



July 20, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Darin Cramer, Adaptive Management Program Administrator 

SUBJECT: Adaptive Management Program Staff Report

Fixed Width Riparian Management Zone Adaptive Management Proposal - Given other priorities and an already full agenda, the fixed width riparian management zone adaptive management proposal was not delivered to Policy in time for their July 2 meeting. However, the proposal packet along with my recommendation will be delivered to Policy prior to their August 6 meeting; a verbal update will be provided at the August 12 Forest Practices Board meeting.

Adaptive Management Program Strategic Plan Implementation Status - Since the May 2009 Board meeting, Policy has primarily been focused on Tasks 1 and 3 under Goal 2 (Principal's meeting and Adaptive Management Program process training); Task 2 under Goal 2 (Adaptive Management Program funding) and more recently Task 1 under Objective 2, Goal 1 (Adaptive Management Program performance review).

Task Status:

Goal 1, Objective 1

- Task 1: Partially completed via flow charts showing research/monitoring programs and projects for each rule group; completion dates for active projects and projects next in the line have been estimated; completion dates for non-scoped projects are not yet known
- Task 2: Compliance monitoring steering committee has been established and is working to finalize a charter
- Task 3: Completed by independent contractor in April; Policy and CMER are currently discussing how best to respond to report recommendations
- Task 4: Discussions have begun and are ongoing; several Policy representatives believe completion of this task is dependent upon completion of Task 1 under Goal 2, Objective 1 (Principals meeting)
- Task 5: Not yet started; dependent upon acceptance of final compliance monitoring design by steering committee
- Task 6: The revised FY10 CMER work plan reflects work that has been accomplished on this task to date; further work is planned, is dependent upon work from other tasks and will be reflected in the FY11 work plan
- Task 7: The revised FY10 CMER work plan reflects work that has been accomplished on this task to date; more work is planned for the FY11 work plan

- Task 8: Not yet started, partially dependent upon outcomes of discussion regarding CMER synthesis recommendations

Goal 1, Objective 2

- Task 1: Discussions have begun; a performance review may be a necessary step in securing new/reallocated funding.

Goal 2, Objective 1

- Task 1: Policy is working on a draft agenda and has discussed the timing of a Principals meeting; setting a date and finalizing an agenda is pending
- Task 2: Dependent upon completion and outcome of Task 1
- Task 3: WAC 222-12-045 and Board Manual 22 training completed for Policy, started in CMER; a “parking lot” of clarification/revision topics has been generated; Policy will soon begin discussions about a revision process/schedule and participants

Goal 3, Objective 1

- Task 1: DNR’s decision package was not successful
- Task 2: The Budget committee met on July 2 to begin strategy discussions, assignments were given and a follow-up meeting is being scheduled; each caucus is aware of the need to resolve the funding problem in the next 12 months

Goal 3, Objective 2

- Task 1: Some work was done prior to adoption of the plan and work from other tasks under Goal 1, Objective 1 will be helpful to this task; however, there is currently no active work on this task

Goal 4, Objective 1

- Task 1: Some work has been done on this task; however there is currently no active work on this task

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FOREST PRACTICES ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM STRATEGIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND TASKS

Forests & Fish Report Vision for Adaptive Management: "An Adaptive Management program is necessary to monitor and assess implementation of forest practices rules and achieve desired resource objectives. Adaptive Management is a formal process for evaluating the current resource status and, over time, for evaluating the effectiveness of rules and guidance in protection, maintenance, and enhancement of habitat necessary to meet resource goals and objectives, for making adjustments to forest practices on a regional or statewide basis, and for requiring mitigation, where necessary, to achieve resource objectives." (Forests & Fish Report, p. 70)

Goal 1: Assess and improve Adaptive Management Program efficiency and effectiveness

Objective 1: On an ongoing basis, assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the program in meeting the Program's mission and vision.

- **Task 1:** AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By December 2008, develop a timeline estimating when critical questions in the CMER work plan will be answered
- **Task 2:** Forest Practices Operations ADM/ CMP Manager - By December 2008, a steering committee or other collaborative process, shall be established to guide and make recommendations on compliance monitoring efforts. Such a steering committee will need to meet in a timely manner so delays don't occur in the training of survey crews and the collection of field data.
- **Task 3:** AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By February 2009, synthesize CMER work completed since 2000, summarize knowledge gained and assess progress towards answering FFR Adaptive Management key questions.
- **Task 4:** Policy Co-Chairs / AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By February 2009, clarify when and how research and monitoring results will be used to assess current rules and policies, i.e. should action be recommended in response to each project in a program, or should all projects in a program be completed before action is recommended, or something in between? Review and document decision with caucus principals as necessary.
- **Task 5:** AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs / CMP Manager - By March 2009, determine timing and coordination between compliance monitoring and effectiveness monitoring projects, and report results to Policy. (Note - Task 5 is dependent upon the timing of task 2. The intent is to complete task 5 within three months of the compliance monitoring steering committee's (or similar collaborative process) acceptance of the revised compliance monitoring design.)
- **Task 6:** Policy Co-Chairs / AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By March 2009, review the CMER Work Plan to ensure programs/projects are prioritized appropriately, tightly focused on FFR resource objectives/performance targets and key deadlines/time frames are identified.
- **Task 7:** CMER Co-Chairs - By April 2009, revise the CMER Work Plan to incorporate key components of CMER science synthesis, reflect Policy's recommended prioritization of projects and include project schedule estimates.
- **Task 8:** AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By December 2009, synthesize applicable non-CMER research for priority topic areas identified as a result of completing Tasks 1, 3 and 6.

Objective 2: Every ten years the structure, process and performance of the Adaptive Management Program will be independently reviewed.

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- **Task 1:** Policy Co-Chairs / AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By January 2010, obtain independent review of the Adaptive Management Program. This review shall be done by representatives of independent, 3rd party research organizations and include:
 - An examination of the structure and function for technical performance, fiscal efficiency and overall accountability
 - An assessment of the performance and efficiency of the consensus-based decision processes
 - A review of the rigor of CMER science and the responsiveness of CMER work to body of PNW region science that is applicable to the L-1 Key Questions
 - An evaluation of the interactions of science and policy within the AMP

Goal 2: Reestablish and maintain productive, collaborative caucus relationships

Objective 1: In order to more productively resolve contentious forest practices issues, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will lead efforts to renew and maintain cooperation and collaboration among the six caucuses as an alternative to competitive lobbying and litigation.

- **Task 1:** Commissioner of Public Lands - By March 2009, convene a meeting of caucus principals to determine their commitment to the Timber, Fish & Wildlife (TFW)/Forests & Fish Report (FFR) vision and ground rules, review caucus relationships, reinforce responsibilities and recognize capacity challenges of caucus representatives, and review how economic viability intersects with the Adaptive Management Program.
- **Task 2:** Caucus Principals - By March 2009, write a joint letter summarizing outcomes of Task 1 and giving appropriate direction to caucus representatives.
- **Task 3:** Policy Co-Chairs / AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - By May 2009, develop and implement a plan to improve understanding and conformance with WAC 222-12-045, the TFW / FFR ground rules and responsiveness to Board Manual Section 22 guidance.

Goal 3: Secure adequate program funding and enhance communications

Objective 1: To ensure funding is available for caucus participation in the AMP as well as priority research and monitoring projects, the Forest Practices Division Manager, in cooperation with caucus principal support, will lead efforts to obtain stable, adequate, long-term funding.

- **Task 1:** F&F Policy / Caucus leads - Support DNR's unstable slopes decision package, which includes a request to double the GF-S Adaptive Management fund from \$1.2M per biennium to \$2.4M.
- **Task 2:** Policy Budget Committee - By June 2009, develop a plan to obtain dependable, long-term funding adequate for participation, research and monitoring projects, and program management.

Objective 2: Raise the public profile of the AMP.

- **Task 1:** AMPA / Policy Co-Chairs / CMER Co-Chairs - By July 2009, develop and implement an AMP communication and outreach strategy.

Goal 4: Increase research capabilities and scientific knowledge

**FOREST PRACTICES ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
STRATEGIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND TASKS**

Objective 1: Strengthen and develop partnerships with other research organizations

- **Task 1:** AMPA / CMER Co-Chairs - On an ongoing basis, explore and develop partnerships with other natural resource research organizations. Report back to CMER and Policy biannually on progress.



MEMORANDUM

July 21, 2009

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Marc Engel, Acting Assistant Division Manager
Forest Practices Division

SUBJECT: Forest Practices Board Manual Update

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) anticipates presenting two amended Board Manual sections for approval by the Forest Practices Board (Board) at its February 2010 meeting.

The first is Board Manual Section 7 Guidelines for Riparian Management Zones (Measuring Widths and Tree Counts). The manual will be changed to provide guidance on the requirements for inner zone harvests within Western Washington riparian management zones according to the desired future condition rule proposal adopted by the Board its August meeting.

The second is the addition of a "Small Forest Landowner Conifer Restoration Template" to Board Manual Section 21 Guidelines for Alternate Plans. DNR is developing this template in cooperation with the Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee and other interested parties.


Please feel free to call me with any questions at (360) 902-1390.

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MEMORANDUM

July 15, 2009

TO: Forest Practices Board
FROM: Marc Engel,  Acting Assistant Division Manager, Policy and Services
SUBJECT: 2009 Rule Making Schedule

Following is an update on rule making activity.

Desired Future Condition – Chuck Turley will request the Board’s adoption of a DFC rule at the August meeting.

Habitat Open Space – Staff will request your approval to file a CR-101 to begin rule development at the August meeting. The 2009 Legislature passed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5401 which expands the Riparian Open Space Program to include the acquisition of forest lands containing “critical habitat” for threatened or endangered species as designated by the Board.

Northern Spotted Owl – Staff will request your approval to file a CR-102 to initiate permanent rule making and readopt the emergency rule.

Trees and Houses – Due to workload demands this rule making has been put on hold temporarily. Staff anticipates a rule proposal for your consideration at the February 2010 meeting.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Patricia Anderson at 360.902.1413. Also, I will be happy to answer any questions at the August meeting.

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July 17, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board
FROM: Walt Obermeyer, Compliance Monitoring Program Administrator
SUBJECT: Status of Compliance Monitoring

The **Compliance Monitoring stakeholder committee** met in late June. Discussion focused on the committee charter, emphasis areas for the 2010 sampling season, and desired improvements in existing program areas. Concerns were expressed that the committee name and charter convey the level of authority consistent with law and regulations. DNR will edit the charter based on these considerations and provide it for committee review prior to its August 26th meeting.

The committee expressed the desire that any new emphasis for the 2010 sampling season consider the evaluation of haul route compliance, protocols evaluating whether shade requirements are met, and communicating a scale of non compliance.

For currently sampled characteristics the committee requested the program to consider of methods to improve:

- Situations where the Compliance Monitoring inspection reveals water type classification different than the classification at application approval.
- DFC-option #1- provide some evaluation of why there is a high proportion of non compliance on these harvest strategies
- Bank Full Width- study why there are differences of opinions of the point of bank full width
- With the information what have we learned how to effectively disseminate the information to landowners and operators in addition to the biennial report

Compliance Monitoring Operations for calendar year 2009 is on schedule. Richard Wood has filled the Program Coordinator position. 73% of the selected applications for 2009 have now been field surveyed. There is a planned reduction in field surveys during July and August due to unavailability of DNR staff due to fire season. Compliance Monitoring program staff is working with Ecology and DFW staff to test protocol changes proposed for the 2010 season during this time. Contracts are being drafted with Ecology and DFW to provide program staffing for the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years.

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July 20, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Dan Pomerenk, FP Division Acting SFLO Manager *DP*

SUBJECT: Small Forest Landowner Office and Advisory Committee Update

Forest Stewardship Program:

- The Family Forest Field Day June 20, 2009 in Ferry County was successful with over 300 people attending.
- Family Forest Field Days are planned for two day on July 31 and August 1, 2009 in Skagit County. Field day events include over 25 informational forest management sessions and exhibits.
- Applications for cost-share for Eastside fuels reduction and forest health projects are currently being accepted from landowners. These projects are funded by Forest Health and National Fire Plan grant funds from the USDA Forest Service.
- An interstate forest health grant between Idaho and Washington in the Spokane Valley has been awarded for small landowner's forest insect, disease, and fire outreach education called the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Improvement Project.

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee:

- The advisory committee is reviewing an alternate plan conifer restoration template for small forest landowners.

Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP):

- DNR submitted a grant requests for fish passage barrier removal projects through NOAA Fisheries for Federal Stimulus Act money and did not receive funding.
- On the workplan for the 2009 season there are 31 barrier structures that will be opened to fish passage. Of the 31 barriers, three are road crossing abandonments. Three structures have been completed as of July 21.

Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP):

- Between July 2007 and June 2009 the FREP program was able to purchase 117 easements with \$10.2 of the funds allotted for this biennium.
- FREP is currently unfunded but the SFLO will continue to take applications. The DNR has a current unfunded waiting list of 76 FREP applicants for an estimated easement value of \$7.6 million.

Long Term Application (LTA) Program Progress beginning October 2007:

- Number of LTA's as of June 26, 2009 by county

<u>Step 1 Validations only</u>	<u>Approved Applications (Step 1 & Step 2)</u>
1 Skagit	1 Skagit
4 Grays Harbor	3 Clark
1 Ferry	7 Lewis
1 Whatcom	1 Okanogan
1 Kittitas	1 Pend Oreille
8 Total	2 Stevens
	1 Mason
	1 Thurston
	1 Skamania
	2 Pacific
	1 Garfield
	21 Total

Accompanying this memorandum to the Board is a handout that is now available to small forest landowners. The handout describes the updates of the programs available through the Small Forest Landowner Office as of July 1, 2009.

Please contact me at 360-902-1427 or dan.pomerenk@dnr.wa.gov with your questions.



Washington State Department of Natural Resources Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO) Assistance Programs

Effective July 1, 2009

The Department of Natural Resources offers access to a variety of programs and assistance for small forest landowners.

I. Forest Practices Assistance

If you have questions regarding how to fill out a forest practices application, visit the Forest Practices division at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov> or contact the nearest Region office. Within the forest practices program small forest landowners have several options when planning a harvest:

Alternate Plans

An approved Alternate Plan allows site specific management that may differ from standard Forest Practices Rules as long as protection to public resources is equal to that of the standard rules

- For information about Alternate Plans go to the DNR's Small Forest Landowner website at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov> and search "alternate plans" in the window in the upper-right corner
- Contact your Region Office to acquire necessary forms and to ask general questions. The Region can supply a list of consultants that can assist you with alternate plan preparation.

Long Term Forest Practices Applications (LTA's)

Long Term Applications are valid for up to 15 years, add flexibility to forest management practices and encourage long-term planning.

- You are encouraged to contact your Region Office with questions on how to get started with an LTA. Consultants can help you with preparation.
- Unlike a standard forest practices application, an LTA is a 2-step process and application review will likely take 15-45 days for each step.

II. Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFPP)

The Family Forest Fish Passage Program is administered through the Small Forest Landowners Office (SFLO). This program offers assistance in correcting fish barriers on small forest landowner properties. If you have a fish barrier under a forest road on your property, contact the Family Forest Fish Passage Program Specialist at (360) 902-1400 for further information.

- The program accepts applications year round.
- If you've applied previously, your name is in the database and will be considered for funding in future years.

III. Forest Stewardship Program

The Forest Stewardship Program provides educational and technical assistance

- The Forest Stewardship Wildlife Biologist makes site visits statewide to help you plan wildlife habitat management on your land

- Washington State University Extension is a partner in administering the Stewardship Program, and offers workshops, planning courses, and field days for family forest owners throughout the year

IV. Wildland Urban Interface Program

In the forested counties of Eastern Washington, technical and cost share assistance is available through DNR Landowner Assistance Foresters.

- Foresters can visit your property to offer forest management advice and assist you in completing a stewardship plan for your property
- Foresters can offer cost share on forest health improvement and wildfire risk reduction practices

V. Forest Riparian Easement Program (FREP)

After July 1, 2009 no funding is available for the Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP). Enrolled landowners will be notified of the program status with a letter from DNR. If funding is renewed in the future:

- All landowners who have applied for funding through this program will be kept on record in the order in which they applied.
- New applicants are welcome to continue submitting applications to Olympia
- The SFLO will contact landowners on the list when funding is available.

VI. SFLO Electronic Newsletter and other Outreach

- The SFLO E-mail newsletter for family forest owners will continue to be distributed. This newsletter features information about programs, events, and forestry related news. If you would like to be included in the mailing list, please E-mail sflo@dnr.wa.gov
- Outreach to publicize SFLO programs as well as collaboration to host education events statewide will also continue.

Questions/More Information

Contact the Forest Practices Coordinator at your DNR Region Office or contact the SFLO directly at sflo@dnr.wa.gov, (360) 902-1400, PO Box 47012, Olympia 98504

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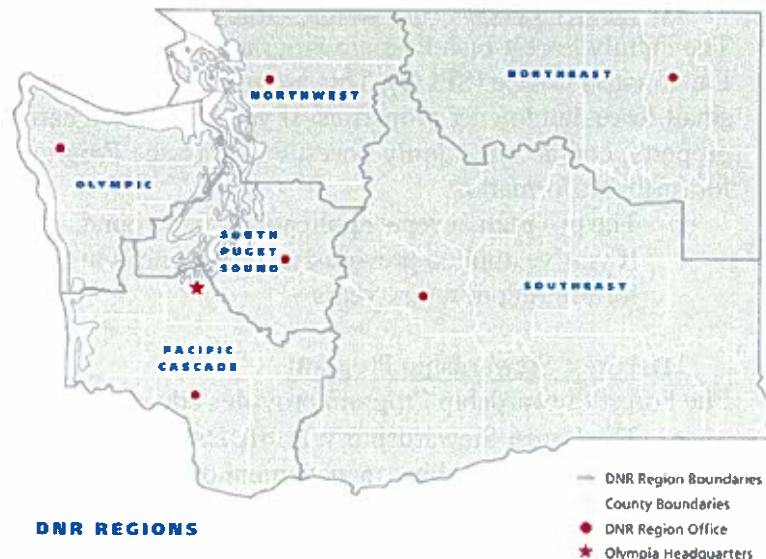
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July 21, 2009

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Lois Schwennesen, Facilitator

SUBJECT: Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group Update

The Policy Working Group was established by your Board "... to recommend measures that result in strategic contributions from non-federal lands in Washington to the broader goal of conservation of a viable population of the Northern Spotted Owl".

Since the last quarterly report the working group continued to build its common base of understanding with briefings from and conversations with:

- John Davis, Acquisition Manager of the Hancock Natural Resource Group
- Steve Ketz, Director of the Western Timberland Portfolio for Weyerhaeuser
- Craig Calhoun, DNR Office of Conservation Land Acquisition
- Stan Sovern, Pacific Northwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service
- Karen Ripley, Resource Protection and Forest Health, DNR
- Joseph Buchanan, Spotted Owl Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife

The working group also held a public, two-day work session on the eastside of the cascades that included a site tour to review field conditions and discuss forest health and catastrophic wildfire concerns related to eastside northern spotted owl habitat.

In addition, the group collectively developed a package of actions, responsibilities, and measures of success with which to focus its upcoming work and recommendations to the Board. Consensus was reached on most of the package, but until consensus is reached on all of the elements of the package it is not appropriate to discuss its contents. This may occur before your meeting August 12 and if so I will provide an updated report to you at that time.

The Board noted in the charter creating this group that "an important objective of this process is to change the current dynamic ... to a dynamic of partnership and participation." The Policy Working Group members have tackled this challenge in good faith. It has been and continues to be a difficult transition, but the working group members have shown a willingness and ability to work creatively towards new approaches, speak forthrightly, and make the hard calls and compromises to effect change.

Please contact me at 206-605-9529 or Lois@LSAresults.com with your questions.




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July 21, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Forest Practices Board

From: David Whipple, Forest Policy Coordinator 
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

SUBJECT: UPLAND WILDLIFE PLANNING UPDATE

The Landscape Level Wildlife Assessment (LLWA) Technical Group has continued to make substantial progress since the May Forest Practices Board meeting. While the project will not be fully completed, significant accomplishments have been achieved and the project is expected to deliver many products in the next few months, including:

- Literature reviews for 29 species or species groups (hereafter guilds)
- Bayesian Belief Network (BBN) habitat models for 29 of approximately 50 high risk guilds
- Habitat models derived from Johnson & O'Neil (2001)¹ for over 120 species
- Incorporation of models into the analysis software for
 - 13 west-side and 12 east-side guilds using BBN models
 - 103 west-side and 121 east-side species using Johnson and O'Neil models
- Forest growth and structure projections for 3 management scenarios over 50 years on 5 quarter township in each of the west-side and east-side managed forests
- Software that integrates the main analytical tasks of habitat assessments and running data through each habitat model
- A draft user's manual for the software
- An assessment of habitat conditions on 5 west-side sample landscapes using 13 BBN models
- An interim report for the LLWA Project

The LLWA Policy Group will be briefed on the technical accomplishments to-date, and discuss work remaining to be done, budget and timeline issues, next steps, etc. A project presentation to the Board may occur in November, would likely include both a technical briefing as well as an update from stakeholder policy discussions.


¹ Johnson and O'Neil (2001), Wildlife-Habitat Relationships in Oregon and Washington.



MEMORANDUM

July 22, 2009

TO: Forest Practices Board

FROM: Julie Sandberg  Acting Forest Practices Division Manager

SUBJECT: FPB questions regarding Forest Practice Application processing

This memo is in response to questions asked by board member Tom Laurie during the May 2009 Forest Practices Board meeting and discussion on DFC. Several questions were asked regarding the costs to the agency and the landowner when submitting and processing a Forest Practices Application and / or a renewal. Responses are provided following each question.

1. **What is the number of FPA's that include a DFC analysis which have not been harvested?** Information is not readily available without contacting each applicant and inquiring about their harvest intentions.
2. **What is the difference in costs to landowners to renew an application vs. withdrawing and re-applying?** The following describes the options available to a landowner and associated fees:
 - A. **Renewal**
 - Renewal of an approved FPA/N for an additional two years is accepted within 60 days of the expiration date.
 - Landowner submits a renewal request form and the \$50.00 fee.
 - B. **Application is withdrawn and the landowner Re-applies.**
 - A landowner is allowed only one approved FPA for a specific activity in a specific location at any one time.
 - Landowner submits a request to withdraw a currently approved FPA/N along with a new FPA form and the \$50.00 fee.
- 3a. **What is the percentage of applications that are large landowners and small landowners?** The following information was collected on 5/27/09.
Large landowners = 85% of the FPA's that will expire on or after 8/12/09
Small landowners = 15% of the FPA's that will expire on or after 8/12/09
- 3b. **What are the number of acres and the location of the applications?**
The table below represents all approved FPA's that will expire on or after 8/12/09 which include harvest within the RMZ of Type S or F water. The information was collected on 5/27/09 and excludes hardwood conversion, 20 acre exempt RMZ and alternate plans. Landowner type is determined from FPA question number 3.



	Region	# FPA/Ns	Total Harvest Acres
LARGE Landowners	Northwest	95	11,206
	Olympic	306	18,545
	Pacific Cascade	1,012	81,542
	South Puget Sound	115	8,070
	Southeast *	27	4,441
	Northeast *	99	24,802
			1,654
SMALL Landowners	Northwest	44	1,239
	Olympic	44	1,623
	Pacific Cascade	54	2,403
	South Puget Sound	60	3,551
	Southeast *	10	832
	Northeast *	74	13,253
			286

* Note: Harvest in Eastern Washington above 2501 feet elevation refers to the Western Washington RMZ rule. FPA numbers and acreage include all Eastern Washington FPA's that indicate RMZ harvest of Type S or F water as of 5/27/09.

4. What is the cost to DNR to process renewals vs. withdrawing and re-applying for a new FPA? *(Costs indicated below represent Salary ONLY (not loaded salary) for Forest Practices office and field staff)*

A. **Renewal** – A renewal request is processed as a Class II notification. The office process for a renewal is the same as a new application. If during the review, new information is found that changes the classification of the old application to a Class IV Special – renewal is denied.

Average staff cost for a renewal = \$ 123.00

B. **Application Withdraw** – A forester is required to conduct a site visit to verify that no operations have taken place. Depending on the specific circumstances, DNR responds to the applicants' request.

Average staff cost for a FPA withdraw and the landowner has NOT submitted a new application = \$600.00

- C. **Application withdraw and re-apply** - Withdraw request is processed on the same day that the new application is approved. If the new application cannot be approved the withdraw request is denied.

Average staff cost for a FPA withdraw AND a new application = \$600.00 plus the cost of the new application.

Cost of a Forest Practices Withdraw and Re-application/Notification

FPA Classification	Cost of a FPA/N	Withdraw cost	Total
Class II	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$ 1,100.00
Class III	\$2,900.00	\$600.00	\$ 3,500.00
Class IV General	\$1400.00	\$600.00	\$ 2,000.00
Class IV platted	\$1700.00	\$600.00	\$ 2,300.00
Class IV Special	\$8800.00	\$600.00	\$ 9,400.00

5. **What is the expected workload?** It is impossible for the DNR to predict with any certainty the workload caused by possible rule changes impacting landowner's decisions regarding their individual FPA's.

However, using numbers provided, an assumption could be made that 50% or 827 of the large landowner's currently approved FPA's (see question number 3b) that include harvest within the inner or outer zone may request a change in their FPA status.

The following estimates could be made:

- Cost to DNR to process renewal request (Class II)
 $827 \times \$123.00 = \$101,721.00$
- Cost to the DNR to process a withdraw and submit a new FPA (Class III)
 $827 \times \$ 3,500 = \$2,894,500.00$

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