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Cc: Mendoza, Sonia (ECY); Wood, Lisa (DFW)
Subject: RE: ECY SEPA #14-2034 - Mgmt Strategy for the WDFW Forests Project - Comments
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Messrs. Hilton and Callender,

Thank you for your comments on our forest management strategy document. Below are responses to your specific comments.

Comment #1: There are forested wetlands that have not been given much consideration. Perhaps you could include this component as another class of forest and provide appropriate management strategies.
Response: As an agency we identify plant communities using "ecological systems" defined by NatureServe and the DNR Natural Heritage Program. That said, we have 11 forest systems that are predominately wetland systems. Our management approach is the same for these forest types whether they are officially meet the regulatory definition of wetlands are not. In general our approaches is to let these systems develop into climax forests. Projects conducted in the forest systems, if any, would probably be restricted to thinning to accelerate succession outside of wetlands.

Comment #2 (summarized). Add a couple pages of text related to taking special measures within the Tacoma smelter plume area.
Response: Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. As we have 1) minimal forest holdings in association with just two wildlife areas within the smelter plume area and 2) we do not anticipate the need to actively manage those forests, we do not think it would be appropriate to focus on this local issue in a statewide document. We will, however, keep this information on file and use it should the need for forest management ever arise within the smelter plume area.

Thank you again for your comments.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Wood,

Attached are Ecology's comments for the Management Strategy for the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife's Forests Project (Ecology SEPA No. 14-2034). This is the original final copy. Comments are due 5/23/14.

Please reply to this message for confirmation.

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