers the state's forest practice rules which are developed by the state Forest Practices Board. These rules

guide logging, road construction, brush control and other work in the woods on about 12 million acres of state and privately owned forestlands. DNR provides incentives to landowners and loggers so their activities support industry without damaging public resources, such as fish and wildlife, water quality and capital improvements.



Fighting, Preventing and Preparing for Wildfires

DNR is the state's largest on-call fire department, with 1,200 temporary and permanent employees who fight wildfires on about 13 million acres of private and state-owned forestlands. DNR works with other state, federal and local agencies to respond to wildfires, and offers local fire districts support with fire protection and safety equipment requirements.

Crowded, unhealthy forests increase the risk of catastrophic wildfires. DNR monitors forest health across the state and helps teach landowners and communities how to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risks.



Conserving Washington

DNR safeguards

Washington's natural areas - the finest remaining examples of native ecosystems in state ownership.

Also within DNR is the Washington Natural Heritage Program, which studies native ecosystems and species. The program's objective, science-based approach helps determine what needs protection and how to best protect it—information that landowners, public agencies and others rely on to prioritize their efforts.



A Major Recreation Provider

DNR-managed lands provide public access for diverse recreation opportunities in a natural setting. There are destinations for bicycling, bird watching, camping, fishing, hang gliding, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, motorized off-road vehicle riding and picnicking.

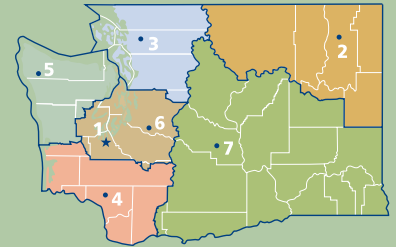
Most of these opportunities are in working forests and habitat areas, which recreationists can help to protect by behaving responsibly when visiting these lands. Volunteers and volunteer organizations play a major role in providing these opportunities through trail work, site improvements, the Forest Watch program and camp host positions.



Producing Critical Geologic Data

DNR's state geology maps and data are used by researchers, geologists, civil engineers and planners to inform industry and community development. Emergency planners also use DNR's LIDAR and other geologic data to prepare for earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions and landslides.

DNR also regulates surface mine and metal mine reclamation, oil and gas drilling, gas storage and geothermal drilling.



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