**Preproposal Statement of Inquiry**

**Agency:** Forest Practices Board

**Subject of possible rule making:**

The Forest Practices Board is considering rule making to amend portions of Title 222 WAC pertaining to watershed analysis reviews.

**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:**

The Forest Practices Board is considering whether rules concerning the use and review of approved watershed analysis should be revised to increase confidence that they are protective enough to warrant an exemption from Class IV-special (see WAC 222-16-050(1)(d)) or remain in effect.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- [ ] Negotiated rule making
- [ ] Pilot rule making
- [ ] Agency study
- [x] Other (describe) The Board will receive input from interested stakeholders to develop rule language. Also, the Board will seek agreement from the Department of Ecology, and solicit input from counties, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and tribes pursuant to RCW 76.09.040(2).

**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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