Agency: Forest Practices Board

Subject of possible rule making:
Conversion-related forest practices rules

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 76.09.040

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:
In recent years the Legislature has made changes to chapter 76.09 RCW (Forest Practices Act) related to conversions of forest lands to non-forestry uses. The Forest Practices Board is considering rule making to amend the forest practices rules (Title 222 WAC) accordingly. The Board will also consider non-substantive rule edits to clarify certain processes described in the forest practices rules.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
The Department of Natural Resources, local governments, and the Department of Ecology have regulatory jurisdiction on forest lands. The Board will coordinate with these entities while drafting rules.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):
- [ ] Negotiated rule making
- [ ] Pilot rule making
- [ ] Agency study
- [x] Other (describe)
  The Board will request input from interested stakeholders during rule development.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:
(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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