

# Small Forest Landowner Offers Assistance And Type Np Stream Buffers May Be Increasing







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# Recap from last year and new info from SFLO

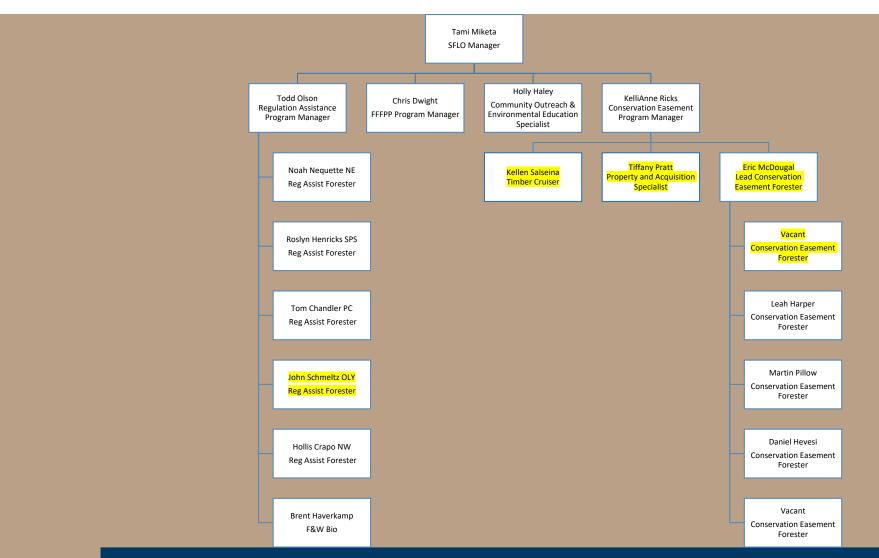
#### Recap

- We've grown, we've restructured, and we're prepared to help
- Our technical assistance is FREE
- We have cost share programs
- We'll fix your fish barriers
- We'll pay you for RMZ's and CMZ's you're required to leave

#### New

- We updated the Alternate Plans board manual section (BM21)
- The Forest Riparian Easement Program was given a boost by the Legislature





# Small Forest Landowner Regulation Assistance Program



- Assistance with Forest Practices Applications (FPA) permitting process
- Determining stream and wetland types, RMZ, WMZ, etc.
- Questions about harvest systems, roads, etc.

#### **Financial Assistance**



- Cost-share incentive programs
- Forest Health and fuels mitigation
- Family Forest Fish Passage
- Forestry Riparian Easement
- Rivers and Habitat Open Space

### Family Forest Fish Passage Program



**Before** 









**After** 



### **Forestry Riparian Easement Program**



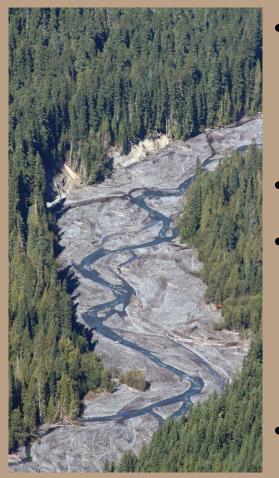
- Compensates harvesting landowners for the trees required left alone in buffers along water ways
- 50 to 90% of the stumpage value of trees
   +On-the-ground layout costs
- For parcels larger than 20 acres
- 50-year easement on the trees, not the land

#### !Legislative revamp of FREP!

- Clarification on the definitions of "qualifying timber" and "completion of harvest"
- Explicitly tasking DNR to consult the Advisory Committee, semiannually
- Shorting the easement term from 50 years to 40 years
- Changing the date used for easement valuation from the date of application to the date of completion of harvest
- Increasing compensation from 50-90% (eliminating the high impact regulatory threshold determination) of the value of the qualifying timber to 90%
- Increasing the unstable slopes reimbursement cap from \$50,000 to \$150,000 per landowner per biennium.



#### Rivers and Habitat Open Space Program



- Compensates landowners for trees left in Channel Migration Zone or Critical Habitat for threatened species
- Land must be taxed as forest land
- Technical Selection Committee ranks applications based on:
  - Conservation benefits
  - Risk of development
- Lifetime conservation easement on property

## **Board Manual Section 21 Guidelines for Alternate Plans**

- Part 1. Guidance for Small Forest Landowners
- Illustrations and Info boxes
- Easy to read and understand

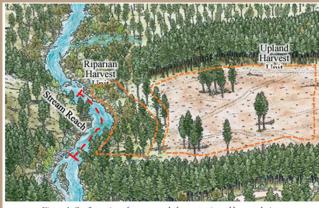


Figure 1. Configuration of stream reach, harvest unit, and harvest design

#### **DNR Small Forest Landowner Service Programs**

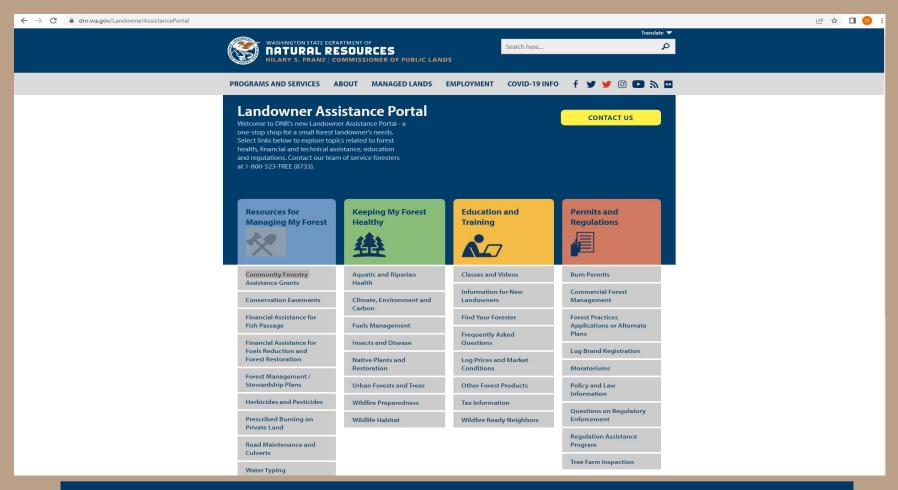


- dnr.wa.gov/ LandownerAssistancePortal
- ( 1-800-523-TREE (8733)
- OneStopShop@dnr.wa.gov





#### https://www.dnr.wa.gov/LandownerAssistancePortal

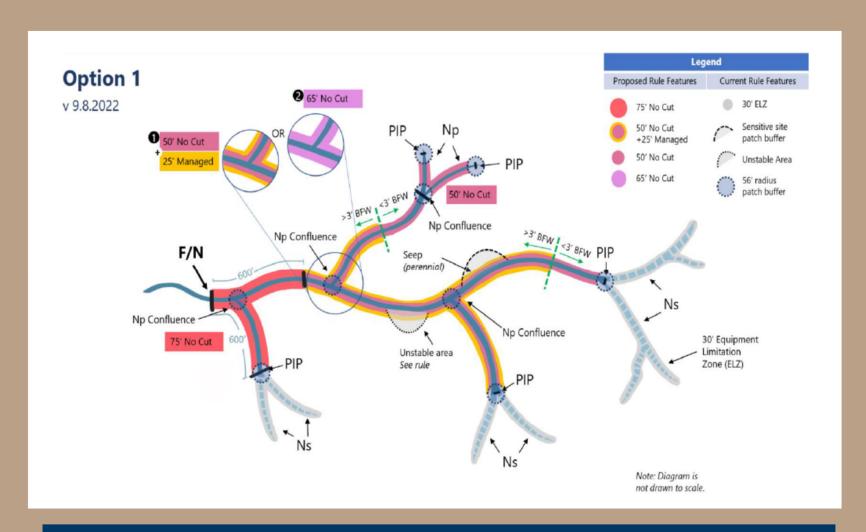


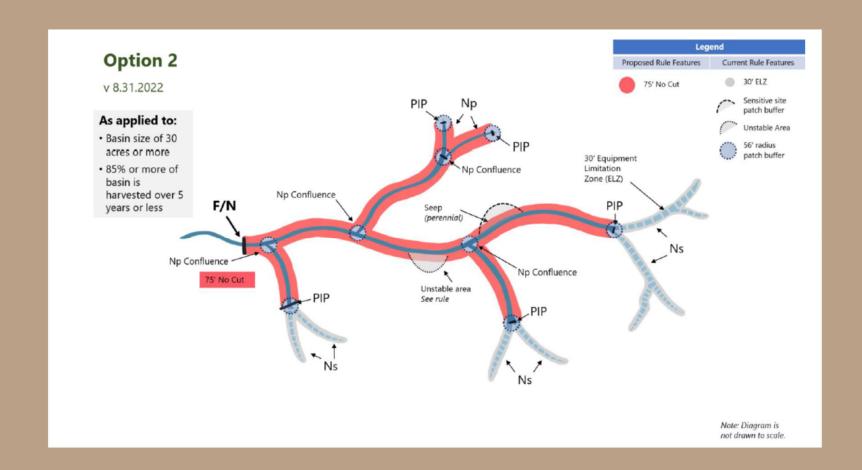
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What's been done to date?

- Adaptive Management Process
  - Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER)
  - Timber Fish and Wildlife Policy
- Forest Practices Board Decision
- Stakeholders were convened to incorporate board decision into RCW







#### What now?

- Spatial Analysis
- Cost Benefit Analysis and a Small Business Economic Impact Analysis
- Conducting background research and data gathering to inform the State Environmental Policy work
- Current Schedule CR102 packet and SEPA determination to the Board November 2024...STARTING the formal rulemaking process.

### **Questions?**



