



2016 Supplemental Operating Budget Proposal Summary					
	Policy-Level Requests	FTEs	Other	GF-S	Total
1	Emergency Fire Suppression Placeholder	0	137,229,000	0	137,229,000
2	Increase Fire Response Capacity	50	0	24,279,000	24,279,000
3	Earthquake and Tsunami Hazards	4	0	540,000	540,000
4	Teaway Community Forest	1	0	471,000	471,000
5	Forest Practice Re-investment (FFSA)	7	1,114,000	0	1,114,000
<b>Total Operating Budget Request</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>138,343,000</b>	<b>25,290,000</b>	<b>163,633,000</b>

The following summarizes DNR’s policy-level requests:

### 1. Emergency Fire Suppression

One-time funding is requested for the costs of fire response activity incurred and anticipated during fiscal year (FY) 2016. These costs are projected to be in excess of DNR’s existing fire suppression appropriation.

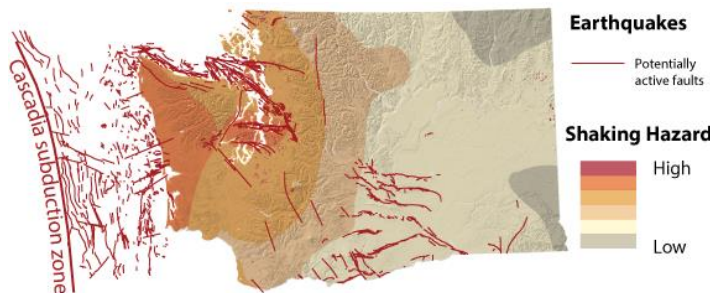
### 2. Increase Fire Response Capacity



Washington has endured two consecutive record-breaking wildfire seasons that have inflicted catastrophic harm on communities and landscapes. There’s an urgent need to add people, equipment and training to Washington’s wildland firefighting effort. DNR seeks funding to do that by providing grants to support local fire districts, coordinating pre-season fire training with firefighting partners, contracting more heavy equipment and aircraft, supporting contract and asset management, and ensuring fireline safety supervision.

### 3. Earthquake and Tsunami Hazards

Washington suffers physical and economic harm annually from our geologic hazards. A lack of high-quality maps to identify these hazards hampers efforts under the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A) and other policy initiatives to account and plan for these hazards.



DNR requests funding to develop and publicize earthquake and tsunami geologic maps and databases. DNR received funding in the 2015-17 biennium to map landslide hazards with high-quality LiDAR scans. However, no funding was given for key issues regarding earthquake and tsunami hazards that pose extensive danger to

Washington. Identifying and mapping these dangers will allow decision makers to reduce public and economic risk related to earthquakes and tsunamis.



## 4. Teanaway Community Forest

The 50,000-acre Teanaway Community Forest is key to restoring the Yakama River watershed and ensuring safety of multiple communities during wildfire season. The forest is managed under a plan designed by a committee of concerned communities and user groups, who voted unanimously in its support. Due to lack of funds, the implementation of the plan has been paused, causing concern from stakeholder groups that cherish the landscape. This investment will jumpstart implementation of the plan by leveraging outside resources offered to assist with recreational access, watershed restoration, improved forest health, and wildfire prevention.

## 5. Forest Practices Reinvestment

Since 2007, DNR has seen a 36 percent increase in new Forest Practices Applications (FPAs) while the Forest Practices budget has been reduced 30 percent. An updated fund balance report from the Department of Revenue identified a positive balance in the Forests and Fish Support Account of \$2.9 million.

DNR seeks spending authority to reinvest that funding over the next three years to address the urgent need of processing FPAs and to provide more thorough review of FPAs near unstable slopes. In addition, this funding will allow DNR to provide training on forest practice rules and cultural resource protection and provide technical assistance to family forest landowners.

