

LAKE WHATCOM FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Reaffirm original goals & objectives at time of transfer
- Identify and assess new or revised goals & objectives
- Note progress and accomplishments towards initial goals and objectives
- Identify and address current issues; fire resiliency, carbon sequestration, forest health, climate resiliency, wildlife and critical habitats, species of concern

FOREST DATA AND SITE CONDITIONS

- Convert, update and assess 2014 DNR stand data and mapping
- Compile data on critical areas, sensitive ecological habitats, wildlife populations, and soils
- Inventory and map roads, drainages, trails and other built elements
- Identify problems, threats, issues and areas of concern

STRATEGIES AND PRESCRIPTIONS

- Develop strategies and prescriptions to achieve stated goals and objectives

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Includes written plan with updated data sets, schedules, tables, background
- Identifies current conditions and desired outcomes
- Regulatory permits and processes identified
- Revenue and expense cost estimates
- Approval by Parks & Recreation Commission and WC Council- SEPA Review

IMPLEMENTATION

- Development of forest practice applications, contracts and detailed stand prescriptions
- Implementation to include an assessment mechanism for measurable progress towards goals and objectives
- Department to establish mechanism for reporting progress

PRIMARY GOALS

- 1. Passive non-motorized trail-based recreation and connectivity**
- 2. Forest stewardship to foster an older growth natural forest environment (60 + years)**
- 3. Protection of Lake Whatcom's water quality by reducing the potential for mass wasting events from unstable slopes and "rain on snow" events**