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YOUR NATURAL RESOURCES AT WORK









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HILARY S. FRANZCommissioner of Public Lands

Healthy forests and waterways are the cornerstones of supporting salmon and orca recovery, human health and wellbeing and the overall beauty of Washington state. Our proposals utilize the full range of our programs from "tree to sea," to promote salmon, orca, and environmental stewardship.



IT'S TIME FOR BOLD, STRATEGIC ACTION

Dedicated Revenue for Wildfire and Forest Health

We need a long-term solution that ensures dedicated funding for wildfire prevention and forest health work, that takes pressure off the capital and general fund budget and creates certainty five, 10 and 20 years down the road.

Our measure would create a dedicated Wildfire Prevention and Forest Health Account to fully implement DNR's Wildland Fire Protection 10-Year Strategic Plan, building a 21st century wildfire fighting force; and, its 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan, restoring the health of 1.25 million acres of forest and protecting sources of clean air and water and improving salmon habitat.

The funds would be generated through a surcharge on property and casualty insurance policies to raise about \$125 million per biennium.

- For the average household with a homeowners policy and two auto policies, this will mean a surcharge of just over \$1 per month per household, or roughly \$0.42 per month per policy.
- The plan has a direct nexus to the damage done when wildfires sweep through communities, damaging homes, cars and businesses.

It's a direct investment in the long-term, transformational solutions we need to protect our communities.



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'Tree to Sea' Salmon Recovery, Environmental Resilience

PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS \$250K Ongoing Insurance Enforcem

\$250K, Ongoing Insurance, Enforcement Grants, Recycling Study

The Derelict Vessel Removal Program is proposing creative programmatic solutions to reduce the number of vessels damaging the aquatic environment and to create efficiencies within the existing DNR and enforcement frameworks. There are currently 189 abandoned or derelict vessels documented statewide—DNR has removed 867 derelict or abandoned vessels since 2002.

URBAN FORESTRY INVESTMENTS AND EVERGREEN COMMUNITIES ACT UPDATE \$385K, \$281K/yr. Ongoing

Modernize Urban Forestry statutes and program to increase capacity and incorporate salmon recovery, stormwater management, and environmental justice focus to urban forestry efforts.

FOREST PRACTICES FUND \$2.829M, One-time

Preserves funding for the department's Forest Practices division, protecting the Adaptive Management Program and Habitat Conservation Plan for salmon.







SMALL FOREST LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE \$772K, \$588K/yr. Ongoing

This request adds field capacity to help small forest landowners with technical forestry assistance, providing vital support to our small landowners at the higher risk of conversion to non-forestry uses due to development.

TIMBER FISH AND WILDLIFE "PRINCIPLES PLUS" CAPACITY BUILDING

\$790K, One-time

Continues the neutral, independent facilitation work with the principal members of representatives from the Timber, Fish and Wildlife caucuses participating in the Forest Practices Adaptive Management Program. This continued work will help protect vital salmon habitat throughout the state with less conflict and increased collaboration.

Community Support, Trust Health

LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ON STATE LANDS \$560K, \$375K/yr. Ongoing

The investment in two additional officers will better protect the thousands of acres of public land and recreation areas from vandalism and damage. DNR has only 12 law enforcement officers to oversee more than 1,200 miles of trail, 160 recreation sites, including more than 80 campgrounds, and 42 picnic areas.

MAPPING OF MINERAL/ AGGREGATE RESOURCES

\$163K, \$163K/yr. Ongoing

This request will help produce Growth Management Act (GMA)-required county-based aggregate resource maps for all of Washington to assist counties, cities, and agencies in their land-use and planning decisions, and road building.





TARGET SHOOTING REQUEST LEGISLATION

This bill adds target shooting in designated locations to the recreational immunity statute, which would allow the agency to take a more hands-on approach to managing target shooting. As a result, DNR could more responsibly designate locations for target shooting.

NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION PROGRAM STUDY \$200K, One-time

This study would allow DNR to take a holistic look at natural resource career training opportunities in Washington to assess future workforce needs.

2020 Supplemental Budget Requests At-A-Glance

Compensation (COLA) Adjustments \$2.223M, Between \$1.558-2.735M/yr. Ongoing Forest Practices Budget Correction \$2.829M

"Principals Plus" Timber Fish and Wildlife Capacity Building \$790K, One-time

Urban and Community Forestry \$385K, \$281K/yr. Ongoing

Small Forest Landowner Assistance \$772K, \$588K/yr. Ongoing

Law Enforcement Capacity \$560K, \$375K/yr. Ongoing

Recreation Fund Shift Correction \$750K, One-time

Derelict Vessel Prevention \$250K, Ongoing

Forest Health Tracking & UGA Burning \$484K, \$348K/yr. Ongoing

Forest Landowner Assistance \$587K, \$449/yr. Ongoing

Utility Wildfire Prevention Task Force Funding \$83K, One-time

Mapping of Mineral/Aggregate Resources - GMA \$163K, \$163K/yr. Ongoing

Natural Resources Education Program \$200K, One-time







Minor Works Preservation \$1.55M

Funding request to address emergent requirements to replace heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at two Department of Natural Resources (DNR) locations.

Emergent Environmental Mitigation Projects \$320K

Funding to conduct environmental cleanup operations at several DNR upland locations in accordance with environmental law and regulations.

Grouse Ridge Fish Barriers and RMAP Compliance

\$3.245 M, \$1.694 in '21-'23

Funding for a culvert removal at Grouse Ridge to comply with RCW 76.09.040. Funding will allow DNR to complete the Road Maintenance Abandonment Plan (RMAP) work within the timeframe of the approved RMAP extension, maintaining DNR's compliance with legal requirements to improve and provide additional fish habitat that has been inaccessible for many decades. This is a phased project with the second phase taking place in 21-23. Not taking action will put DNR at risk of being in violation of our RMAP obligations and could subject the State of Washington to legal action.

Cultural Conservation Easement and Forest Riparian Easement Program Funding Request \$1M

A technical fix to funding appropriated to DNR in the 19-21 Capital budget to move \$1 million appropriated to the Cultural Resources Conservation Easement Project (CRCEP) because that program does not yet exist. Moving that \$1 million to the Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP) increases the funding level to the amount authorized in the 17-19 biennium, and will allow an additional 17 easements for small forest landowners and reduce the backlog waiting on available funding.

Encumbered Lands \$28.3M

A proposal to assist three timber-dependent counties in Southwest Washington where forestland assets that produced revenue for the counties are constrained due to Endangered Species Act obligation. This proposal includes a solution that (1) restores lost revenue to the counties and strengthens the community ties with their forest economy, (2) increases non-tax trust revenue in the state through asset diversification, and (3) reduces the long-term dependency of these counties on legislative capital funding.



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