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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All interested parties

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SUBJECT: **FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE OLYMPIC EXPERIMENTAL STATE FOREST (OESF) HCP PLANNING UNIT FOREST LAND PLAN**

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to adopt a forest land plan for the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF). A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was issued in 2010 and a Revised Draft EIS was issued in 2013. DNR is now issuing the Final EIS.

The Draft EIS, Revised Draft EIS, and Final EIS have been prepared to meet DNR's purpose and need and objectives for the OESF, which are included in the executive summary and Chapter 1 of the Final EIS. The forest land plan will be based on current DNR policies including the *State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan* and *Policy for Sustainable Forests* as well as applicable local, state, and federal laws. The forest land plan will provide foresters and managers with the information they need to prepare site-specific management proposals to meet DNR's objectives for the OESF.

The proposed action includes the related tasks of updating existing procedures as needed and developing a new procedure for salvaging timber after natural disturbance events such as wind or fire. In the future, many of the individual site-specific activities (for example, timber sales and road construction) that implement the forest land plan will require additional phased review under SEPA.

The Final EIS and additional information about this proposal can be viewed on DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/non-project-actions>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on August 4, 2016.