Making One Washington Work Across the State

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources generates more than $300 million in nontax revenue each year, supporting school construction, critical county services, aquatic restoration, and many other important functions. That revenue – from leases, contracts, permits, and easements – all goes through the NaturE administrative system, which is about to become obsolete.

The One Washington project, which the Office of Financial Management is leading to replace the state’s nearly 30-year-old systems, will leave DNR’s NaturE system unable to function in June 2022. That system includes the administration of nearly 6 million acres of state-owned aquatic lands and uplands, timber harvesting, agriculture, clean energy production, and the regulation of more than 900 surface mine reclamation permits.

DNR is requesting a $2.8 million capital investment to replace the nearly obsolete NaturE system with either a commercial, off-the-shelf system or through a software as a service approach.

This request is essential to DNR’s long-term operations. The Department manages revenue-generating lands in every county in the state, from shellfish harvesting around Puget Sound, to wheat farms in the Palouse, to forests from Pacific to Pend Oreille counties – and everywhere in between. Funding the replacement of the NaturE system will ensure that DNR can continue to do business without inconvenience or interruption to the companies and counties that depend on state trust lands for their economic livelihoods.

The transition to One Washington will make DNR’s contract management system no longer function.

The agency is seeking funding to replace that infrastructure to ensure that its $300-plus million in annual business – across every county – can continue as usual.

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