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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 2024 legislative report on Forest Health Assessment & 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 fourth report under this statute, which is due to appropriate committees of the Legislature and Office of Financial Management by December 1<sup>st</sup> of each even-numbered year.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 360-486-3469 or [Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: 2024 Legislative Report – Forest Health Assessment & Treatment Framework

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Members of the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee  
Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee  
Members of the House Appropriations Committee  
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