

Summary

Meeting dates: November 8-9, 2013

Agenda item: **WDFW's Forest Management Strategy on Department Lands**

Presenter(s):
Clay Sprague, Lands Division Manager, Wildlife and Richard Tveten, Wildlife Areas HCP Project Manager

Background summary:

The department has prepared a draft Forest Management Strategy for its lands to guide development of forest management activities to improve ecological integrity, improve wildlife habitat, and reduce risks to insects and fire. Specific forest management activities will be developed as part of the Wildlife Area Planning updates.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

This strategy will set the overall direction for management of WDFW's forested lands.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Key external stakeholders were involved in development of the strategy. Other stakeholders and the general public will be invited to review and provide comments on the draft strategy through the SEPA process

Action requested: No action requested. Informational briefing only.

Draft motion language: N/A

Justification for Commission action: N/A

Communications Plan:

The Department is conducting a SEPA review on this strategy; this will be circulated to 600 interested parties to solicit comment.