

Adaptive Management Program Review of Proposed Small Forest Landowner Low Impact Template

The TFW Policy Committee accepted the AMPA recommendations for the policy and science track reviews of the Forest Practices Board accepted Proposal Initiation (PI) for the WFFA proposed western Washington Low Impact Template for non-industrial landowners.

Policy Track

Policy formed a subcommittee to review the proposed template prescriptions to determine if they meet the forest practices rule criteria for an alternate plan template to determine if the proposed prescriptions:

1. Meet or exceed the riparian function protections in rule;
2. Are commonly used in existing approved FPAs containing non-industrial landowner alternate plans that have been reviewed by ID teams.

Policy accepted the AMPA recommendations for science track review of the submitted science provided by the PI proponent and when this is completed the subcommittee will:

3. Review the recommendations of the AMP science review of the submitted science and determine if the proposed template prescriptions supports rule protection standards for riparian function.

Science Track

All PI should contain available literature, data and other information supporting the proposal. In this case scientific analyses and data was submitted by the PI proponent with the proposed SFL low impact template. Policy accepted the AMPA recommendation for a science track review of the supporting data including the recommendation to add this review to the existing AMP funded literature synthesis of the effects of forest practices activities on all riparian function.

The Policy template prescription subcommittee believes the science review should be conducted by a contracted third-party. The rule states alternate plans are intended to provide flexibility to small forest landowners while will still providing protection of riparian functions based on specific field conditions or stream conditions on the landowner's property. The subcommittee, however, has not completed the scoping of the issues and questions to gain science review recommendations and then determine if the scientific evidence provided in the PI can be accepted.

Decision

The policy template prescription subcommittee requests Policy approval to direct the AMPA to:

- Combine a riparian function review of the scientific analyses and data supporting the proposed western Washington SFL low impact template with the existing literature synthesis of the effects of forest practices activities on all riparian function. The AMPA will work with the subcommittee to scope the review criteria and questions to be asked;

- Add up to \$100,000 to the Board approved \$100,000 for the literature synthesis of riparian function to be completed this fiscal year (FY 2017). This is within the 10% additional authority the Board has authorized the AMP to spend within any fiscal year; and
- Contract both the riparian function review of the supporting data for the proposed template prescriptions and the literature synthesis of the effects of forest practices activities on all riparian function.