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May 7, 2024 Re: Expedited Rule Making to Implement SSB 5667

Washington State Forest Practice Board

Chairman Young and members of the Forest Practices Board:

For the record I'm Ken Miller, co-representing Washington Farm Forestry Association and small forest land owners (SFLOs) on the TFW Policy Committee. I'm here today to:

- Thank everyone who suggested or supported SSB 5667.
- Thank DNR staff for their efforts towards a smooth transition.
- Fully support the draft rule language.
- Pledge support for help drafting the accompanying Board Manual.

SSB 5667 allows us to now focus more of our efforts on doing what is right for RMZs.

I'm especially looking forward to increased levels of transparency and collaboration with the SFL Advisory Committee: Helping DNR, AND giving more purpose to the Advisory Committee.

Additionally I'd like to share an example of how Structured Decision Making worked for me when offering WAC language dealing with rare exceptions:

- I had my mind made up on specific language.
- Decided to try SDM/PrOACT, just for giggles.
- Following the process helped change MY 😊 mind, resulting in even better language for the exceptions.

Thanks for listening, and I'd be happy to take any questions,

Ken Miller