

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



- œ Forest Road (WAC 222-16-010)
- œ Abandoned Road (WAC 222-24-052(3))
- œ Orphaned Road (WAC 222-24-052(4))

Road Maintenance & Abandonment Planning



œ Effective 2001

- Applies to all roads constructed prior to adoption of new rules

œ Amended 2003

- 80/20
- Checklist
- RMAP brochure
- Fish passage barriers

Forest Landowner Obligations



œ 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

Pilot Project

- ∞ 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 Typed 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



2016

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

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/ForestPracticesRules/Pages/fp_board_manual.aspx

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∞ Cost Share

- Family Forest Fish Passage Program – FFFPP

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/SmallForestLandownerOffice/Pages/fp_sflo_fffpp.aspx

- Environmental Quality Improvement Program - EQIP

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/>

- Washington State University, Forestry Extension, Coached Planning Short Course

<http://forestry.wsu.edu>.