



MEMORANDUM

June 1, 2010

File No. 10-060101

TO: All interested parties

FROM: Rochelle Knust, SEPA Center Manager

SUBJECT: **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE OLYMPIC EXPERIMENTAL STATE FOREST (OESF) HCP PLANNING UNIT FOREST LAND PLAN**

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages 270,000 acres of forested state trust lands within the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Planning Unit. For this unit, DNR has been carrying out forest land planning to customize the guidance from broader agency forest policies and plans to meet agency goals and address issues on DNR managed lands at the landscape level. On August 2, 2007, DNR issued a Determination of Significance and conducted Scoping for this forest land plan. DNR is now issuing the programmatic draft environmental impact statement. The focus of this Draft Environmental Impact Statement is to provide analysis of potential impacts to the environment from the proposed management alternatives and describe proposed changes to DNR's landscape management strategies to be implemented in this planning unit. While other strategies are important elements of the plan, the key management strategy being examined in this process is the implementation of the OESF riparian conservation strategy.

Consistent with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the WADNR will conduct a phased review. In the future, individual site-specific activities (i.e. construction projects, timber sales, aerial spraying etc.) that implement the strategies may require additional (phased) review under SEPA.

Notice of Public Meetings:

Meeting date: June 16, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM

Place: Port Angeles Senior Center
328 E 7th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Meeting date: June 17, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM

Place: Department of Natural Resources Olympic Region
411 Tillicum Lane
Forks, WA 98331-9271

The Draft EIS and additional information about this proposal can be viewed on DNR's website at:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/SEPA/NonProject/Pages/amp_sepa_nonpro_oesf_flp.aspx

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on June 1, 2010. We will consider comments on this proposed Draft Environmental Impact Statement received by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2010. **Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center, at P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. You may also email your comments to: sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.**