Program Attributes

FREP - What is it?

- Purchase of a 50 year conservation easement
- Compensates landowners for trees left in Riparian Areas
- Program sponsored by the State of Washington
- One element of the Salmon Recovery Act that is an integral part of the salmon recovery strategy
Program Origin

- Forests and Fish Report
- Salmon Recovery Act of 1999
- Forests & Fish Rules
  - Establishment of SFLO to administer:
    - Forestry Riparian Easement Program
    - Family Forest Fish Passage Program
    - Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee
Program Details

• 290 easements = $23M to landowners
• Distribution in 29 Counties
• First purchase in August 2001
• Easement values range from $800 to $830,000
• Size from $\frac{1}{4}$ acre to 172 acres
• Administration costs = 16.8%
Case Study: Type A Wetland

- Westside landowner
- 40 acre parcel
- 4.8 acre easement
- Compensation Value = $43,385.00
- Reimbursement = $257.00
- Resource protection = 1028’ next to a Type A wetland
- March 2008 - Harvest completed
- June 2011 - Easement purchased
Case Study: Barnaby Creek

- Eastside landowner
- 280 acre parcel
- 22.4 acre easement
- Compensation Value = $82,100.11
- Reimbursement = $64.56
- Resource protection = 4200’ both sides of type F water
- March 2003 - Harvest completed
- August 2004 - Easement purchased
Budget Summary

- First four biennia funding = $26M
- FY2010-2011 biennium funding unique
  - $0 for FY2010
  - $1M for FY2011
- FY2011 $ came with proviso requirements
- 12 easements purchased with FY2011 fund
- Sunset of all proviso requirements at end of FY2011
Legislation History

2001 – Disapproved harvest now eligible; State pays all closing costs

2002 – Clarified reimbursement categories

2010 – Capital Budget proviso (prioritization) tied to FY2011 funding

2011 – Eight procedure changes; list reported to Governor’s office; long-term funding suggestions and report
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Acquisition Process

**Two Phase Process**

**Phase 1**
Verify eligibility, identify qualifying timber, cruise timber, and determine easement value

**Phase 2**
Verify funding, title report, Purchase and Sale agreement, escrow agreement, settlement procedures
Current Activities

• Funding is $1M for FY2012-2013
• Working on Phase 1 work now
• Contract timber cruises – one complete, two active contracts (11 applications)
• Goal for Phase 1 completion for 50 applications by June 2013
• Phase 2 work will begin after June 2012
• Goal to purchase approximately 10 – 15 easements by June 2013
Waiting List

- DNR is taking new FREP applications
- 89 applications on waiting list
- Some applications have been on the list for four years
- Estimate to purchase all easements on list is approximately $10M
Forestry Riparian Easement Program

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