Alternate Plan Considerations

Specific to Timber Salvage Operations for December 2008 Storm Damage

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Storm damage to RMZs is variable...
Reminder

- Landowners can harvest using current forest practice rules (uplands)
- Use salvage rules if they don’t want to harvest any remaining green trees
- Propose an alternate plan where they would like to deviate from rules &/or consider restoration
Existing Salvage Rules

- Salvage rules consider riparian function
- Blowdown anticipated, possibly not to this extent
- Salvage means harvest of dead or dying material
Existing Salvage Rules

- No salvage w/in bankfull width, CMZs, core zones, sensitive sites, or Np RMZs
- Inner Zone:
  - No salvage if can’t meet stand requirements
  - Must retain 194 logs/acre of various, specified diameters
- Outer Zone:
  - Must retain 20 trees/acre (standing or down)
3 Kinds of Alternate Plans

- Deviate from rules for an operationally difficult place
- Propose short vs. long term trade-offs (ie: hardwood conversion)
- Propose restoration strategy (kick start recovery of riparian zone)
Alternate Plan Evaluation

- Approval Standard
  - Provide protection to public resources >= in overall effectiveness as rules

- Functional Assessment
  - Existing conditions
  - Post-salvage conditions
  - Time to reach DFC
  - Short-term vs. long-term effects (+ and -)
Alternate Plan Evaluation

- Biggest Concerns
  - Sediment delivery; don’t want to add more
    - Equipment
    - Salvage operations
  - Shade
    - Down trees
    - Residual standing trees
  - Safety
    - Safety first; may affect Rx’s
  - Regeneration success
Alternate Plan Evaluation

- Field staff coordination
  - Recent training on Board Manual 21
  - DOE-WDFW discussions (how to make it work technically)
  - Increase consistency in evaluation

- Staffing assistance
  - Existing staff
  - Assistance from outside area
Questions?