The 2016 legislative session is finally over. The omnibus fire bill failed to pass, although much of what was in it is included in the budget. Several other agencies also received fire related funding.

Senator Sheldon’s bill which allowed paint to be used in place of signs in certain locations to mark property lines for trespass passed the legislature. Governor Inslee vetoed it. According to his staff, he does not like paint. The official veto message gave no coherent reason. See below for mere detail about the budget and the few bills that passed.

Operating Budget

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee
The committee shall analyze fire suppression funding and costs for the Department of Natural Resources and the state fire marshal. The analysis shall include: (a) The agencies' estimates of fire suppression costs for individual fires; (b) Suppression costs for state lands, private lands, and federal lands; (c) Costs for suppressing fires on undeveloped lands and developed lands; (d) The source of funds for reimbursement of suppression costs and the process for seeking reimbursement; and (e) The extent to which suppression activities were related to private properties covered by fire insurance. A report on the results of the analysis with any findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 2017.

Conservation Commission - Fire Recovery
- $1,000,000 for the commission to provide to conservation districts for the firewise program.
- $6,800,000 to protect water quality, stabilize soil, prevent crop damage, replace fencing and help landowners recover from losses sustained from wildfires. $300,000 of this amount shall be provided to the Okanogan county noxious weed control board to control weeds and revegetate lands damaged by wildfires.

Department of Fish & Wildlife - Wildfire Recovery
- $642,000 - One-time funding for wildlife habitat restoration activity, including the purchase and planting of native seeds, wildlife feeding, fence repair, and noxious weed control.

Department of Natural Resources - $6,669,000 for wildfire related programs
- $1,200,000 for joint wildland fire training of department of natural resources, Washington national guard, local fire agency, and tribal firefighters.
- $215,000 to develop a 20-year strategic plan to treat areas of state forest land that have been identified by the department as being in poor health.
- $629,000 to update the smoke management plan in consultation with the department of ecology, other relevant state and federal agencies, and relevant stakeholders.
- $696,000 to enhance the department's capacity to respond to large wildfires using in-state resources.
- $443,000 to enhance capacity for aerial attack of wildfires. Within this amount, the department must develop a pre-certified list of aerial contractors that may be available for fire suppression in fire-prone areas and report the list to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2016.
- $1,000,000 to provide firefighting equipment to local fire agencies.
- $417,000 for wildfire prevention education, community outreach programs, technical assistance to landowners; and to ensure landowner compliance with grant and contract requirements, burn permit conditions, and industrial fire precaution levels.
• $569,000 for portable and mobile radios.
• $700,000 for fuel reduction and forest health activities on state lands.
• $800,000 for implementation of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2928 (Kretz - outdoor burning). Of this amount, 2% is provided for the department's administrative costs, 5% is provided for the department to provide forest health collaboratives for burn technician costs, and 93% is provided for the department to provide forest health collaboratives for implementation of forest resiliency burning. The department shall direct the forest health collaboratives to complete the forest resiliency burning under this subsection by January 1, 2017.

All fire related funding totaled $205,094 million

Capital Budget

Cross Laminated Timber
• WSU received a $75,000 grant to prepare a review and summary of available engineering test results and other data to demonstrate the performance of cross laminated timber and other regionally sourced sustainable or renewable materials in building construction. The review will emphasize information for the consideration of building code amendments that allow for greater use of CLT in construction. WSU must submit a report to the State Building Code Council and the Legislature by December 1, 2016.
• The Department of Commerce received a $50,000 grant to assist prospective CLT manufacturers in evaluating the potential CLT market and determine necessary investments to manufacture CLT.
• The Department of Enterprise Services received a $5.5 million appropriation to provide modular classrooms to several school districts that will serve as a model classroom to use mass timber products, including CLT.

Riparian Habitat and Fish Passage
• The Legislature appropriated $250,000 to the Office of Financial Management to contract for an analysis of the economic implications relating to water infrastructure and fisheries habitat restoration needs because “population growth, climate change, and other factors are creating increasing stresses on critical water infrastructure, fisheries, and watershed health.” The analysis must include, among other things, fishing and recreation benefits of improved floodplain and riparian habitat, and fish passage projects. The appropriation specifies that the Washington Environmental Council, Washington State Labor Council, and the Washington Business Roundtable must be among the interest groups that are included to provide input in conducting the analysis. A report is due to the Legislature by January 15, 2017.

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| Authorizes the department of natural resources to inspect an area and issue a burning permit for forest resiliency burning, if the burning is unlikely to significantly contribute to
a violation of air quality standards. Authorizes the department of natural resources, authorized employees, or a warden or ranger to refuse, revoke, or postpone the use of permits for forest resiliency burning if: (1) Necessary for the safety of adjacent property; or (2) Burning poses an unreasonable risk of air pollution. Requires permits issued under this act to be issued at least twenty-four hours before the proposed forest resiliency burn.

Wildlife and recreation prg.  
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Honeyford  
Monitoring
Implementing the recommendations of the 2015 review of the Washington wildlife and recreation program. Details the following proposed recommendations of the recreation and conservation office for statutory revisions of the state wildlife and recreation program: Promoting habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, working lands preservation, property rights, and coordination between the state and local governments and ensuring continued success of the program for future generations.

Notice against trespass  
Gov vetoed  
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Support
Concerning notice against trespass. Adds the definition of "posting in a conspicuous manner," for purposes of chapter 9A.52 RCW (burglary and trespass), which includes: (1) Posting a sign reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders indicating that entry is restricted; or (2) If the property is located outside of urban growth areas and incorporated cities or towns, the placement of identifying fluorescent orange paint marks on trees or posts on property. Encourages the department of fish and wildlife, the department of natural resources, and the parks and recreation commission to use their websites and appropriate publications to inform the public that vertical orange marks on trees or posts may indicate a private boundary line and crossing it without first securing the owner's permission is trespassing.