

Brief History of DNR Trust Lands

Federal Grant Lands

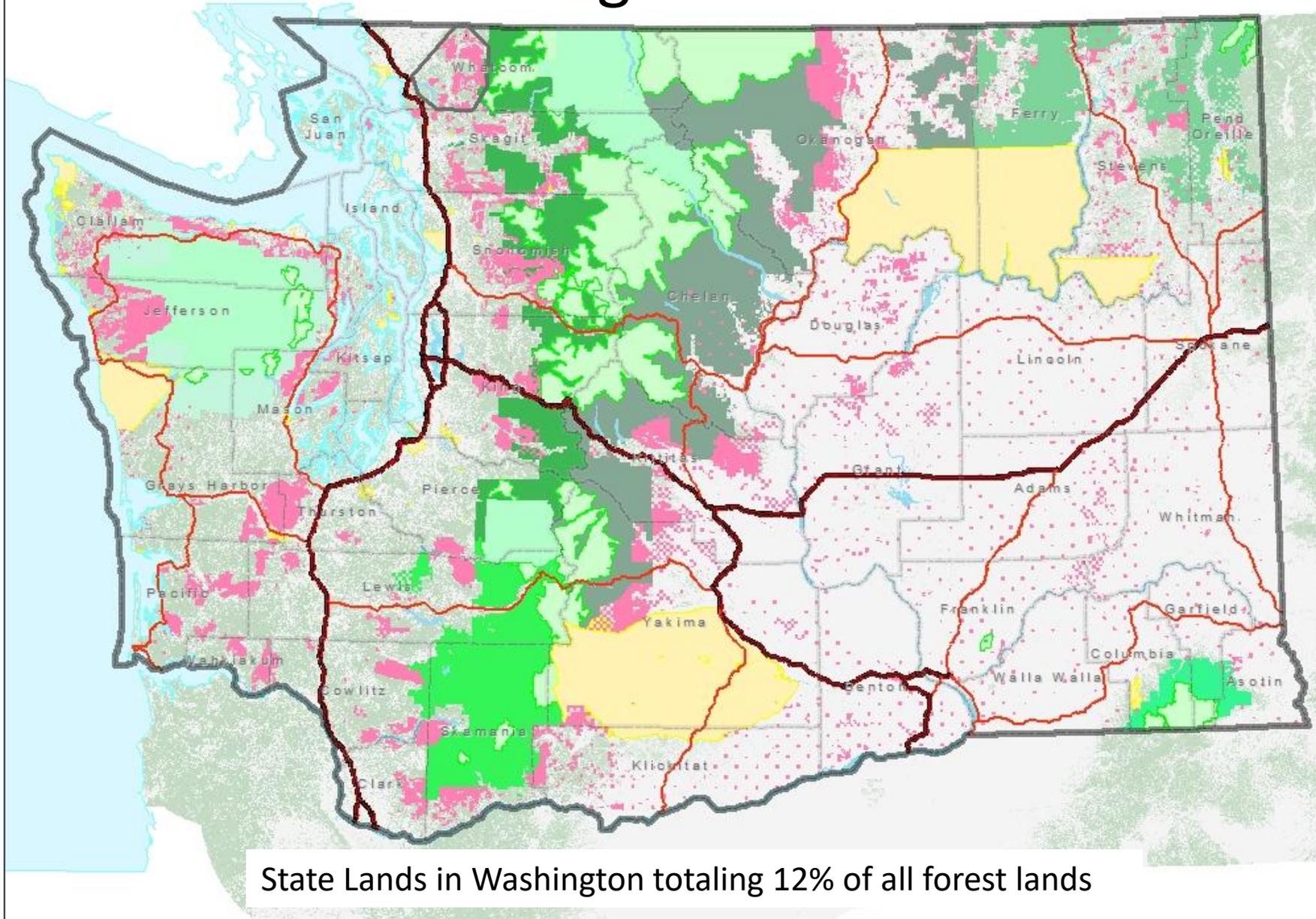
- *Enabling Act of 1889*
- *Seven Specific Trusts*

State Forest Lands

- *State Forest Transfer Lands*
- *State Forest Purchase Lands*

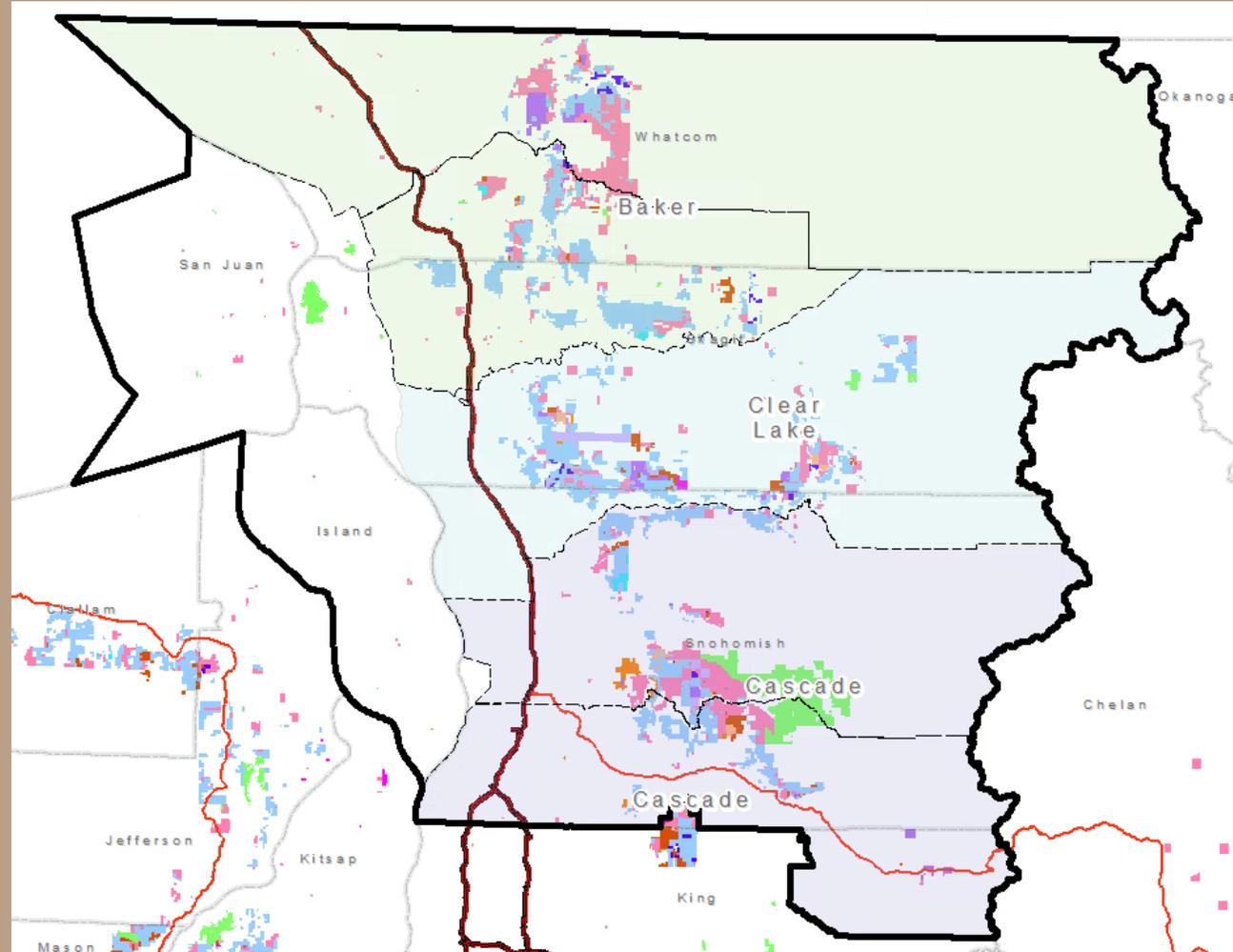


DNR Managed Lands – 12%



State Lands in Washington totaling 12% of all forest lands

Northwest Region



Trust Duties and Mandate

Trust Duties

- The fiduciary aspect of trust management requires DNR to manage these lands to produce perpetual income for the beneficiaries (the trusts).

Trust Mandate

- The 'trust mandate' concerns the common law obligations of a trustee to operate as a prudent person on behalf of the trusts.
- The legal construction of Washington's trust lands also creates considerable differences in how these lands are managed when compared to other public lands and private fiduciary trusts.



Northwest Region

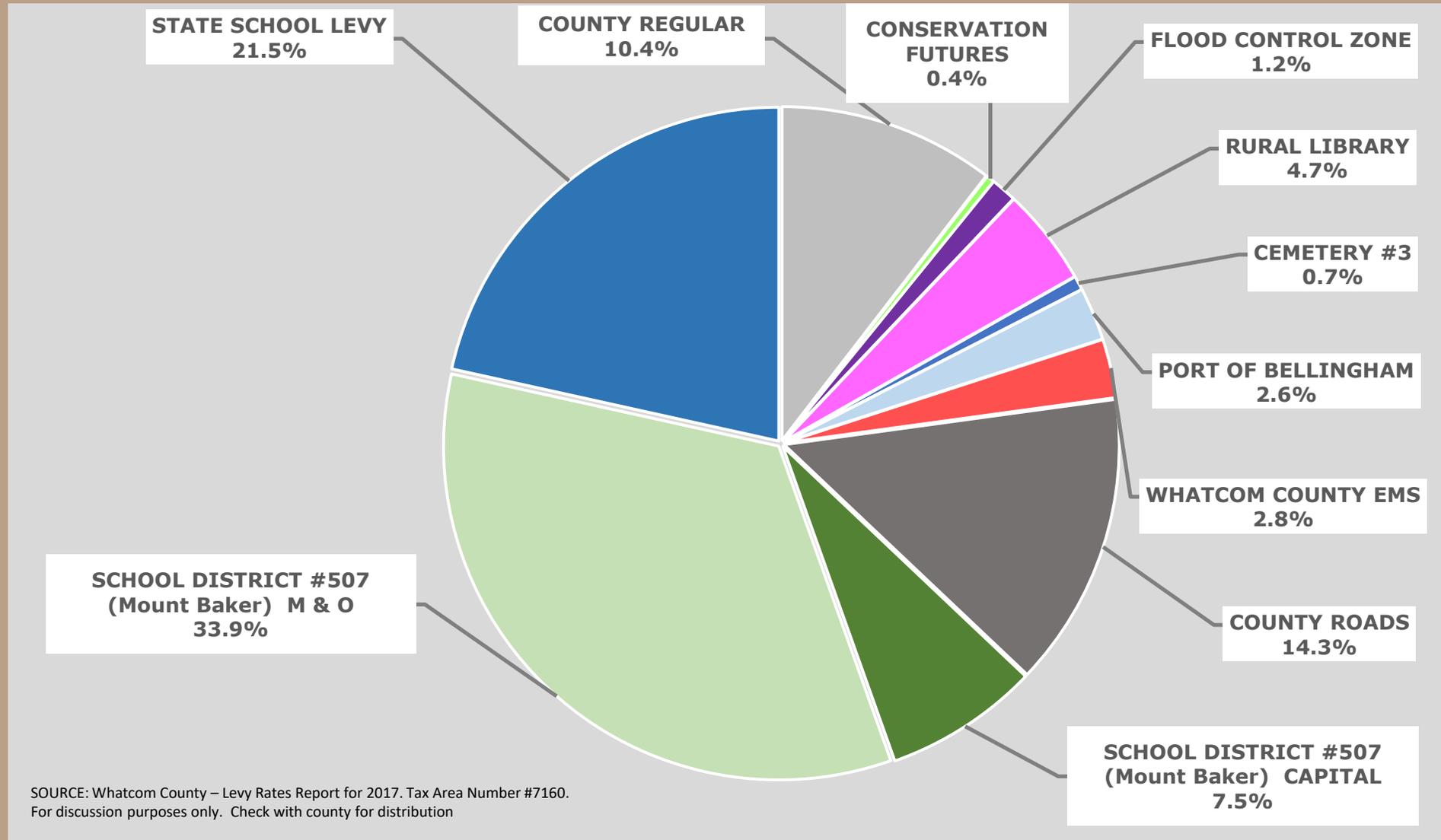
State Lands

- Total Area: 383,726 acres
 - 44,622 acres NAP/NRCA
 - 155,869 acres Federal Grant Lands
 - 183,235 acres State Forest Lands



Example - Whatcom County TCA #7160

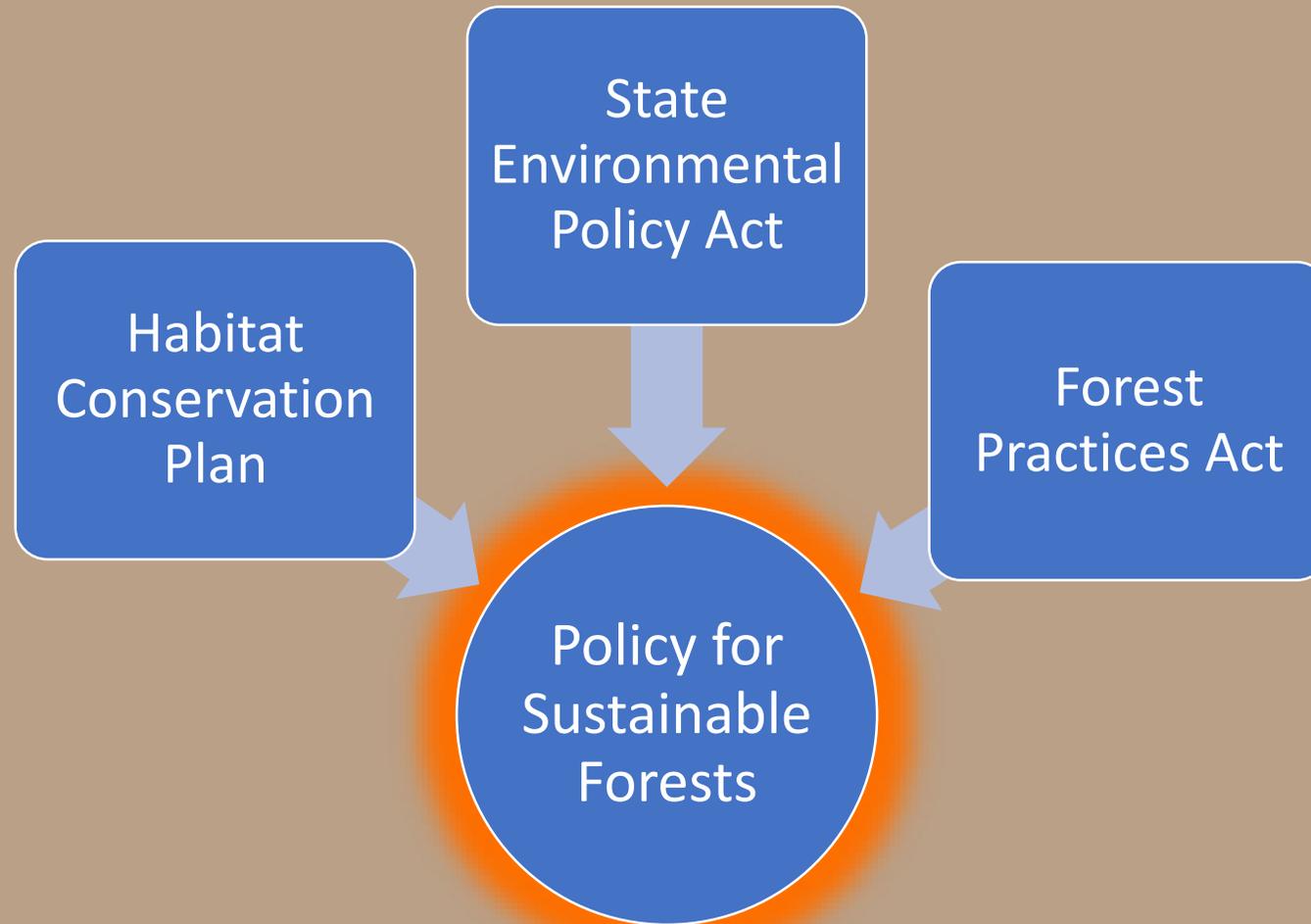
Data Source: Whatcom County- Levy Rates Report for 2017



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Regulatory Framework



Regulatory Framework

Policy for Sustainable Forests

Guides the management and stewardship of 2.1 million acres of forested trust lands

Economic Performance

- Definition, calculation, and recalculation of the sustainable harvest level

Forest Ecosystem Health and Productivity

- Outlines specific aspects for protection and management

Social and Cultural Benefits

- Protection and promotion of various land uses

Implementation

- Outlines management procedures for achieving the above three



Regulatory Framework

Habitat Conservation Plan

- Final plan adopted 1997
- Outlines conservation strategies for threatened and endangered species as well as a multitude of habitats



- Northern Spotted Owl
- Marbled Murrelet
- Salmonids and the Riparian Ecosystem
- Federally Listed Species and Species of Concern
 - Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Fish, Amphibians, etc...



Regulatory Framework

State Environmental Policy Act

- Enacted 1971
- Process for reviewing agency projects and alternatives
- Consider impacts on all elements of the environment
 - Natural: earth, air, water, plants & animals
 - Built: transportation, public services & utilities
- Determine and evaluate mitigation needs
- Provide opportunity for public comment

STATE FOREST LAND
SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:
Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:
This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

Questions in italics are supplemental to Ecology's standard environmental checklist. They have been added by the DNR to assist in the review of state forest land proposals. Adjacency and landscape/watershed-administrative-unit (WAL) maps for this proposal are available on the DNR internet website at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa>. These maps may also be reviewed at the DNR regional office responsible for the proposal. This checklist is to be used for SEPA evaluation of state forest land activities.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:
Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:
For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the **SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)**. Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements—that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

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Forest Practices Act

Forest Practices Act

- Regulatory side of DNR
- Addresses growing and harvesting timber
- Road building
- Only regulates forested non-federal & non-tribal lands
- TFW partnership - consultation and cooperation with WDFW, treaty tribes, & DOE

HCP “Crosswalks”

- Substitution agreements
- State Lands protects above and beyond
- Northern Spotted Owl
- Marbled Murrelet
- Riparian Management Strategy



Opportunities for Partnership

Formal

- Comment on FPA
- Comment on SEPA
- ID Teams
- Formal Committees

Informal

- Ask to meet with Districts
- Invitation to ID teams

