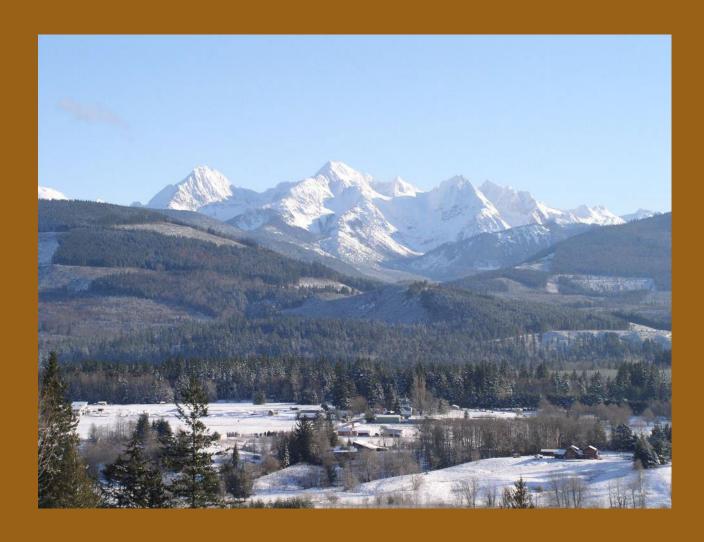


Public Outreach For Timber Sales







The type or amount of outreach depends on the landscape





Road system with several residences on left Road system connects to State Highway on right



February 4, 2022

(Address: see Neighbor Mailing List)

Subject: Washington State Department of Natural Resources "XXX XXX" Timber Harvest

Dear Neighbors:

I am writing to inform you that the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is planning a timber harvest in the vicinity of your property. Please see the attached map for the approximate location of this proposed harvest. The DNR manages approximately 2.1 million acres of forestland for the benefit of a number of trusts across the state. The proceeds from this timber sale will be transferred to the county and school district to support infrastructure and school construction projects.

This proposed harvest will utilize a "variable retention harvest" prescription which retains an average of eight trees per acre after harvest. The harvest will be conducted under our State Lands Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) which ensures protection for listed threatened and endangered species as well as other species that could be impacted by timber harvesting. Field foresters will work in consultation with our department biologist to ensure we meet the requirements of all applicable environmental laws and our HCP. The timber sale planning process will also include evaluations by a licensed engineering geologist to help ensure this proposed harvest avoids potential areas of slope instability and doesn't increase the risk of landslides occurring in the area.

The precise boundaries of the proposed harvest units have not been determined. Field foresters are currently marking the boundaries and this work will continue into the spring. The timber is expected to be auctioned in the fall of 2019 and harvest activity is likely to begin in late 2019 or early 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our proposal please feel free to contact me at PHONE NUMBER or by e-mail at RAD.FORESTER@dnr.wa.gov.

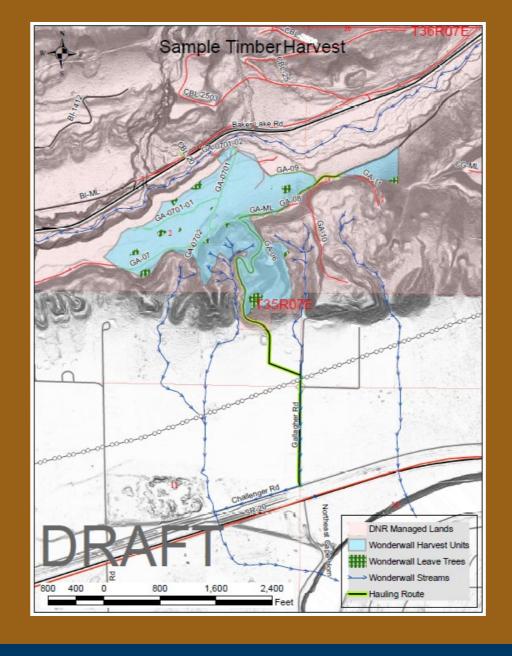
Sincerely,

RAD FORESTER EVERGREEN Unit Forester

Enclosure: draft timber sale map (2)

CC: Timber Sale File

Chris Hankey, Baker District Manager





Forested State Trust Lands: Supporting Schools, Counties, and Critical Services



DNR's Vision

Our actions ensure a future where Washington's lands, waters, and communities thrive.

DNR's Mission

Manage, sustain, and protect the health and productivity of Washington's lands and waters to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Forested Trust Lands

Forested trust lands are a special type of public lands that generate revenue for specific beneficiaries, held in perpetuity to provide equity across generations, and sustainably managed to relain the long-term production capacity of the forest, recognizing that near-term actions can create long-term economic ecological, and social benefits.

MANAGING WORKING FORESTS

State trust lands are different than other publicly managed lands. They come with a legal responsibility to generate revenue for their designated beneficiaries, such as schools, counties, and critical local services.

There are more than 2 million acres of forested state trust lands managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources for long-term timber production, specific habitat objectives, and protection of clean, abundant water. These forests often provide public recreation opportunities, too.

As stewards of the lands and natural resources, DNR draws upon a variety of staff, including foresters, engineers, geologists, biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, economists, and others as management activities are planned. All DNR-managed forested trust lands are certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI). Certified forests are grown to an approved set of standards that demonstrate environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable management practices. For more information on DNR's forest certification program, go online to bit.ly/DNRandSFI.

KEY POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Habitat Conservation Plan

DNR provides habitat for species listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Policy for Sustainable Forests

The agency's forest management policies were adopted by the Board of Natural Resources in 2006.

Sustainable Harvest

Forested trust lands are managed to generate sustained yield. Decadal harvest levels are approved by the Board of Natural Resources.

Washington Forest Practices Act

DNR follows state regulations to protect public resources, such as water quality and fish habitat, on lands managed by the agency.

State Environmental Policy Act

Timber harvests and construction on trust lands are reviewed for probable significant adverse impact and involve the public.



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South Puget Sound Region

DNR's South Puget Sound region, headquartered in Enumdaw, manages more than 350,000 acres of state Irust and conservation lands in King, Pierce, Kitsap, Mason, and Thurston counties, as well as parts of Snohomish, Lewis, and Grays Harbor counties.

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TIP TOP TIMBER SALE

Several key factors were considered in the planning of this sale:

- Units are planned for variable retention harvest, which includes the retention of wildlife trees, standing dead trees, and stream buffers to promote wildlife habitat
- Tree stands are 50 to 80 years old and last harvested in the 1940s
- Mitigation, such as no-harvest buffers of at least 167 feet on each side of Rendsland Creek, to preserve water quality and slope stability
- Meeting DNR's obligation under the Habitat Conservation Plan to retain and promote long term forest cover near sensitive sites
- Retaining older legacy trees to maintain biological diversity throughout the harvest units
- Replanting and establishing a vigorous stand of Douglas-fir, western redcedar, and western hemlock seedlings to benefit future generations
- This sale is estimated to generate more than \$800,000 in nontax revenue for school construction and critical services in Mason County, depending on market conditions

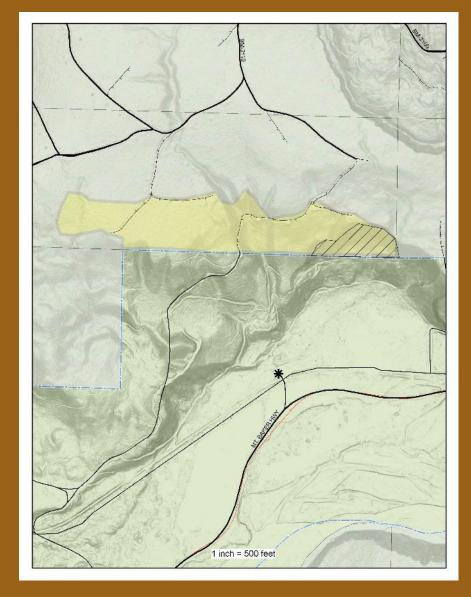
Andy Aschenbrenner

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Hood Canal District Manager South Puget Sound Region andy.aschenbrenner @dnr.wa.gov

CURRENT PROJECT TIMELINE







Leave trees were concentrated on the east side of the unit





Having tenured staff and DNR memory is crucial







Attendance at community and recreation planning meetings is very helpful









- 1997 State Lands Habitat Conservation Plan
- 2006 Policy for Sustainable Forests
- 2006 Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan
- 2004 Sustainable Harvest Calculation
- 2015 Sustainable Harvest Calculation
- 2019 Amendment to the 1997 HCP (LTCS for Marbled Murrelets)



STATE FOREST LAND SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please asswer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use for applicable? or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delay with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

Questions in italics are supplemental to Ecology's standard environmental checklist. They have been added by the DNR to assist in the review of state forest land proposals, Adjacency and landscape' watershed-admittative-unit (FAL) mays, for this proposal are vanished on the DNR internet website at http://www.dur.ma.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-seps, These maps may also be reviewed at the DNR regional office responsible for the proposal. This checklist is to be used for SEPA evaluation of state forest land activities.

The checklist questions apply to <u>all narts of your recopeal</u>, wen if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different purcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For negatoject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONDEGREEA, ACTIONS (part D). Please completely assure all questions that apply and note that the words "project," applicant," and "property or site "should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-project) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements—that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

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