

May 9, 2018

Washington State Forest Practice Board  
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Re: Water Typing and PHB validation

Chairman Bernath and Members of the Board:

I'm Ken Miller, here to make two points this afternoon:

1. The WFFA draft template is still alive and moving:
  - a. A new contractor has been hired to do an assessment of the science conclusions in our template.
  - b. A first draft should be imminent
  - c. A final draft is expected to be available in late summer to forward to ISPR to review the review of the review of our science. ☺ The ISPR review is expected to be completed prior to the end of this year - whereupon the buck will be fully in lap of TFW Policy to make recommendations to you no later than May of 2019.
  - d. In the meantime we've had couple of short meetings that from my point of view were very meaningful because we started discussing merits of some of the metrics, and similarities with other rules/template efforts.
  - e. Ideally we'll be ready for larger decisions/recommendations in Policy by the time the science assessment comes back from ISPR.
  
2. As a reminder ☺ I'm again asking that you schedule your 2018 Field tour at our tree farm where we can give you a visual presentation of the WFFA template proposal and give SFLOs an opportunity to share any of their concerns with you as you've done for tribal concerns and eastside forest health concerns. I'm confident we can meet your needs for professionalism while giving you insights to SFLOs that are not feasible in this setting. I'll stick around for the Work Plan discussion if you have clarifying questions. ☺

Respectfully,

Ken Miller