



January 25, 2007

The Honorable Paul Pearce, Chair
Skamania County Commissioners
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Subject: Projection of Income from State Forest Lands

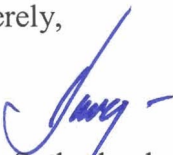
Dear Commissioner Pearce 

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages about 42,908 acres of state forest lands (formerly known as forest board lands) that benefit Skamania County. As the attached report shows, in calendar year 2006, these lands generated \$440 thousand and are projected to generate \$850 thousand in calendar year 2007. This represents an increase of \$450 thousand from the 2007 projection in the October 2006 report.

Most of this income is from timber sales. Timber markets, supply concerns, contract requirements and regulatory requirements influence when timber purchasers choose to harvest. The revenue projections rely on purchasers' plans for harvest and may change in future reports if those plans change.

The next projection of state forest land revenues will be available in late April 2007. In the meantime, if you have questions about this report, contact Eric Schroff, Pacific Cascade Region Manager. Eric can advise you of possible fluctuations in timber harvest and provide information on DNR management programs and activities in your county. Eric can be reached at 360.577.2025.

Sincerely,



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County Income Report January 2007

Income from management activities on state forest lands is designated for allocation to several taxing districts in each county, depending upon the location of the activity in that county. Only a very small amount is available for discretionary use by the county.

Revenue from state forest lands (formerly known as forest board lands) come primarily from harvested timber. Lease activities and rights-of-way applications provide additional sources of revenue. Another source of revenue to the counties is leasehold tax returns, which will vary with the amount of lease activity in any given year.

Table 1 shows the annual revenue for each county from calendar year 1997 through calendar year 2006. As is evident in Table 1, total revenue varies considerably from year to year. Many of the key variables responsible for high revenues in one year can also lead to reduced income the following year.

Revenue projections for each of the 19 counties with state forest lands were made for calendar year 2007. **Table 2** includes the summary of all timber harvest projections listed in Table 2A, and is combined with an estimate of additional revenue from leases, rights-of-way applications, and other activity on state forest lands. **Table 2A** presents projected revenue for each timber sale on state forest lands.

Table 3 presents the volume and net value under contract as of December 31, 2006 that is not currently scheduled for harvest until after December 2007.

These projections were developed by Department of Natural Resources' region staff who contacted each timber sale purchaser with sale rights, to determine approximately how much and when they planned to harvest the timber in each sale.

Projections for each sale's anticipated harvest should be considered a rough estimate only, as actual removal activity depends on individual sale characteristics (species, volume, location, etc.), combined with outside market factors as determined by each purchaser.

The schedule of future state forest land timber sales in your county is available upon request from Department of Natural Resources' region staff.

Table 1. Revenue to Counties from State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands (Calendar Years)

Updated: 1/10/07

County	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2,003	2004	2005	Jan - Dec 2006
Clallam	\$10,271,598	\$12,686,274	\$8,067,336	\$5,758,321	\$6,963,919	\$3,600,540	\$4,777,301	\$4,426,097	\$5,495,006	\$4,470,806
Clark	5,021,940	6,007,736	5,201,304	2,366,311	3,573,835	2,313,003	3,820,106	4,092,569	4,411,237	4,264,442
Cowlitz	3,357,206	3,017,014	3,348,777	1,212,652	1,839,302	5,001,470	2,934,808	215,329	5,345,911	2,348,848
Grays Harbor	4,943,351	1,784,346	2,028,606	2,352,472	1,862,881	3,293,823	2,107,685	1,776,300	2,667,556	700,385
Jefferson	556,130	1,957,760	1,663,170	1,649,297	518,203	1,778,453	889,650	1,631,808	3,200,661	1,075,049
King	2,993,582	2,160,183	3,223,396	1,143,568	1,835,851	1,976,627	2,889,619	4,388,319	995,578	425,144
Kitsap	3,004,528	406,398	753,902	599,418	729,223	31,508	626,030	1,109,673	759,721	218,756
Klickitat	15,947	15,094	907,813	1,306,269	1,988,025	263,951	1,207,848	112,777	1,256,702	2,307,063
Lewis	12,302,198	14,631,380	12,730,883	10,052,997	3,945,857	1,534,075	5,493,493	4,356,765	2,606,113	19,053,461
Mason	2,081,988	2,357,532	1,837,711	2,799,623	1,321,104	2,382,746	2,379,357	5,336,229	4,774,081	1,432,968
Pacific	3,194,157	2,296,047	6,323,846	2,771,851	4,007,787	969,916	1,875,588	2,051,170	2,939,705	2,238,753
Pierce	1,871,447	607,701	1,943,460	529,510	1,469,706	2,237,462	3,571,913	5,620,352	1,778,066	2,251,072
Skagit	11,372,252	9,187,203	11,422,067	9,194,478	5,509,637	13,209,159	8,973,769	9,620,659	12,532,120	9,021,036
Skamania	788,119	2,385,689	3,933,138	755,801	768,791	55,235	68,576	533,038	308,142	436,890
Snohomish	16,030,098	3,427,872	13,750,038	14,528,018	8,543,151	6,452,352	10,398,846	13,664,903	12,756,744	7,069,004
Stevens	31,821	36,075	43,894	30,236	43,769	33,815	39,619	36,945	40,922	38,002
Thurston	11,252,520	8,127,942	7,573,165	6,156,550	8,080,735	3,770,580	4,523,536	6,270,700	7,777,205	5,344,608
Wahkiakum	5,461,307	1,164,313	2,503,796	1,481,581	2,244,642	2,414,098	2,011,817	1,015,082	2,730,555	2,146,022
Whatcom	8,671,921	5,078,947	6,824,410	4,059,821	5,759,368	5,525,028	6,993,439	7,467,518	6,075,055	2,648,374
Totals	\$103,222,110	\$77,335,506	\$94,080,712	\$68,748,774	\$61,005,786	\$56,843,841	\$65,583,000	\$73,726,233	\$78,451,080	\$67,490,683

Note: Revenue is received daily by the Department of Natural Resources for activities on State Forest Lands and deposited daily at the Office of State Treasurer. Effective February 1998 these monies are remitted to each county via wire transfer a minimum of four times per month. Due to the specific date monies are received by the Department and the cutoff dates used by the State Treasurer for wire transfers, the revenue for the current period may be different than actual remittances to date.

**Table 2. Total Projected Revenues to Counties from State Forest
Transfers and Purchase Lands ^{1/}**
(Dollars in Thousands)

County	January thru June 2007		July thru December 2007	
	High	Medium	High	Medium
Clallam	\$704.9	\$2,456.4	\$138.9	\$461.0
Clark	2,197.0	2,620.4	414.8	737.9
Cowlitz	156.5	1,074.0	845.7	884.1
Grays Harbor	5.7	398.1	34.5	244.1
Jefferson	12.9	12.9	1.6	1.6
King	81.9	1,035.7	186.1	1,612.9
Kitsap	130.0	212.2	5.3	398.2
Klickitat	1,003.9	1,003.9	2,566.5	2,566.5
Lewis	752.1	2,597.2	1,487.7	1,704.5
Mason	116.8	316.5	7.5	93.5
Pacific	933.9	1,151.2	1,100.0	1,846.1
Pierce	0.0	850.2	3.4	3.4
Skagit	5,197.9	5,545.3	897.4	1,871.9
Skamania	441.2	441.2	412.8	412.8
Snohomish	3,961.2	5,437.3	1,030.2	1,034.1
Stevens	6.1	6.1	21.5	21.5
Thurston	538.3	1,926.7	312.4	312.4
Wahkiakum	372.8	565.7	68.7	68.7
Whatcom	1,135.8	1,245.5	13.0	342.1
Totals	\$17,749.1	\$28,896.6	\$9,548.2	\$14,617.4

^{1/} High - 90 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.
Medium - 50 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.

Note: Projected revenues are based on timber purchaser's logging plans as of **December 2006**. These plans change with changes in the economy and the business needs of each purchaser. Department of Natural Resources' region staff should be contacted concerning possible fluctuations in timber harvest for sales currently under contract and the schedule of future sales on State Forestlands in your county.

Table 2A. Projected Timber Harvest Revenues to Skamania County from State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands by Legal Description
(Thousands of Dollars) ^{1/}

Sale App. Number	Sale Name	Expiration Date	Legal Description			January thru June 2007		July thru December 2007		Value Under Contract after Dec-07
			Section	Township	Range	High	Medium	High	Medium	
74263	Nootka Thinning	10/31/06	20, 21, 27-29, 34	3N	7E	0.0	0.0	357.9	357.9	0.0
74419	Boilermaker Thinning	12/06/06	22,23,26,35,36	3N	6E	29.4	29.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
74576	Upper Sibley Thin	10/31/06	8 14,15,27,33,34	2N 3N	6E 6E	0.0	0.0	54.1	54.1	0.0
75683	Bob's Mountain Thinning	08/31/06	2,11,12,16,21,22	2N	5E	11.2	11.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
76779	Mahatta Thinning	10/31/07	2,3,4,10,11	3N	7E	382.1	382.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total						\$422.7	\$422.7	\$412.0	\$412.0	\$0.0

^{1/} High - 90 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.
Medium - 50 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.
Values are cumulative from high to medium probability.

Note: Projected revenues are based on timber purchaser's logging plans as of [December 2006](#). These plans change with changes in the economy and business needs of each purchaser. Department of Natural Resources regional staff should be contacted concerning possible changes in timber harvest plans and for copies of sale area maps for specific locations of timber sales within the legal descriptions listed above.

Table 3. Volume and Net Value of Timber under Contract on State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands for Harvest after Calendar Year 2007 ^{1/}

<u>County</u>	<u>Volume (mbf)</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
Clallam	4,323	\$648,018
Clark	0	0
Cowlitz	0	0
Grays Harbor	2,348	51,334
Jefferson	0	0
King	1,288	299,595
Kitsap	0	0
Klickitat	0	0
Lewis	0	0
Mason	0	0
Pacific	0	0
Pierce	0	0
Skagit	0	0
Skamania	0	0
Snohomish	0	0
Thurston	0	0
Wahkiakum	0	0
Whatcom	1,668	548,100
Totals	9,626	\$1,547,047

^{1/} Normally, counties receive 78 percent of State Forestland Transfer revenues and 26.5 percent of State Forestland Purchase revenues.

Note: The sales represented here are currently under contract as of **December 2006**. This timber could be harvested at any time depending on market conditions and business needs as determined by each purchaser. Sales to be sold in the future could provide additional revenue to your county. Department of Natural Resources' region staff should be contacted concerning future sale activity and dates.