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# Interpretive Statement

**To:** Code Revisers Office

**Subject:** IFPL restrictions and tethered logging operations

**Description:** RCW 76.04.325 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to regulate/restrict industrial operations on forest lands. DNR implements this authority under WAC 332-24. Part of those rules describe the Industrial Fire Precaution Level system (IFPL) under WAC 332-24-301.

Recent advances in harvest techniques suggest that updated operational guidance about the IFPL restrictions would be helpful and improve forest safety from potential human-caused fires. The interpretive statement referenced here explains that tethered logging system operations are basically new ways of using existing logging equipment, and that DNR's existing IFPL provisions in WAC 332-24-301 regarding that logging equipment (particularly those provisions applicable to power saws, cable yarding, and feller bunchers) apply to tethered logging systems.

This guidance will become effective immediately.

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Alternatively, the interpretive statement may be accessed at the following Internet website: http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ifpl.

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