



## Call for Letters of Interest

### Forest Health Technical Advisory Committee

Public Lands Commissioner Peter Goldmark is initiating action under state law to address deteriorating forest health conditions and uncharacteristically severe forest damage in eastern Washington. The Commissioner is appointing a forest health Technical Advisory Committee to develop recommendations on (as per RCW 76.06.170):

- Whether there is a need for action in specific geographic areas to reduce forest health threats, and which specific insect or disease threats are most actionable;
- Developing alternative management recommendations on threat reduction, if warranted;
- Whether a forest health hazard warning or forest health hazard order by the Commissioner is warranted;
- Monitoring the progress of a warning or order, if such action is warranted.

**Membership:** By law, the committee consists of the following seven members and a chairperson selected by the Commissioner:

- Position 1: One scientist with expertise in forest ecology;
- Position 2: One scientist with expertise in aquatic ecology;
- Positions 3: One scientist with expertise in wildlife biology;
- Positions 4 & 5: Two scientists with expertise in eastern Washington forest insects & diseases, especially mountain pine beetle and western spruce budworm;
- Position 6: One specialist in fuels management;
- Position 7: One forester or silviculturalist with expertise in eastern Washington forest types.

**Eligibility:** Private, non-governmental, academic and public-sector scientists and specialists are all eligible to submit letters of interest. State agency staff from DNR, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, and Washington Department of Ecology are not eligible to serve as members, pursuant to RCW 76.06.170(a).

**How to Apply:** Submit a brief letter of interest and curriculum vitae no later than December 19, 2011. The letter of interest should be no more than two pages, single-spaced, and should describe the applicant's interest in serving on the committee as well as their educational and professional acumen. Curriculum vitae should be submitted in the standard format and should be no more than two single-spaced pages in length. Letters may be submitted by mail at the address below or by fax to (360) 902-1775.

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**Time Commitment:** DNR anticipates the need for three in-person public meetings beginning in January, 2012, to be held at a location reasonably convenient to the majority of committee members. Additional time between public meetings to correspond via email, phone or online meetings with technical assistance staff, review data and deliberative documents may also be required.

**Compensation:** Pursuant to RCW 76.06.170(3), committee members are to be compensated according to the schedule described for Class 4 state boards and commissions at RCW 43.03.250 (\$100/day stipend for non-governmental employees) and will receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided by RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

**Selections and Timeline:** Final selections for committee membership will be made by the Commissioner no later than December 30, 2011. The first organizing meeting of the committee members is tentatively scheduled to take place in January, 2012. Deliberations and recommendation development by the committee members will take place at subsequent meetings.

**Supplemental Information:** Additional information on the DNR Forest Health Program, insect and disease damage trends, the state forest health law (RCW 76.06), and other supplemental information are available on DNR's public website, [www.dnr.wa.gov](http://www.dnr.wa.gov). Forest health information is located under the "Featured Topics" section in the left frame of links.

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