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August 14, 2024 Re: Public Comment – FREP Rule Making

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 with Dave Roberts on behalf of the small forest land owners (SFLOs) on the TFW Policy Committee. I'm here today to simply lend our support for the Forest Riparian Easement Program:

1. Please do support the FREP Expedited Rule Proposal before you.

2. Please also be reminded how well the department worked collaboratively with stakeholders that resulted in this process going so smoothly.

3. Please also be aware that in the interim the department has done a tremendous amount of high-quality work to initiate the long missing Board Manul Section 17 Guidelines for the Small Forest Landowner Forestry Riparian Easement Program. The initial draft appears very thoughtful and thorough considering it's such a complex program – we anticipate a similarly success rollout after the imminent stakeholder review process.

I know there are more folks to thank but some are certainly Karen, Maggie, Tami, KelliAnne, Eric, & Tracy.

Ken Miller