PEND OREILLE COUNTY
NEWPORT, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 172

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A FOREST PRACTICES APPLICATION/NOTIFICATION FOR WOLFRED COUNTY PARK

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.32.120(6), the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") has the care of County property and the management of County funds and business; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 2026-103, the County adopted the 2026 Forest Management Plan for Wolfred County park; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 76.09 RCW, the implementation of the Forest Management Plan requires a Forest Practices Application/Notification (FPA/N) from the Washington Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes that the best interest of the public will be served by submitting the attached FPA/N Application and SEPA Environmental Checklist to the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners that the FPA/N Application and SEPA Environmental Checklist for the Wolfred Park Unit 1 Harvest is hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners, that the Chair of the Board, or a majority of the Board is hereby authorized to execute the FPA/N Application on behalf of Pend Oreille County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners that the Director of the Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Department, Michael Kirkwood, is hereby authorized to execute the SEPA Environmental Checklist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners that the Director of the Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Department, Michael Kirkwood, may submit the approved documents and conduct all business with the Washington Department of Natural Resources necessary to obtain the FPA/N on behalf of the County.

[executed page with signatures is attached]

ADOPTED this 20 day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Brian Smiley, Chair

Robert Rosencrantz, Vice-Chair

John Gentle, Member

ATTEST:

Crystal Zieske, Clerk of the Board

R-2026-172

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FPA/N No.:	
Region:	
Date of Receipt:	

Forest Practices Application/Notification
Eastern Washington

Project Name: Wolfred Park Unit 1 Harvest

PLEASE READ FPA/N INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION.

1. Landowner, Timber Owner and Operator

Legal Name of Landowner	Legal Name of Timber Owner	Legal Name of Operator
Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Department	☒Same as Landowner	☒Same as Landowner
Mailing Address PO Box 5040	Mailing Address	Mailing Address
City, State, Zip Newport, WA 99156	City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip
Phone: 509-447-4513 Email: mikirkwood@pendoreille.org	Phone: Email:	Phone: Email:

Contact Person:	Phone: 208-610-6973
Shane Hoover	Email: shane@jdforestmanagement.com

2. Are you converting any portion of the land to non-forestry use within three (3) years of harvest?

☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, include a SEPA checklist and SEPA determination (if applicable) and copies of county clearing and grading permits (if applicable).

3. If you are harvesting timber, enter the Forest Tax Number of the Timber Owner.

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Contact the Department of Revenue at 360-534-1324 to obtain a forest tax number or further information.

4. Are you eligible for the Enhanced Aquatic Resources Requirements (EARR) Tax Credit? *See FPA/N instructions for further information.*

☒ No ☐ Yes

5. **Are you a small forest landowner per RCW 76.09.450?** *See FPA/N instructions for details.*

☐ No ☒ Yes **If yes, check all that apply**. If no, skip to Question 6.

- ☒ My entire proposed harvest area is on a single contiguous ownership consisting of one or more parcels.
- ☐ My proposed forest practices activities are within an area covered by an approved Forest Stewardship Plan or Forest Management Plan developed in cooperation with DNR.
- ☐ I received technical assistance from a DNR small forest landowner Stewardship and Technical Assistance Forester in preparing this FPA/N.

6. **Are you substituting prescriptions from an approved state or federal habitat conservation plan (HCP) or Watershed Analysis?**

☒ No ☐ Yes Write "HCP" or "Using Prescriptions" in tables that apply. Attach or reference prescriptions and/or crosswalk(s) for the approved HCP or Watershed Analysis on file at the region office.

7. **What is the legal description of your forest practices?**

Section	Township	Range	E/W	Tax Parcel Number	County
33	32N	45E		453233000001	Pend Oreille

8. **Have you reviewed this forest practices activity area to determine whether it may involve historic sites and/or Native American cultural resources?** *Please read FPA/N instructions prior to answering this question.*

☒ No ☐ Yes If you made any contacts, please provide information in Question 28.

9. **Do you have a DNR approved Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan (RMAP)?**

a. ☒ No ☐ Yes If no, skip to c., **if yes, enter your RMAP number**: _____; continue to b.

b. ☐ No ☐ Yes Is this forest practices activity for work that is included in the approved RMAP?

c. ☐ No ☒ Yes Is a Small Forest Landowner Checklist RMAP required? *See FPA/N instructions for details.*

10. **Are there potential unstable slopes or landforms in or around the area of your forest practices activity?**

☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, attach Appendix D. Slope Stability Informational Form and map of areas reviewed for and locations of unstable slopes and landforms found. If applicable, attach a geotechnical letter, memo, or report, Watershed Analysis prescriptions, and/or SEPA Environmental Checklist.

11. Is this Forest Practices Application/Notification (answer all of the following questions)

a. ☒ No ☐ Yes A request for a multi-year permit? If yes, length requested: ☐ 4 years or ☐ 5 years. *See FPA/N instructions to verify you qualify for a multi-year permit.*

b. ☒ No ☐ Yes An Alternate Plan? If yes, include a template Alternate Plan Form or detailed plan. *See FPA/N instructions for details.*

c. ☒ No ☐ Yes For a funded Forest Family Fish Passage Program (FFFPP) project?

d. ☒ No ☐ Yes Within an urban growth area? If yes, review FPA/N instructions for additional required documents.

e. ☐ No ☒ Yes Within a public park? If yes, include a SEPA Environmental Checklist or SEPA Determination, except for harvest/salvage of less than 5,000 board feet within a developed public park.

Park Name: Wolfred County Park

f. ☐ No ☒ Yes Within 500 feet of a public park? Park Name: Wolfred County Park

g. ☒ No ☐ Yes Part of an approved Conversion Option Harvest Plan (COHP) prepared by a local government entity? If yes, include a copy.

h. ☒ No ☐ Yes Within 200 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) or floodway of Type S Water? If yes, check with the county or city to determine whether a Substantial Development Permit is required under the local shoreline master plan.

i. ☒ No ☐ Yes Within 50 miles of saltwater AND you own more than 500 acres of forestland in Washington state? If yes, include Appendix J. Marbled Murrelet Form or attach/reference applicable HCP prescriptions.

j. ☒ No ☐ Yes In or directly adjacent to a potential Channel Migration Zone (CMZ)? If yes, include Appendix E. CMZ Assessment Form or attach/reference applicable HCP and/or Watershed Analysis prescriptions.

You are required to verify all waters within 200 feet of your proposed forest practices activities prior to submitting a Forest Practices Application/Notification. Use Appendix A. Water Type Classification Worksheet and/or a Water Type Modification form to explain how you verified water types. *See Water Typing Requirements in the FPA/N instructions for details.*

*** * * IF NOT WORKING IN OR OVER TYPED WATER, SKIP TO QUESTION 16 * * ***

Prior to answering Questions 12-15 in this section, please refer to the Forest Practices Application/Notification Instructions and Forest Practices Board Manual Section 5.

12. Are you proposing any of the following projects NOT permitted by current HPAs from WDFW?

a. ☒ No ☐ Yes Installing, replacing, or repairing a culvert at or below the bankfull width of Type S or F Water that exceeds a five percent gradient?

b. ☒ No ☐ Yes Construction, replacing, or repairing a bridge at or below the bankfull width of unconfined streams in Type S or F Water?

c. ☒ No ☐ Yes Placing fill material within the 100-year flood level of unconfined streams in Type S or F Water?

13. Have you consulted with DNR and/or WDFW about the proposed hydraulic project(s) in or over Type S or F Water?

☒ No ☐ Yes

14. **If installing, replacing, removing, or maintaining structures in or over any typed water, complete the table below.** Provide crossing locations and identifiers on your Activity Map. Provide plan details in Question 28 or attach plan to the FPA/N. Type S and F and complex Type N Waters require detailed plan information per WAC 222-24-042(2). *See FPA/N instructions for detailed plan requirements.*

Crossing Identifier *(letter, number)*	**Water Type** *(S, F, Np, Ns)*	**Planned Activity** *(install, replace, remove, temporary, maintenance)*	**Structure** *(bridge, ford/equipment crossing*, puncheon/fill, arch, round culvert, other)*	**Proposed Size** *(width x length)*	**Culvert Design Method** *(no-slope, stream-sim, hydraulic, other) (F and S only)*	**Channel Bed Width** (ft) *(F and S only)*	**Stream Gradient** (%) *(F and S only)*	**Is this an RMAP Project**

*Fords and/or equipment crossings on Type S and F Waters may result in an unauthorized incidental take of certain threatened or endangered fish species. For more information, see 'Background for the State's Incidental Take Permits for certain threatened and endangered fish species' following Question 22 of the FPA/N Instructions.

15. **If conducting any of the following activities in or over typed water, complete the table below.** Some activities will require identifiers on the Activity Map and/or more information in Question 28. *See FPA/N instructions for details.*

***Activity**	**Type S Water**	**Type F Water**	**Type Np Water**	**Type Ns Water**
Equipment Crossing**	**PROVIDE DETAILS IN QUESTION 14**			
Suspending Cables				
Cable Yarding				
LWD Placement/Removal				
Beaver Dam Removal				
Felling and Bucking				
Other (*describe in Question 28*)				

*Fords and/or equipment crossings on Type S and F Waters must be identified in Question 14.

16. **If constructing or abandoning forest roads, complete the table below.** Show the road locations and identifiers on the Activity Map. Include abandonment plans for all temporary roads and abandonment projects. *See FPA/N instructions for abandonment plan requirements.*

Road Identifier *(name, number)*	**Road Construction**		**Road Abandonment**	
	Length *(feet)*	**Steepest Side-slope** *(%)*	**Length** *(feet)*	**Abandonment Date** *(MM/YYYY)*
R1	4,500	40	NA	

17. If depositing spoils and/or expanding or developing a rock pit for forestry use, complete the table below. Show locations and identifiers on the Activity Map.

Spoil Area Identifier *(letter, number)*	**Amount of Spoils Deposited** *(cubic yards)*

Rock Pit Identifier *(name, number or letter)*	**Acres of New Rock Pit Developed**	**Acres of Existing Rock Pit Expanded**

18. If operating within 200 feet of a wetland that is not associated with Type S or F Water, complete the table below. Wetlands associated with Type S or F Water should be listed in Question 25 **or** Question 23 if using 20-acre exempt rules. Show the boundaries of each wetland, along with its identifier, and Wetland Management Zone (WMZ) on the Activity Map. *See FPA/N instructions for details.*

Wetland Identifier *(letter, number)*	**Wetland Type** *(A, B, Forested)*	**Planned Activities in Wetland**	**Planned Activities in Maximum Width WMZ**	**Total Wetland Acres**	**How many acres will be drained?**	**How many acres will be filled?**

*** * * IF NOT HARVESTING OR SALVAGING TIMBER, SKIP TO QUESTION 27 * * ***

19. If harvesting or salvaging timber, complete the table below. Show all harvest areas and unit numbers on the Activity Map. For even-aged harvest units, show surrounding stand information on the Activity Map. *See FPA/N instructions for details.*

Unit Number	**Harvest Method** *(Even-aged, Uneven-aged, Salvage, Right of Way)*	**Biomass Harvest** *(Y or N)*	**Logging System** *(rubber tired skidder, tracked skidder, dozer, shovel, full suspension cable, leading end suspension cable, helicopter, cable assist/tethered, animal, chipper, forwarder, slash bundler)*	**Acres to be Harvested**	**Volume to be Harvested** *(mbf)*	**Biomass Volume to be Harvested** *(tonnage)*	**Salvage Volume to be Harvested** *(%)*	**Estimated Number of Trees per acre Remaining after Harvest**		**Steepest Slope in Harvest Unit** *(%)*
								Less than 10" dbh	Greater than or equal to 10" dbh	
1	Uneven-aged	N	RTS/Harvester - ground based	83	500	N		150	4	10

20. Reforestation. Check all that apply:

☐ Planting. Tree Species: _____

☐ Natural. Include a Natural Regeneration Plan

☒ Not required because of one of the following:

- ☐ I am converting some or all of this land to non-forestland in the next three (3) years or lands are exempted under WAC 222-34-050.
- ☐ Individual dead, dying, down, or wind-thrown trees will be salvaged.
- ☒ Trees are removed under a thinning program reasonably expected to maximize the long-term productivity of commercial timber.
- ☒ I am leaving at least 100 vigorous, undamaged, and well distributed saplings or merchantable tress per acre.
- ☒ An average of 150 tree seedlings per acre are established on the harvest area and my harvest will not damage them.
- ☐ Road right-of-way or rock pit development harvest only.

*** * IF YOU OWN MORE THAN 80 ACRES OF FORESTLAND IN WASHINGTON, SKIP TO QUESTION 25 * ***

21. Are you using the exempt 20-acre parcel riparian management zone (RMZ) rule on Type S, F, or Np Waters? *See FPA/N instructions for details.*

☒ No Skip to Question 25.

☐ Yes Continue to Question 22. *See FPA/N instructions for qualifications and information.*

22. Choose the answer below that best fits your situation. Show all RMZs on the Activity Map.

☐ **a. All of the following apply to me and my land**: if no, answer b.

- Between June 5, 2006 and today's date I have always owned less than 80 acres of forestland in Washington.
- Between June 5, 2006 and today's date this parcel has always been 20 acres or less of contiguous ownership. *See RCW 76.09.020 for definition of "contiguous".*
- Between June 5, 2006 and today's date this parcel has always been owned by me or someone else that has owned less than 80 acres of forestland in Washington.

b. ONE OR MORE of the following apply to me and/or my land (check all that apply):
If any of the statements below apply AND you use the exempt 20-acres parcel RMZ rule, you are NOT authorized under the State's Incidental Take Permits. *See FPA/N instructions for details.*

- ☐ Between June 5, 2006 and today's date I have owned more than 80 acres of forestland in Washington.
- ☐ Between June 5, 2006 and today's date this parcel has been a part of more than 20 acres of contiguous ownership. *See RCW 76.09.020 for definition of "contiguous".*
- ☐ Between June 5, 2006 and today's date this parcel has been owned by someone that has owned more than 80 forested acres in Washington.

23. **If harvesting on an exempt 20-acre parcel and are within 345 feet of a Type S or F Water or periodically inundated areas of their associated wetlands, complete the table below.** Show RMZs and stream segment identifiers on the Activity Map. If you are harvesting within 75 feet or within the maximum RMZ (whichever is less), stream shade must be assessed and met following harvest. Describe in Question 28 how stream shade was determined to be met or use Appendix F. Stream Shade Assessment Worksheet.

Stream Segment Identifier *(letter)*	**Water Type** *(S, F,)*	**Segment Length** *(feet)*	**Adjacent Harvest Type** (partial cut or other)	**RMZ Maximum Width** *(feet)*	**Are you harvesting within the maximum RMZ?** *(Y or N)*	Only complete if harvesting within 75 feet or within the maximum RMZ, whichever is less	
						Minimum Shade Required (%)	**Shade met per FPBM – Section 1?** *(Y or N)*

24. **Are you harvesting within 29 feet of a Type Np Water on an exempt 20-acre parcel?**

☐ No Skip to Question 27.

☐ Yes Describe leave tree strategy in Question 28 and Skip to Question 27. *See FPA/N instructions for details.*

25. **If harvesting within 130 feet of any Type S or F Water or periodically inundated areas of their associated wetlands, complete the table below.** Include stand information for all inner zone harvests unless you have an HCP prescription. Show RMZs, CMZs, and stream segment identifiers on the Activity Map. If you are harvesting within 75 feet or within the maximum RMZ (whichever is less), stream shade must be assessed and met following harvest. Describe in Question 28 how stream shade was determined to be met or use Appendix F. Stream Shade Assessment Worksheet.

Stream Segment Identifier *(letter)*	**Water Type** *(S, F,)*	**Site Class** *(I - V)*	**Stream Width** *(feet)*	**Is there a CMZ?** *(Y or N)*	**RMZ Harvest Code(s)** *(see instructions)*	**DFC Run Number**	**Total width of RMZ** *(feet)*	Only complete if harvesting within 75 feet or within the maximum RMZ, whichever is less	
								Minimum Shade Required (%)	**Shade met per FPBM – Section 1?** *(Y or N)*

26. **If harvesting within 50 feet of Type Np Water, complete the table below.** Show RMZs and stream segment identifiers on the Activity Map.

Stream Segment Identifier *(letter)*	**Selected Strategy** *(partial cut or clearcut)*

Stream Segment Identifier *(letter)*	**Selected Strategy** *(partial cut or clearcut)*

27. How are the following currently marked on the ground? *(Flagging color, paint color, road, fence, etc.)*

Harvest/Salvage Boundaries: Pink Flagging on Property/Fence Lines

Clumped Wildlife Reserve Trees | Green Recruitment Trees: Scattered across Unit

Right-of-Way Limits | Road Centerlines: N/A

Stream Crossing Work: N/A

Riparian Management Zone Boundaries and Leave/Take Trees: N/A

Channel Migration Zone: N/A

Wetland Management Zone Boundaries and Leave/Take Trees: N/A

28. Additional information (attach additional pages if necessary):

- See FPA/N instructions for required plan information for hydraulic projects in or over Type S, F, or complex N Water.
- If applicable, include mitigation measures from a geotechnical memo, letter, or report.

Stream Segment A contains no water and has no channel

29. We acknowledge the following:

- The information on this application/notification is true.
- We understand this proposed forest practice is subject to:
  - The Forest Practices Act and Rules, AND
  - All other federal, state or local regulations.
- Compliance with the Forest Practices Act and Rules does not ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act or other federal, state or local laws.
- If we said that we would not convert the land to non-forestry use, the county or city may deny development permits on this parcel for the next six (6) years.
- The following may result in an unauthorized incidental take of certain endangered or threatened fish species:
  - Conversion of land to non-forestry use.
  - Harvesting within the maximum RMZ on a 20-acre exempt parcel that was acquired after June 5, 2006.
  - Equipment crossings or fords that are in or over Type S and F Waters.
- Inadvertent Discovery – Chapter 27.44, 27.53, 68.50 and 68.60 RCW
  - If you find or suspect you have found an archeological object or Native American cairn, grave, or glyptic record, immediately cease disturbance activity, protect the area and promptly contact the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at 360-586-3077.
  - If you find or suspect you have found human skeletal remains, immediately cease disturbance activity, protect the area, and contact the County Coroner or Medical Examiner and local law enforcement as soon as possible. Failure to report human remains is a misdemeanor.

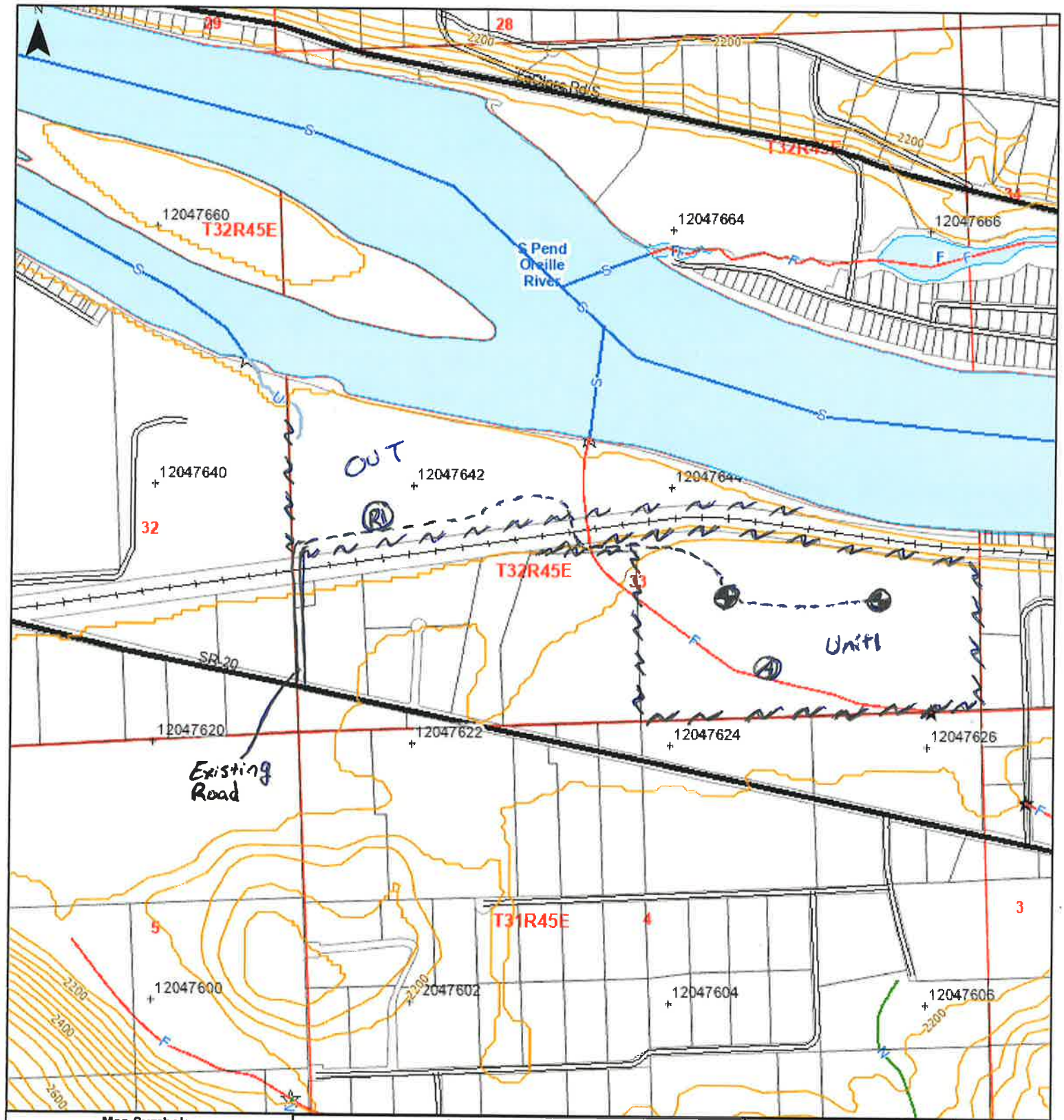
The landowner understands that by signing and submitting this FPA/N they are authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to enter the property in order to review the proposal, inspect harvest operations, and monitor compliance for up to three years after its expiration date. RCW 76.09.150

Signature of Legal Landowner	**Signature of Legal of Timber Owner*** *(if different than landowner)*	**Signature of Legal Operator** *(if different than landowner)*
		
Print Name: Brian Smiley, Chair	**Print Name:**	**Print Name:**
Date: 10/20/2026	**Date:**	**Date:**

***NOTE**: if you are a "Perpetual Timber Rights Owner," and are submitting this without the landowner's signature, provide written evidence the landowner has been notified.

- Please make a copy of this FPA/N for your records.
- If this FPA/N contains a hydraulic project requiring WDFW concurrence review, it will not be available online for public review until after the WDFW concurrence review period.

Forest Practices Activity Map - Application #_____



Map Symbols

- Harvest Boundary
- Road Construction
- Stream
- RMZ / WMZ Buffers
- Rock Pit
- Landing
- Waste Area
- Clumped WRTS/GRTS
- Existing Structure

Additional Information

= Existing Road

Legal Description

T32-0N R45-0E S33,T31-0N R45-0E S04,T31-0N R45-0E S05,T32-0N R45-0E S32

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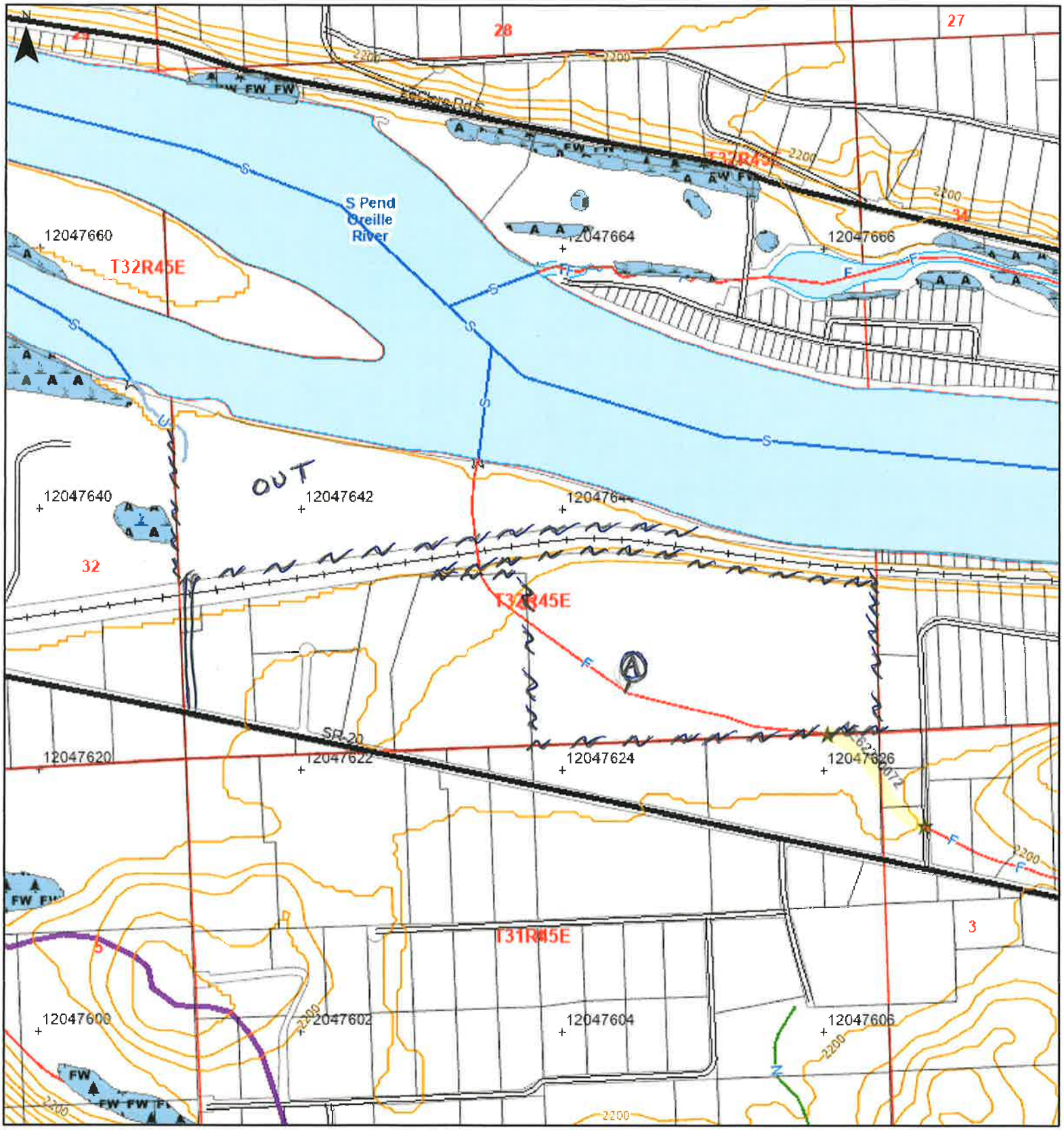
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Forest Practices Water Type Map



Map Symbols

- New Stream
- Proposed Water Type
- Stream Removal
- Break between water types
- Start and End Point of Surveyed Reach
- Natural Fish Barrier
- Manmade Barrier
- End of Fish or Last Fish

Additional Information

= Existing Road

Legal Description

T32-0N R45-0E S33,T31-0N R45-0E S04,T31-0N R45-0E S05,T32-0N R45-0E S32,T31-0N R45-0E S03,T32-0N R45-0E S34

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Appendix A. Water Type Classification Worksheet

Stream/Segment ID	Stream/Segment ID	Stream/Segment ID
A		
Date(s) Observed	**Date(s) Observed**	**Date(s) Observed**
8/28/2026		
1. Did you determine fish use as described in the Forest Practices Board Manual Section 23? Or, does the stream have waiver characteristics? *See WAC 222-16-030(2)(d)(ii).*		
☒ No. Continue to 2. ☐ Yes. Meets waiver criteria. Skip to 7. ☐ Yes. Attach documentation or provide approved WTMF number: _____ ☐ Fish found. **Stop**: Type F water. ☐ No fish. Skip to 7.	☐ No. Continue to 2. ☐ Yes. Meets waiver criteria. Skip to 7. ☐ Yes. Attach documentation or provide approved WTMF number: _____ ☐ Fish found. **Stop**: Type F water. ☐ No fish. Skip to 7.	☐ No. Continue to 2. ☐ Yes. Meets waiver criteria. Skip to 7. ☐ Yes. Attach documentation or provide approved WTMF number: _____ ☐ Fish found. **Stop**: Type F water. ☐ No fish. Skip to 7.
2. Were fish observed, or are fish known to use the stream any time of the year?		
☒ No. Continue to 3. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.	☐ No. Continue to 3. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.	☐ No. Continue to 3. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.
3. Is there an impoundment (ponded water) upstream of the assessed segment that is 0.5 acres or greater?		
☒ No. Continue to 4. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.	☐ No. Continue to 4. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.	☐ No. Continue to 4. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.
4. Are there segments within or downstream of the Anadromous Fish Floor, as determined by Board Manual 23?		
☒ No. Describe how AFF was determined and continue to 5. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water. No water, No channel exists.	☐ No. Describe how AFF was determined and continue to 5. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.	☐ No. Describe how AFF was determined and continue to 5. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.
5. Are there segments within or upstream of the assessed portion of the stream where: • the average bankfull width is two feet or greater in *Western* Washington or three feet or greater in *Eastern* Washington AND, • the average stream gradient is less than or equal to 16%?		
☒ No. Continue to 6. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.	☐ No. Continue to 6. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.	☐ No. Continue to 6. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.
6. Are there segments within or upstream of the assessed portion of the stream where: • the average bankfull width is two feet or greater in *Western* Washington, or three feet or greater in *Eastern* Washington AND, • the average stream gradient is between 16 and 20% AND, • the contributing basin to the stream is greater than 50 acres in *Western* Washington or 175 acres in *Eastern* Washington?		
☒ No. Continue to 7. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.	☐ No. Continue to 7. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.	☐ No. Continue to 7. ☐ Yes. **Stop**: Type F water.
7. Does the stream segment contain water at all times during a normal rainfall year?		
☒ No. Continue to 8. ☐ Yes. Type Np water. Skip to 10.	☐ No. Continue to 8. ☐ Yes. Type Np water. Skip to 10.	☐ No. Continue to 8. ☐ Yes. Type Np water. Skip to 10.
8. Is the stream segment downstream of a perennial source of flowing water?		
☒ No. Continue to 9. ☐ Yes. Type Np water. Skip to 10.	☐ No. Continue to 9. ☐ Yes. Type Np water. Skip to 10.	☐ No. Continue to 9. ☐ Yes. Type Np water. Skip to 10.

9. **Is the stream physically connected by an above-ground channel network to Type S, F, or Np water?**		
☒ No. Non-typed water. ☐ Yes. Type Ns water.	☐ No. Non-typed water. ☐ Yes. Type Ns water.	☐ No. Non-typed water. ☐ Yes. Type Ns water.
10. Describe how the uppermost point of perennial flow was determined. Include a description of its location and show the point on a map. Use a separate piece of paper if necessary.		
No Water, No Channel		

Small Forest Landowner Checklist
Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan

Use the following questions to determine if a SFL Checklist RMAP is required.

A) Does your FPA/N include timber harvest or salvage?
☒ Yes. Continue to B. ☐ No. **Stop,** a checklist is not required.

B) Are you hauling timber on existing forest roads on your property? *Not including: residential driveways; skid trails; haul roads on neighboring property;*
☒ Yes. Continue to C. ☐ No. **Stop**, a checklist is not required.

C) Do you own more than 80 acres of forest land in Washington?
☒ Yes. A checklist is required. ☐ No. Continue to D.

D) Is this FPA/N on a block of forest land that contains more than 20 contiguous acres?
☒ Yes. A checklist is required ☐ No. **Stop**, a checklist is not required.

1. **This checklist applies to:** Select one.
   - ☒ The existing forest roads on my forestland that I will use for this FPA/N. *(minimum required)*
   - ☐ I assessed all existing forest roads on my forestland. *Assessing all your forest roads is optional. If you choose this, you will not be required to submit additional checklists with future FPA/Ns.*

     If you check this box, include a Forest Practices Activity Map that shows all your forest roads.

2. **What is the approximate total number of miles of existing forest road assessed:** .2 Mile

3. **Forest Road Assessment.** Complete this question after you have assessed your existing forest roads.

   Select all sediment and road issues that are known to be associated with your existing forest roads.
   - ☐ I would like DNR to contact me for help with this section. *(If you check this box, you may leave the rest of the boxes in this question blank. DNR will contact you.)*
   - ☐ Water from the road or ditch runs directly into typed water.
   - ☐ Water flows under, over, or around the culvert.
   - ☐ The culvert keeps filling with dirt.
   - ☐ The road has large cracks or ruts.
   - ☐ The road has sinkholes. (*not a pothole, but a hole that you can't drive over*)
   - ☐ Dirt from the uphill side of the road keeps falling into the ditch-line before regularly scheduled maintenance.
   - ☐ Dirt from the cut-slope keeps falling downhill into or near a stream, pond, or wetland.
   - ☐ There are indications of past surface erosion.
   - ☐ The road crosses typed water (a culvert, bridge, or ford exist)
   - ☒ I have assessed my existing forest roads and they do not have any of the above issues.

4. Family Forest Fish Passage Program

The Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP) is a program to fix fish passage barriers, such as culverts. Not all culverts are fish passage barriers. For an evaluation of your potential fish passage barrier please contact DNRs Small Forest Landowners Office at 360-902-1404 or visit www.dnr.wa.gov\fffpp for more information.

Check the box that applies:

- ☒ Not applicable.
- ☐ I choose to enroll in the FFFPP and would like to have my potential barrier evaluated for eligibility. I understand by checking this box, I may be required to provide cost-share associated with the barrier removal or replacement.
- ☐ I choose not to enroll in the FFFPP and accept responsibility for removing or repairing any artificial fish barriers on my forest roads at my own expense.
- ☐ This barrier is already enrolled in the FFFPP.

5. Orphaned Roads

State law requires DNR to keep an inventory of orphaned roads that pose a risk to public safety or to the public resources. Your help with this inventory is requested.

Orphaned roads are roads on your forestland that have not been used for forest activities since 1974. Forest Practices activities include timber cutting, timber hauling, tree planting, brush control, pre-commercial thinning, timber salvage, etc.

Check the box that applies:

- ☒ I do not have orphaned roads that I think pose a risk to public resources or public safety; *e.g. houses, highways, county roads, streams, ponds, or wetlands.*
- ☐ I have orphaned roads that I think may pose a risk to public resources or public safety*; e.g. houses, highways, county roads, streams, ponds, or wetlands.* Please show locations of all orphaned roads on a separate Forest Practices Activity Map. *(This is not the same map that shows your harvest.)*
- ☐ I need help identifying orphaned roads.

6. Road Maintenance Obligations

All forest landowners have a legal obligation to maintain all their forest roads on their forestland to the extent necessary to prevent damage to public resources. This includes forest roads not shown on this assessment. See WAC 222-24-052. Best Management Practices (BMPs) for road maintenance are located in Section 3 of the Forest Practices Board Manual. Both are available on the DNR website at: www.dnr.wa.gov.

Road maintenance includes:

- Inspecting forest roads and fixing damage before, during and after hauling timber and/or rock.
- Keeping drainage structures *(relief culverts, ditches, water bars, dips, etc.)* and water crossings functional.
- Making sure water from roads and ditches do not flow directly into streams, ponds, or wetlands.

☒ My existing roads are maintained to Forest Practices standards.

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Wolfred County Park Unit 1 Timber Harvest and Access

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Wolfred County Park-Unit 1 Timber Harvest and Access.

2. Name of applicant:

Pend Oreille County

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

Pend Oreille County
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P.O. BOX 5025
Newport, WA 99156
(509) 447-4119

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P.O. Box 55
Priest River, ID 83856
Cell: 208-610-6973

4. Date checklist prepared:

October 14, 2026.

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Washington Department of Natural Resources, Northeast Region

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Road construction and timber harvesting in spring/summer of 2027

The work would consist of preparing the equipment access route and railroad crossings, constructing the forest/logging access road, conducting the Unit 1 commercial harvest, and completing harvest-related slash treatment, erosion stabilization, and site restoration. Final start dates would be after spring break up in 2027. Ground-disturbing work would be scheduled for dry or otherwise suitable conditions.

7. Future additions, expansion, or related activity:

None

8. Environmental information prepared or to be prepared:

There will be a required Forest Practices Application prepared for this activity.

Wolfred County Park Forest Management Plan, JD Forest Management, final dated April 6, 2026, including forest inventory, soils, water resources, wildlife, access, recreation, and management maps. A Washington Department of Natural Resources Forest Practices Application and associated resource review will be prepared specifically for this harvest.

9. Pending governmental approvals for other proposals affecting the property:

None

10. Government approvals or permits needed:

Anticipated approvals include the SEPA threshold determination; Washington DNR Forest Practices Application/permit; Pend Oreille Valley Railroad authorization for the two crossings and work affecting railroad right-of-way; County grading, stormwater, critical-area, and road permits, if applicable; burn permits or approvals for slash disposal; and herbicide application compliance if chemical treatment is used.

11. Brief, complete description of proposal:

Harvest road construction followed by timber harvesting.

Pend Oreille County proposes one commercial timber-harvest entry within Unit 1 of Wolfred County Park, approximately 82.5 acres (commonly described as approximately 83 acres), located between State Route 20 and the Pend Oreille Valley Railroad. The harvest would use overstory-removal and sanitation prescriptions focused on removing overstocked and declining lodgepole pine and diseased or hazardous trees while retaining mature trees and wildlife features. Approximately 550 MBF is identified as the planning-level harvest volume, subject to final marking, field conditions, and the Forest Practices Application. Work directly associated with the harvest may include skid trails, landings, slash treatment, erosion stabilization, and restoration of areas disturbed by harvest operations. Access is an interrelated part of this harvest: equipment would use the existing road from State Route 20 into Parcel 453233339003, cross the railroad, travel on a new access/logging road constructed on Parcel 453233000001 generally parallel to the railroad right-of-way, cross the railroad a second time, and climb to the Unit 1 harvest area. Final road alignment, width, length, quantities, and crossing designs are to be determined.

12. Location of proposal:

Wolfred County Park, approximately 6.5 miles northwest of Newport, Pend Oreille County, Washington.

The forestry treatment area is Unit 1, consisting of approximately 82.5-acres.

Parcel Number: 453233339003 and Parcel 453233000001

Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 45 East.

Site Address: NKA

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

a. General description of site; terrain:

This site is heavily timbered with lodgepole pine, ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir and western larch. The terrain is nearly level, with only minor slopes of 5% to 10%. There are localized steep slopes at the railroad corridor and the climb into the Unit 1 area.

b. Steepest slope:

Approximately 30 to 50 percent in localized areas along the railroad right-of-way; most of the property is approximately 2 to 10 percent.

c. General soil types:

Unit 1 is primarily Bonner silt loam. Soils are generally deep and well drained, with finer surface layers transitioning to sand and gravel at depth. No agricultural land of long-term commercial significance would be removed.

d. Unstable soils:

No known surface indications or history of unstable soils are identified in the Forest Management Plan. Steeper railroad-adjacent slopes and any final road cut/fill areas require field confirmation and appropriate design.

e. Filling, excavation, and grading:

Excavation, filling and grading with limited cut/fill would occur to construct the new forest access road, approaches to two railroad crossings and the uphill connection to Unit 1. Landings, and temporary skid trails require light grading. On-site material may be balanced where suitable and imported gravel may be used for the running surface.

f. Erosion potential:

These soils have a slight to moderate erosion hazard. The nearly level ground has minimal potential to cause erosion due to harvesting, construction, clearing or use. Clearing and road construction along the railroad right of way could produce localized erosion, especially on grades and during heavy precipitation or snowmelt. This is generally on a small area contained along the rail road right-of-way.

Best management practices and adequate setbacks will be followed.

The project will utilize BMPs for sediment control during construction.

g. Impervious surface:

No, impervious, paved surface or building is proposed. The access route is expected to be gravel or native-surface and therefore semi-pervious. Semi-pervious surfaces will total approximately 5% of the total area, once the project is complete. Approximate post-project compacted/gravel surface percentage is less than 5% of the area.

h. Earth-impact measures:

Comply with the Forest Practices Application and approved road plans; limit disturbance to required corridors; work during dry/firm conditions; avoid rutting and compaction; install water bars, cross-drains, rolling dips, ditch relief, and stabilized outlets where needed; seed and mulch exposed soil; place slash on appropriate disturbed trails; promptly stabilize cut/fill slopes; inspect and maintain drainage; and keep equipment out of mapped buffers and sensitive areas.

Silt fences, perimeter control, site grading

2. Air

a. Emissions:

Temporary exhaust, dust, and smoke may result from trucks, road-building and logging equipment, chainsaws, slash treatment, and vehicle travel. If slash is burned, short-term smoke would occur under applicable burn authorization. Quantities will be minor.

b. Off-site emissions or odor:

Normal emissions from State Route 20 traffic, railroad operations, and nearby rural residential/forest activities may occur. No off-site source is known to prevent the proposal.

c. Air-impact measures:

Maintain equipment, prohibit unnecessary idling, control speeds on unpaved routes, apply dust suppression if needed, suspend dusty work during adverse wind conditions, and conduct any burning only with required authorization and under suitable smoke-dispersal and fire-safety conditions.

Equipment Maintenance: All clearing equipment, logging machinery, and construction vehicles will be properly tuned, maintained, and operated in accordance with manufacturer specifications to minimize exhaust emissions.

3. Water

a.1 Surface waters:

None

a.2 Work within 200 feet of waters:

No

a.3 Fill/dredge in waters or wetlands:

None

a.4 Surface-water withdrawals/diversions:

None

a.5 100-year floodplain:

No

a.6 Waste discharge to surface water:

None

b.1 Groundwater withdrawal/discharge:

Groundwater Withdrawal: No groundwater will be withdrawn.

Groundwater Discharge: No direct discharge to groundwater will occur.

b.2 Waste discharged to ground:

None: The proposal will not construct any new septic systems, drainfields, or underground injection sources, and **no** new waste materials will be discharged into the ground as a result of this project.

c.a Runoff:

Runoff would come from precipitation and snowmelt on forest roads, approaches, landings, and disturbed soil. It would be dispersed to stable, vegetated upland areas through road crowning/outsloping, ditches, water bars, cross-drains, or rolling dips as appropriate.

Source of Runoff: Precipitation (rain and snowmelt) across the forest road, approaches, landings and skid trails. Most run off would occur on the forest road.

Method of Collection/Disposal: The finished road would disperse runoff to stable, vegetation upland areas, through crowning and out sloping into ditches, water bars and cross drains. Stormwater will naturally infiltrate directly into the level ground on-site. No formal piped collection system is required or proposed.

Where will it flow: Water will percolate into the underlying soils or disperse locally into surrounding native vegetation as sheet flow.

Flow into other waters: No. As the terrain is mostly level and there are no streams or wetlands in the vicinity, runoff will not enter any other surface waters.

Exact quantities of stormwater runoff are unknown at this time.

c.b Could waste enter waters?:

No operational waste materials are anticipated to enter ground or surface waters

c.c Drainage-pattern changes:

The proposal will not significantly alter regional drainage patterns, but it will cause minor, localized changes to infiltration and surface runoff dynamics within the immediate vicinity of the site and along the proposed access road.

The new road and crossings may locally intercept or redirect sheet flow. Drainage structures would maintain natural flow paths and prevent concentration or discharge onto unstable areas.

c.d Water-impact measures:

To maintain natural drainage and prevent erosion along the road corridor and harvest area:

- **Road Drainage Design:** Standard outsloping, roadside ditches, and cross-drain culverts will be installed along the hillside cut section to collect and disperse runoff onto stable, vegetated ground.
- **Railroad Crossing Controls:** Rock spall and sediment barriers will be placed at the railroad crossing approach to keep ballast and tracks clear of runoff or silt.
- **Low-Impact Flatland Grading:** Roads on flat terrain will mirror natural contours using broad-based dips to preserve natural sheet-flow drainage.

- **Erosion Control & Seeding:** Exposed cut-and-fill slopes on the hillside section will be stabilized with silt fencing or slash, then grass-seeded upon project completion.
- **Forest Practices Compliance:** All work will strictly comply with Washington DNR Forest Practices rules and local stormwater standards.

4. Plants

a. Vegetation types:

Present: deciduous trees (including aspen); evergreen trees (Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, western larch, grand fir and scattered other conifers); shrubs; grasses; and other native herbaceous vegetation. Wet-soil and water plants occur in the northern park's seasonal meadow/water-resource areas but are not identified as part of the Unit 1 treatment footprint.

b. Vegetation removed or altered:

Within approximately 82.5 acres, selected overstory and understory trees would be removed under overstory-removal and sanitation prescriptions. The planning target is approximately 550 MBF, subject to final marking and permit requirements.

Merchantable lodgepole pine is the primary removal target; diseased, declining, or hazardous trees may also be removed. Limited vegetation clearing would occur for the access road, landings, crossings, and skid trails. Slash would be treated, and affected areas would be reforested or allowed to regenerate under the approved prescription.

c. Threatened/endangered plants:

No threatened or endangered species are known to be on or near the site.

d. Vegetation preservation/enhancement:

Retain mature legacy trees where feasible; retain a diverse mix of fire- and disease-resilient species; protect desirable native plant communities and sensitive areas; stabilize exposed soil; and complete any planting or seeding required as part of harvest-site restoration or permit conditions.

e. Noxious weeds/invasive species:

Spotted knapweed, hawkweed, and common tansy are identified in the park, primarily along disturbed access areas. Canada thistle may also establish after disturbance and should be monitored.

5. Animals

a. Birds and animals:

Known or expected wildlife includes, white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, wild turkey, red-squirrels, songbirds and other forest birds; elk, black bear, cougar, moose, and other small mammals.

b. Threatened/endangered species:

Although, Bull trout, federally listed as threatened, occur in the Pend Oreille River, no bull trout exist on or within the site where the road construction and harvest is proposed. A bald eagle nest is identified along the river shoreline, but there are none within site. The Forest Management Plan reports that USFWS mapping does not designate the park as critical habitat for threatened or endangered species.

c. Migration route:

No formally designated migration corridor is identified for this site; however, the park is used by elk and other wide-ranging wildlife for movement, forage, and cover.

d. Wildlife measures:

Retain at least the wildlife trees, green recruitment trees, snags, and coarse woody debris required by the Forest Practices rules; favor 2 to 4 snags per acre where safe and feasible; protect nesting sites and riparian habitat; retain structural and species diversity; minimize disturbance to sensitive features; and time work as required by permit conditions. Retain several areas of brush and no treatment areas to act as edge habitat.

e. Invasive animals:

No invasive animal species have been known to occupy or be near the proposed area.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

1. Energy used:

No permanent energy demand is proposed.

Diesel fuel and gasoline would power logging, road-construction, hauling, and support equipment during active work.

2. Effect on adjacent solar use:

No. No structure or permanent feature is proposed that would shade adjacent properties. Selective tree removal would not impair solar access.

3. Energy conservation:

Use properly sized and maintained equipment, coordinate hauling and mobilization, minimize idling, and retain functioning access for efficient forest management and emergency response.

7. Environmental Health

a. Hazards:

No hazardous-waste production is proposed.

Temporary hazards include wildfire or slash-burning risk, equipment and truck operations, railroad interaction, steep slopes, falling trees, chainsaw work, dust, noise, fuel/oil spills, and limited herbicide use if approved.

a.1 Known contamination:

No possible contamination at the site from present and past uses.

a.2 Existing hazardous conditions:

Existing Hazardous Chemicals & Underground Infrastructure:

- **Hazardous Chemicals:** None identified on or adjacent to the subject parcel.
- **Underground Pipelines:** No underground hazardous liquid or natural gas transmission pipelines are known to exist within the project area or immediate vicinity.
- **Railroad Hazard Considerations:** An active railroad line runs adjacent to the property. Potential utility/underground hazards associated with the railroad crossing area will be fully identified and mitigated by contacting **811 (Call Before You Dig)** for utility locates and coordinating directly with the railroad operator prior to any road construction or hillside excavation.
- The active railroad, two crossing locations, steep railroad-adjacent slopes, wildfire fuels, and limited existing equipment access affect project design. Underground utilities and pipelines must be located and confirmed before excavation.

a.3 Chemicals stored/used/produced:

- **Construction Phase:** No toxic or hazardous chemicals will be manufactured or permanently stored on-site. Temporary use of standard commercial fuels, lubricants, and hydraulic fluids is required for logging and construction equipment.
- **Operating Phase:** No toxic or hazardous chemicals will be produced, stored, or used during normal operation.

a.4 Emergency services:

Logging and heavy equipment operators are required to have a spill kit on site for any possible clean up due to machinery.

Normal fire, emergency medical, law-enforcement, and railroad emergency coordination may be required. No permanent special service is proposed.

a.5 Hazard controls:

Equipment Management: Heavy machinery used during construction will be inspected daily for fuel or hydraulic leaks. All refueling and maintenance will occur in designated upland staging areas away from drainage pathways, and spill kits will be kept on-site.

Dust Control: Water trucks or sprayers will be used to suppress fugitive dust during dry periods of clearing and grading.

Use qualified operators; traffic and railroad safety plans; railroad authorization and coordination; fire tools and extinguishers; seasonal fire restrictions; spill-prevention and response procedures; designated refueling areas; utility locates; equipment inspection; controlled public access during operations; and herbicide application by qualified personnel in accordance with label and permit conditions.

b.1 Existing noise:

State Route 20 traffic, railroad operations, rural residential activity, and periodic forestry or equipment activity. Overall, noise will be minimal.

b.2 Project noise:

Short-Term & Long-Term Noise Impacts:

- **Short-Term (Timber Harvest & Road Construction):** Temporary, elevated noise generated by heavy logging equipment (chainsaws, feller bunchers, skidders, loaders) and earthmoving machinery (excavators, dozers) for road construction, hillside cut grading, and the railroad crossing installation. Noise will occur strictly during standard daytime operating hours (**Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM**) over the active harvest and road construction timeframe.
- **Long-Term (Park Operations):** Negligible. Once timber harvest and road construction are completed, the site will revert to passive county park use, generating no industrial or commercial operational noise.

b.3 Noise controls:

Limit work to approved daytime hours, maintain mufflers, minimize idling, notify nearby residents of major operations when practicable, and use operational setbacks where feasible.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. Current use and adjacent properties:

The site is County-owned park and forestland used informally for recreation, wildlife habitat, conservation, and forest management. Adjacent uses include rural residential parcels, private forestland, State Route 20, Pend Oreille Valley Railroad right-of-way, and a WSDOT gravel-pit parcel. Temporary construction and logging effects may include noise, dust, truck traffic, and altered views; no permanent change to adjacent land use is proposed.

b. Farm/forest history and conversion:

The project area is forestland and is managed under a county forest management plan. Little to no timber management has occurred over the past several decades. The project site has no working farmlands. The proposal is a forest-management activity on approximately 82.5-acres. A limited area would become or remain forest access road, landings, or crossings.

b.1 Effect on surrounding farm/forest operations:

Temporary truck and equipment movement could interact with existing forestry, railroad, highway, and rural access. Coordination and traffic controls would maintain access. The proposal is not expected to restrict normal neighboring farm or forest operations.

c. Structures:

No buildings are identified within the site.

d. Demolition:

No structures will be demolished.

e. Zoning:

Current Zoning is NR20 – Natural Resource Lands 20

f. Comprehensive plan designation:

- **Land Use Designation: Natural Resource Lands** (specifically designated for commercial forestry management under the Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Plan).
- **Secondary / Park Designation:** Public Open Space / County Park facility.
- **Plan Consistency:** The proposed timber harvest and forest access road construction directly align with the Comprehensive Plan's resource conservation goals by maintaining long-term forest health, supporting sustainable resource management, and improving access within county-owned parkland.

g. Shoreline designation:

The site is not located along the river, therefore there is no shoreline master program.

However, the Pend Oreille River is a Shoreline of the State and borders the park property along the northern edge. It is not applicable to this application.

h. Critical areas:

The site has not been classified as a critical area by the county. No critical areas exist.

i. People residing or working:

Zero (0) people would reside at the completed project site. Approximately 1 to 3 people would work at the site, intermittently.

j. People displaced:

Zero (0) people would be displaced by the completed project.

k. Displacement measures:

None / Not Applicable. The project is located entirely on undeveloped county property with no current residences.

l. Land-use compatibility measures:

Inherently Compatible. No special mitigation measures are necessary to ensure compatibility. The proposal is automatically compatible with existing and projected land uses and local comprehensive plans.

The proposal will maintain county park ownership and forest cover; follow the harvest prescription, Forest Practices rules, County requirements, and deed purposes; limit access construction to the minimum practical footprint; coordinate with affected property owners and the railroad; and restore or stabilize areas disturbed by the harvest.

m. Agricultural/forest land measures:

No agricultural land would be affected. Forest use would continue. Minimize the road and landing footprint, retain productive soils, and stabilize areas disturbed by the harvest.

9. Housing

a. Housing provided:

None/ Not Applicable

b. Housing eliminated:

None/ Not Applicable

c. Housing-impact measures:

None/ Not Applicable

10. Aesthetics

a. Proposed structures:

No buildings or tall structures are proposed. Railroad-crossing safety features, gates, or signs may be installed;

Tallest Height: are approximately 12 to 17 feet.

Principal Exterior Materials: Structural steel (galvanized or painted) and aluminum for the railroad signals; concrete masonry for the crossings.

b. Views altered or obstructed:

View Alteration: Views in the immediate vicinity along the adjacent railroad and neighboring parcel boundaries will be slightly **altered** due to the harvesting of the forested plot. Long-term effects are intended to create a varied, healthier forest while retaining mature trees and filtered views. The view alteration will ultimately enhance the aesthetic value.

No Obstruction: The proposed railroad crossing structures will not **obstruct** any scenic vistas, critical view corridors, or panoramic views in the surrounding area, as the low-profile railroad crossing equipment remains lower than or equal to the surrounding forest canopy.

c. Aesthetic measures:

Use feathered treatment edges; retain mature and visually important trees where safe; avoid uniform straight harvest boundaries; promptly treat slash in high-visibility areas; retain screening along sensitive boundaries where consistent with forest health; reforest disturbed areas; and keep logging debris out of recreation routes after operations.

11. Light and Glare

a. Light/glare produced:

Minimal / Negligible.

No permanent lighting is proposed. Temporary vehicle and equipment lights may be used during low-light mobilization or operations, primarily early morning or late afternoon.

b. Safety hazard/interference:

There are no safety hazards. Temporary lights would be directed toward work areas and managed to avoid glare toward State Route 20, railroad operations, and residences.

c. Existing off-site light/glare:

None / Minimal. There are no existing off-site sources of light or glare that will negatively affect the proposal or its intended use of the park.

d. Light/glare controls:

Limit nighttime work, shield and aim temporary lighting downward, and avoid directing lights toward roads, tracks, and homes.

12. Recreation

a. Recreational opportunities:

Wolfred County Park supports informal hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing, and nature study. The northern riverfront area, outside of the proposal area, supports fishing, kayaking, swimming, bird watching, and other water-related recreation.

b. Displacement of recreation:

Temporary closures or restricted access would be required in active logging, hauling, road-construction, and railroad-crossing work zones. Informal routes may be temporarily affected or realigned. No permanent elimination of the park's recreational use is proposed.

c. Recreation measures:

Post closures and warning signs; separate the public from active operations; schedule work to limit closure duration; clear logging debris from retained trails; and restore informal routes affected by the harvest where appropriate.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

a. Buildings/sites over 45 years old:

None known. There are no buildings, structures, or registered historical sites located on or within the immediate vicinity of the proposal that are listed in, or known to be eligible for listing in, national, state, or local preservation registers.

The site consists of an undeveloped patch of timber. To ensure full compliance prior to any ground-disturbing activities, a review of the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) WISAARD database will be referenced, and all road construction and timber harvesting will comply with standard DNR forest practices rules regarding cultural resources.

b. Evidence of Indian/historic use:

None known. There are no known landmarks, features, or visible evidence of Native American or historic use, occupation, artifacts, or burials on or within the immediate vicinity of the site. No professional archaeological or cultural resource studies have been conducted specifically for this parcel of timberland.

c. Assessment methods:

Historical Map and GIS Review: Local county GIS mapping data and historical aerial photographs were reviewed to confirm the site has historically been managed as vacant, undeveloped timberland with no past structural footprints.

Agency Notification: The project proposal will go through the standard multi-agency SEPA and DNR Forest Practices notification loops, which automatically routes the plans to DAHP and affected local Native American Tribes for formal comment and review.

d. Avoidance/minimization measures:

Because no known historic or cultural resources exist on the site, no active compensation or resource-specific mitigation plans are proposed. The project will avoid and minimize potential impacts through the following measures and regulatory reviews:

Required Permits & Reviews: The project will obtain and comply with all required agency permits, which include their own built-in environmental and cultural resource reviews:

DNR Forest Practices Application/Permit (FPA): Required for the commercial timber harvest and road construction.

Local Government Grading/Construction Permit: Required for the excavation, grading, and construction.

14. Transportation

a. Roads/highways and access:

State Route 20 serves the site. Equipment would use the existing access road from SR 20 into Parcel 453233339003, cross the Pend Oreille Valley Railroad, travel on a new access/logging road on Parcel 453233000001 generally parallel to the railroad right-of-way, cross the railroad a second time, and ascend to the Unit 1 forestry area.

b. Public transit:

No. The site is not currently served by a traditional fixed-route public transit system.

c. New/improved transportation facilities:

Yes. A new gravel or native-surface logging access road would be constructed on Parcel 453233000001, together with the work required at two railroad crossings and necessary road-drainage features. The existing access road from State Route 20 would be used in its existing location. This will be public access.

d. Water, rail, or air transportation:

Yes, the route crosses the Pend Oreille Valley Railroad twice and runs adjacent to railroad right-of-way. Work and movements would be coordinated with and authorized by the railroad. The proposal does not use water or air transportation.

e. Vehicular trips:

Completed Project Trip Generation: The completed road and site improvements will generate minimal ongoing traffic. Post-harvest traffic will consist primarily of low-volume recreational traffic (e.g., park visitors, hikers, standard passenger vehicles) and occasional county maintenance staff.

Peak Volumes & Vehicle Split: Peak traffic volumes will follow standard passive park usage patterns (primarily on summer weekends and early evenings). Over **90%** of post-project traffic will consist of light passenger cars and light-duty trucks.

Data / Models Used: Estimates are based on historical visitor usage data for Pend Oreille County Park properties and ITE (Institute of Transportation Engineers) trip generation defaults for low-intensity county parks.

f. Movement of agricultural/forest products:

No. The proposal will not interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural or forest products on local roads or streets.

No Road Closures: All timber harvesting, road construction, and staging will occur entirely within the interior boundaries of the property. No public road closures, lane restrictions, or traffic delays will occur on State Route 20 (SR 20).

Routine Traffic Integration: While commercial log trucks frequently utilize SR 20 to haul regional timber products, the minor, temporary increase in construction vehicles and log trucks from this project (averaging 5 trips per day during the harvesting phase) will safely merge into existing highway traffic without disrupting regular commercial transport flows.

g. Transportation controls:

Obtain railroad approval for the crossings; coordinate train movements; implement traffic control and warning signs where required; maintain sight distance; control mud and debris; schedule equipment movement and hauling as necessary; and repair project-caused damage.

15. Public Services

a. Increased need:

Temporary potential demand for fire protection, emergency medical response, law enforcement, and railroad incident response would exist during active work. The improved access is also expected to benefit wildfire suppression and emergency response. No long-term material increase in public-service demand is anticipated.

b. Public-service measures:

Maintain emergency access, provide site and railroad contact information, comply with fire restrictions, equip crews for initial fire and spill response, coordinate closures and emergency procedures, and clearly identify access points.

16. Utilities

a. Utilities currently available:

There are no utilities currently available.

b. Proposed utilities:

Proposed Utilities: No permanent public utilities (water, sewer, natural gas, electrical grid connections) are proposed or needed for this timber harvest and access road project.

Temporary Utilities: Temporary portable sanitation units may be placed on-site during active logging operations for forestry workers.

Utility Provider: N/A (no public utility services required).

Construction Activities: Clearing, grubbing, grading, and cut-and-fill operations for the new access road and railroad crossing; timber falling, skidding, processing, loading, and log haul truck operations.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 

Type name of signee: Brian Smiley

Position and agency/organization: Chair, Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners

Date submitted: 10/20/2026