

Report to the Forest Practices Board on SFLOAC Activity

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The WADNR Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee (SFLOAC) discussed many issues over the past year or so. The issues that have been discussed and the number of accomplishments will really benefit the small forest landowners (SFLs) of Washington.

1. The SFLOAC developed an ongoing and constantly updated Action List of projects that the SFLOAC should consider taking on.
 - At the start of the year, the list stood at six short term projects and five long term ranging from developing a sample Alternative Plan (#1 on the short term list) to clarifying language in instructions for using the Water Typing protocol (last on the long term list).
2. Members of the SFLOAC volunteered to head up an effort to create a sample alternate plan application that would be posted on the Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO) website for guidance.
3. The SFLOAC committed a considerable time to creating a short guideline to instruct SFLs on what to expect if they are required to have an ID Team convene to address an Alternate Plan on their forest practices application.
 - Resulted in a very informative and concisely written two and one-quarter page document titled *The Small Forest Landowner's Guide to Alternative Plan Interdisciplinary Team Meetings* and is located on the SFLO website under Alternate Plans.
4. A complete SFLOAC Member Handbook was developed outlining the authorization of, the members on, and the operation of the SFLOAC.
5. The SFLOAC drafted an email to the WADNR Forest Practices Division Manager requesting that the SFLOAC be part of the review process for any Forest Practices documents that are being altered.
 - This request was granted which should allow the SFLOAC to identify any language in new documents that could be confusing to small forest landowners
6. We also decided to undertake a discussion of potential issues SFLs have raised when trying to understand the East Side and West Side FPA Application and Instructions. This consumed most of our meetings from July to November.
 - The issues raised are being collated and will be presented to DNR Operations for their consideration.
 - It is the hope of the SFLOAC that this effort will result in FPA/N Instructions that are considerably less confusing for SFLs.

All in all, the SFLOAC has been very productive over the past year.