Board Manual Section 12
Update
Guidance for Application of Forest Chemicals

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Legislative Report
recommendations for updating
Board Manual Section 12

• Reflect improvements to the legally required posting

• Include BMPs and technical guidance for: equipment; weather conditions; neighbor communication, signage and information about alternatives to herbicides

• Clarify adjacent property buffer rules, particularly concerning buffers around residences and agricultural land
Stakeholder Participants

- Forest landowners: industry; small forest landowners; State Trust Lands
- Conservation Causes
- Department of Ag/WDFW/Ecology
- Tribal representatives
- WSU pesticides program staff
- Chemical industry application representatives
- DNR forest practices staff
Process to Complete

• Kickoff meeting was July 20
• Starting with signage information and BMPs for neighbor outreach
• Finish workgroup discussions by end of December 2021
• Goal is to provide a draft for Board approval in February 2022