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December 1st, 2022

The Honorable Bernard Dean
Chief Clerk of the House
338B Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Sarah Bannister
Secretary of the Senate
312 Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chief Clerk Dean and Secretary Bannister:

Please accept the enclosed 2022 legislative report on Forest Health Assessment and Treatment Framework, submitted on behalf of Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as required in RCW 76.06.200. The statute directs DNR to provide biennial progress reports toward the forest health assessment and treatment framework that endeavors to achieve an initial goal of assessing and treating one million acres of land by 2033.

Included in the biennial progress reports are appropriation requests designed to implement the framework in the following biennium, a prioritized list and summary of treatments planned under the framework and appropriation request for the following biennium, and a summarized list of treatments carried out under the framework in the preceding biennium. The statute and the ongoing report requirements were established in 2SHB 5546 during the 2017 session, and later amended by 2SHB 1784 in the 2019 session. This is our third report under this statute, which is due to appropriate committees of the Legislature and Office of Financial Management by December 1st of each even-numbered year.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 360-486-3469 or Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian Considine
Legislative Director
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Legislative Report – Forest Health Assessment and Treatment Framework – RCW 79.06.200

cc:

Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Parks Committee
Members of the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee
Members of the House Appropriations Committee
Office of Financial Management