NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Forest Practices Board will hold three public hearings to receive comments on proposed forest practices rules affecting chapters 222-12, 222-16, and 222-20 WAC. The rules would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to grant approvals of small forest landowners' forest practices applications for terms of up to 15 years.

The rule proposal, preliminary economic analysis, and SEPA analysis, may be viewed by accessing the Department of Natural Resources' website at http://www.dnr.wa.gov/forestpractices/rules/activity/, under "Current Rule Making Activity" and "Long-term applications for small forest landowners."

Hearing dates, times, locations are:

August 7, 2007 6:00 p.m. Ramada Spokane Airport

8909 West Airport Drive Spokane, Washington

(509) 838-5211

August 9, 2007 6:00 p.m. Grays Harbor Community College

1620 Edward P. Smith Drive Aberdeen, Washington

(360) 532-9020

August 14, 2007 6:00 p.m. Holiday Inn

3105 Pine Street Everett, Washington (425) 993-2000

The Board will hear oral testimony at the hearings; hard copies of testimonies are appreciated. Comment deadline is August 15, 2007.

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