



**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** All interested parties

**FROM:** Rochelle Knust, SEPA Center Manager

**SUBJECT:** **SUMMARY OF SCOPING**

**The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is developing a forest land plan which will produce a set of forest management strategies for the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF) HCP Planning Unit, state lands on the west side of the Olympic Peninsula. These strategies will be part of the OESF Forest Land Plan, and will inform forest management decisions implementing the agency's policies, including the sustainable harvest level for the planning unit, and the 1997 Habitat Conservation Plan. Consistent with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), DNR will complete a phased review. This first phase is a programmatic proposal, which assesses potential environmental impacts of the strategies. In the future, individual site-specific activities (i.e. construction projects, timber sales, aerial spraying, etc.) that implement the strategies may require additional review under SEPA.**

**A Summary of Scoping has been issued which summarizes comments and responses to an expanded SEPA scoping process for the plan and EIS. This summary document, as well as the threshold determination can be viewed on DNR's website at:**

[http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/SEPANonProject/Pages/amp\\_sepa\\_nonpro\\_oesf\\_flp.aspx](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/SEPANonProject/Pages/amp_sepa_nonpro_oesf_flp.aspx)

**You can also find more information by visiting the DNR Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF) Forest Land Planning site at:**

[http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/StateTrustLandsForestManagement/Pages/lm\\_flp\\_oesf.aspx](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/StateTrustLandsForestManagement/Pages/lm_flp_oesf.aspx)