

**State Agencies' Action Plan Status Report
for Fiscal Year 2000**

Action ID	Action Item Title	Lead Agency	FTE	Biennial Total	Tasks Planned for Fiscal Year 2000	Status
FORESTS AND FISH						
For-1	Adopt new forest practices rules	DNR	0.4	1,093,200	Adopt emergency rules.	The Forest Practices Board adopted emergency rules in January 2000 which went into effect March 2000. DNR trained 900+ citizens and staff on the rules in spring 2000.
					Develop Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for permanent rules.	DNR developed a draft EIS and presented it to the Forest Practices Board in March 2000, followed by a public comment period and hearing. A full summary of the draft EIS was provided to the Board in August 2000. DNR is proceeding with the final EIS which will be completed in spring 2001.
					Work with NMFS and USFWS to receive limits on take prohibitions in the 4(d) rules.	Some final details still being worked out.
For-2	Approve road maintenance and abandonment plans	DNR, WDFW	8	1,370,000	Include in the emergency rules requirements for road maintenance, repair and abandonment.	The Forest Practices Board approved requirements for road maintenance, repair and abandonment in the emergency rules passed January 2000.
					Design and construct forest roads database to track forest roads on public and private lands.	DNR continues its work to design and construct forest roads database to track forest roads on public and private lands. Completion date: June 2001.
					Track and monitor implementation of road maintenance and abandonment plans.	DNR is beginning to track and monitor implementation of road maintenance and abandonment plans. DNR is working with private landowners and DNR-state lands to design what should be in road plans. DNR is using a template for small forest landowners' roads plan from its NE region. ECY staff are reviewing road plans, mostly small landowners. WDFW review of Road Abandonment & Maintenance Plan will begin once DNR has completed development of the template.
For-3	Develop Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) on the forestry module	WDFW	0.1	17,000	Start preparatory work for the HCP (due by 2003).	Activities under For-1 and For-2 are critical to the development of the HCP which will begin FY02.
					Establish the SFLO.	DNR has established the SFLO, and the new administrator for the office was hired this summer. DNR is quickly hiring the remaining staff in the office and in the field. (Hiring delays are due to DNR staff fighting fires.)

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For-4	Support Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO)	DNR	10.4	2,031,800	Establish advisory committee to work with DNR and the SFLO on draft rules to implement the Forest Riparian Easement Program and submit them to the Forest Practice Board for its consideration and adoption.	<p>The Commissioner of Public Lands established the advisory committee in October 1999 to work with DNR and the SFLO to draft rules to implement the Forest Riparian Easement Program.</p> <p>The advisory committee and DNR developed the rules to implement the Riparian Easement Program. The Forest Practices Board adopted the rules in spring 2000, which went into effect in July 2000 when DNR received the legislative appropriation of \$2.5 million for easement purchase. (See For-9)</p>
For-5	Update Watershed Analysis	WDFW	1.4	199,000	Update the watershed analysis manual and write new modules for restoration, water quality, cultural resources and eastern Washington hydrology.	Components of the watershed analysis were incorporated into the Forests and Fish Agreement, and other components were replaced by new Forests and Fish rules.
For-6	Enhance statewide monitoring consistent with Forests and Fish Report	DNR	0	3,427,000	Oversee the Cooperative Monitoring and Effectiveness Research (CMER) committee adaptive management research.	The CMER committee has overseen the adaptive management research for FY00. DNR is in the process of hiring its CMER adaptive management manager.
					Develop research projects with schedules and priorities.	The CMER committee has developed research projects with schedules and priorities. It will be presented to the Forest Practices Board.

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For-7	Additional compliance field staff	DNR, ECY, WDFW	11	1,723,000	Review landowners proposed alternate plans.	The small forest landowner advisory committee is currently working on standards and draft rules for alternate plans. Some review of alternate plans started. For example, ECY is reviewing Lewis County Family Forestry Alternative Plan.
					Conduct stream type verification.	ECY is working with landowners and tribes on stream typing and riparian standards.
					Conduct bull trout habitat reviews.	ECY staff are able to verify what areas have bull trout habitat when they review forest practice applications.
					Assist landowners in developing Best Management Practices and in developing mitigation and enhancement plans.	Assistance to landowners on Best Management Practices is done on a case-by-case basis. The alternatives to the Forests and Fish Rules is to look at the development of mitigation plans and habitat enhancement sites to justify expanded harvest options.
					Carry out effectiveness monitoring of emergency rules.	WDFW hired five field staff to support the Forests and Fish Agreement - a sixth has yet to be hired. ECY is working with private, state & US Forest Service on forest road plans. DNR has initiated "implementation review" of how the emergency rules are working on the ground and will present results to the Forest Practices Board.
					Carry out compliance /enforcement actions.	DNR is currently hiring additional field staff to carry out compliance/enforcement actions. Hires have been delayed due to DNR's effort to fight fires in the western United States in summer 2000. ECY is taking enforcement actions as needed.
For-8	Replace Forest Practice Application System	DNR	0	1,060,000	Begin the design of a new forest practices permit system to streamline the processing of forest practices applications and to distribute, accept and review applications electronically.	DNR has begun the design of a new forest practices permit system to streamline the processing of forest practices applications and to distribute, accept and review applications electronically. Completion date: June 2001.
For-9	Purchase Small Landowner Easements	DNR	0	2,500,000	Secure funding and begin the administration of the Forest Riparian Easement Program by the Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO).	DNR has secured \$2.5 million for the initial funding of riparian easements and has begun the administration of the Forest Riparian Easement Program by the SFLO. Several applications for easements are pending.
Subtotal			31.3	13,421,000		