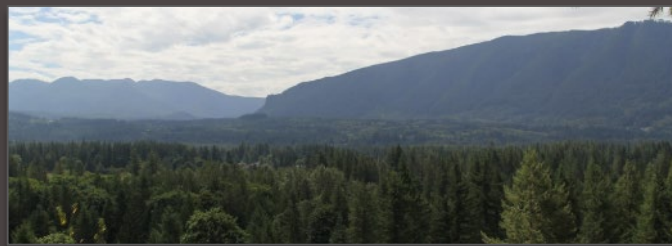




# Sustainable Harvest Level Update



**A Presentation to the Board of Natural Resources**

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**October 4, 2022**

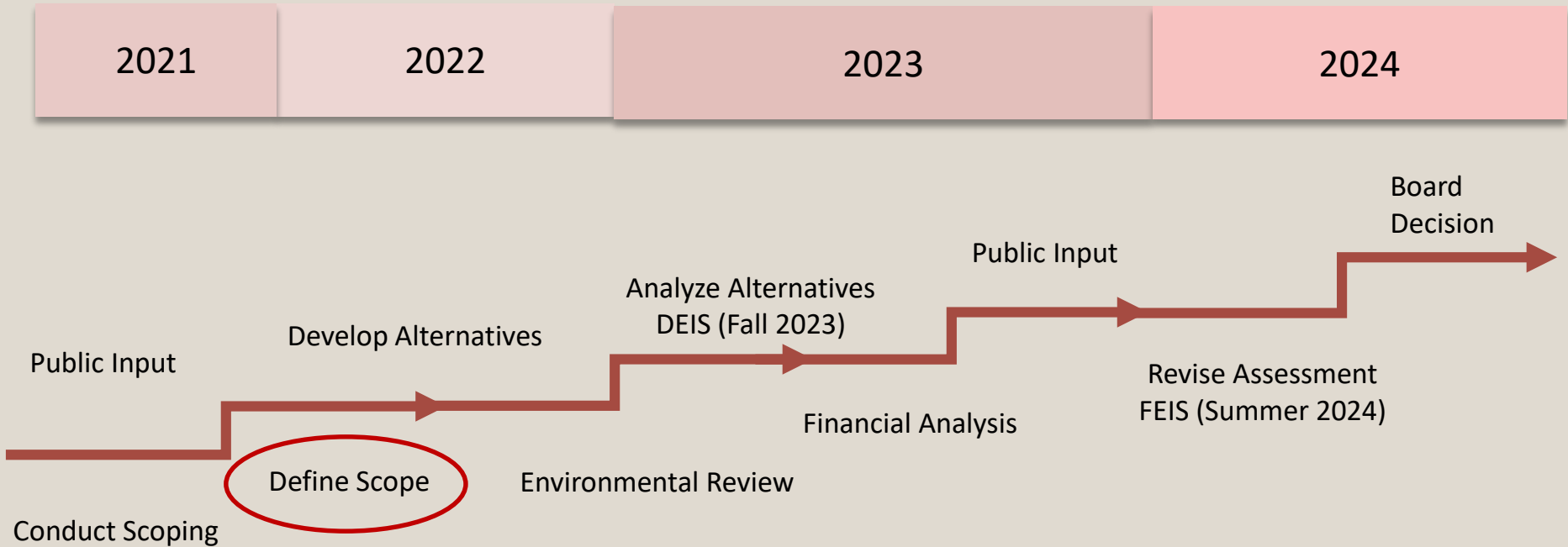
# Agenda

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- Sustainable Harvest Level Process Overview
- Western Washington Scoping Comment Summary
- Eastern Washington Scoping Comment Summary
- Next Steps

# Process Overview

for establishing the Sustainable Harvest Level



Eastside and Westside Sustainable Harvest Level processes will proceed separately but concurrently

# Two Calculations

## Western Washington



## Eastern Washington



# Western WA Sustainable Harvest Calculation

## For Forested State Trust Lands in Western Washington

### Scoping Comment Summary



# Western Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculation Scoping Summary

- Scoping Notice issued on October 25, 2021 opening a public comment period until December 9, 2021
- Public webinar held live on November 9, 2021; recording made available on November 16, 2021
- 20 commenters, (179 individual comments)



# Western Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculation Scoping Summary

## Comments received from:

### Industry

- American Forest Resource Council
- Sierra Pacific Industries
- Washington Policy Center

### Environmental Groups

- Center for Responsible Forestry
- Center for Sustainable Economy
- Olympic Forest Coalition
- Sierra Club
- Washington Environmental Council
- Washington Forest Law Center

### Tribes

- Lummi Nation
- Squaxin Island Tribe

### Local Government/Agencies

- City of Forks
- Port of Port Angeles
- Skagit County Commissioners
- Washington State Association of Counties

### Individuals:

- Five individual commenters



# Sustainable Harvest Calculation Scoping Notice

The scoping notice requested, and DNR received, comments on:

- Purpose, Need, and Objective
- Probable, significant environmental impacts
- Key Environmental Issues
- Alternatives for consideration
- Mitigation measures
- Additional information to consider
- Elements of the environment
- Environmental justice considerations

## DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS

**Description of proposal:** The proposal is to establish a sustainable harvest level for the 2025 to 2034 fiscal year planning decade for forested state trust land in western Washington.

**Proponent:** Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

**Location of proposal:** All forested state trust lands located west of the Cascade Crest in Washington State (refer to attached map).

**Lead agency:** DNR

**Determination:** *Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) required.* The lead agency has determined this proposal potentially will have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An EIS is required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c) and will be prepared.

**Deadline for comments:** December 9, 2021 by 5:00 pm

### Scoping notice invites comments:

Scoping is the first formal step in preparing an EIS and initiates public involvement. Through scoping, DNR seeks public input on identifying the areas that require in-depth analysis, and those areas for which a more limited discussion is appropriate. This process helps to focus DNR's consideration on the issues that are truly significant, and avoids obscuring those issues with unnecessary detail. The primary purposes of scoping are to:

- Narrow the focus of the EIS to significant environmental issues;
- Eliminate issues that would have insignificant impacts, or that are not directly related to the proposal;
- Identify alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS; and
- Identify mitigation measures that address potential environmental impacts of the proposal.

# Western Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculation Scoping Summary

DNR also received comments in these areas:

## EIS Content or Analysis

- Elements of the Environment
- SEPA
- Analysis
- Economic Analysis
- Timing and Litigation

## Input/Data

- Forest Estate Model
- Inventory
- Silviculture
- Species Management



# Western Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculation Scoping Summary

DNR also received comments in these areas:

## Management/Policy

- Trust Mandate
- Ecosystem Services
- Climate
- Policy for Sustainable Forests
- Forest Health
- Other Funding

## Other:

- Trust Land Transfer
- Cultural Resources
- References



# Eastern WA Sustainable Harvest Calculation For Forested State Trust Lands in Eastern Washington

## Scoping Comment Summary



# Eastern Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculation Scoping Summary

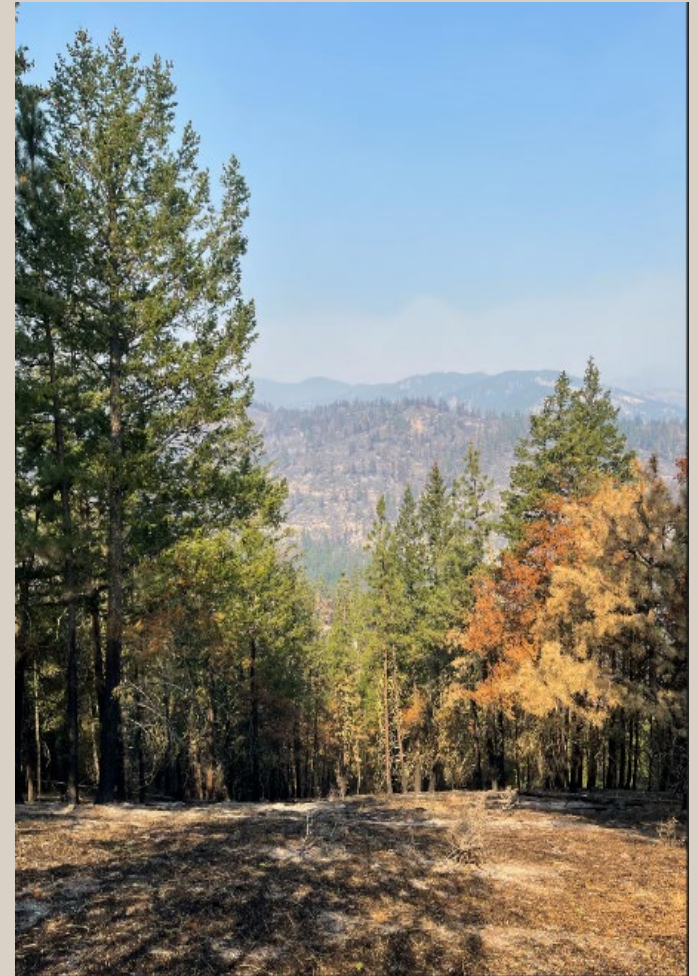
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- Public webinar held live on November 10, 2021; recording made available on November 16, 2021
- 9 commenters, (6 included letters)



# Eastern Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculation Scoping Summary

## Comments received from:

- American Forest Resource Council
- Center for Sustainable Economy
- Individual Citizen
- Methow Valley Citizens Council
- Sierra Club
- Washington Environmental Council
- Washington Policy Center
- Washington State Association of Counties
- Yakima County



# Eastern Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculation Scoping Summary

Also received comments in these areas:

- Alternative Revenue Sources
- Carbon
- Climate Change
- Data and Analysis
- DNR Policies
- Elements of the Environment
- Trust Duties
- Wildfire and Forest Health



# Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculations

## Next Steps:

- Finalize the draft Purpose, Need, and Objective Statements
- DNR staff develop draft alternatives
- Draft Environment Impact Statement





