Forest Roads

What the Small Forest Landowner Needs to Know

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Presentation Topics

- What exactly is a forest road?
- Road maintenance & abandonment planning
- Forest landowner obligations
- Available assistance
Forest Road

Forest Road (WAC 222-16-010)
Abandoned Road (WAC 222-24-052(3))
Orphaned Road (WAC 222-24-052(4))
Road Maintenance & Abandonment Planning

Effective 2001
• Applies to all roads constructed prior to adoption of new rules

Amended 2003
• 80/20
• Checklist
• RMAP brochure
• Fish passage barriers
Forest Landowner Obligations

Protect water quality and riparian habitat

• Fish passage
• Mass wasting
• Sediment delivery
• Redirection of surface flow
  • 100 year flood level
• No net loss of wetland function
Status of SFLO Roads

What we know
What we would like to know

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Goal of the pilot project: to begin sampling the state of Small Forest Landowner Roads, to determine if small landowners are on track to meet the 2016 RMAP deadline.

- Skagit County
- 800 ownerships 10-1000+ Acres
- 80 returned
- 74 granted access
- 28 landowners returned a pre-survey
Questions

What conditions are roads in, are they adding sediment to Type B Waters.

Are road systems meeting the Forest Practice Rule Standards

Are all potential fish barriers recognized.

What is the knowledge level of landowners regarding RMAP rules
What conditions are roads in, are they adding sediment to Typed Waters.
Are road systems meeting the Forest Practice Rule Standards
Are all potential fish barriers enrolled in the FFFPP
How can we (as in Partners) help?

SFLO Road Maintenance Project

Education
  Onsite assistance
Funding
  FFPP, EQIP
Data collection
  Participate in SFLO RMAP Survey
  Tell the story
  Landowner Self Assessments
  RMAP Checklist for all Roads
Board manual BMP’s
Available Assistance

Guidance

- Forest Practices Board Manual Section 3

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Cost Share

- Family Forest Fish Passage Program – FFFPP
  http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/SmallForestLandownerOffice/Pages/fp_sflo_fppp.aspx

- Environmental Quality Improvement Program - EQIP

- Washington State University, Forestry Extension, Coached Planning Short Course
  http://forestry.wsu.edu.