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Dear Interested Party,

This letter provides additional information regarding an invitation to attend open house meetings for the Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP). We are seeking your input on ways to improve this forest landowner program.

The 2010 Washington State Legislature directed the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to involve stakeholders in developing recommendations for the eligibility, prioritization, and policy provisions of the FREP. In developing these recommendations, the Legislature directed DNR to consider inclusion of the FREP eligibility and prioritization criteria supplied in the fiscal year 2011 State Supplemental Capital budget for future funding periods. (<http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/Budget/Detail/2010/ccbill0413.pdf>)

DNR is hosting two open house meetings focused on eligibility requirements, prioritization elements, and identification of additional limiting processes and procedures. DNR will take the input from these meetings, along with direction from the Legislature, and draft a complete set of recommendations. The date, time and location of the initial input meetings are:

- **August 4th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., WSU Extension - Spokane County Extension building, 222 North Havana Street, Spokane, Washington (next to the Interstate Fairgrounds).**
- **August 9th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Centralia Community College Science Center building, room NSC 121, located at 600 Centralia College Blvd, Centralia, Washington**
<http://www.centralia.edu/admin/directions.html>

A third meeting will provide an opportunity to review and supply comment on the draft recommendations that were generated from the input meetings. DNR must deliver a final set of recommendations to the Legislature and the Office of Financial Management by October 1, 2010.

The date, time and location of the review meeting is:

- **August 30th, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Natural Resources Building, room 172, 1111 Washington Street, Olympia, Washington (follow sign from visitors parking level P-1 to the meeting room).**
http://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/em_directions_to_dnr.pdf

Please contact Mary McDonald at mary.mcdonald@dnr.wa.gov or by phone at 360.902.1415 if you have any questions. Driving directions and information about the open house meetings can be found on the Small Forest Landowner Office website via the main DNR website (www.dnr.wa.gov) or by following the links provided above.

Sincerely,

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