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By Representatives Buck, Hatfield and Kessler; by request of
Commissioner of Public Lands

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1 AN ACT Relating to the conversion of forest practices; and amending
2 RCW 76.09.040, 76.09.050, 76.09.060, 76.09.065, 76.09.240, and
3 43.21C.037.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.09.040 and 1994 c 264 s 48 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Where necessary to accomplish the purposes and policies stated
8 in RCW 76.09.010, and to implement the provisions of this chapter, the
9 board shall promulgate forest practices regulations pursuant to chapter
10 34.05 RCW and in accordance with the procedures enumerated in this
11 section that:

12 (a) Establish minimum standards for forest practices;

13 (b) Provide procedures for the voluntary development of resource
14 management plans which may be adopted as an alternative to the minimum
15 standards in (a) of this subsection if the plan is consistent with the
16 purposes and policies stated in RCW 76.09.010 and the plan meets or
17 exceeds the objectives of the minimum standards;

18 (c) Set forth necessary administrative provisions; and

1 (d) Establish procedures for the collection and administration of
2 forest practice fees as set forth by this chapter.

3 Forest practices regulations pertaining to water quality protection
4 shall be promulgated individually by the board and by the department of
5 ecology after they have reached agreement with respect thereto. All
6 other forest practices regulations shall be promulgated by the board.

7 Forest practices regulations shall be administered and enforced by
8 either the department (~~((except as otherwise))~~) or the local governmental
9 entity as provided in this chapter. Such regulations shall be
10 promulgated and administered so as to give consideration to all
11 purposes and policies set forth in RCW 76.09.010.

12 (2) The board shall prepare proposed forest practices regulations.
13 In addition to any forest practices regulations relating to water
14 quality protection proposed by the board, the department of ecology
15 shall prepare proposed forest practices regulations relating to water
16 quality protection.

17 Prior to initiating the rule making process, the proposed
18 regulations shall be submitted for review and comments to the
19 department of fish and wildlife and to the counties of the state.
20 After receipt of the proposed forest practices regulations, the
21 department of fish and wildlife and the counties of the state shall
22 have thirty days in which to review and submit comments to the board,
23 and to the department of ecology with respect to its proposed
24 regulations relating to water quality protection. After the expiration
25 of such thirty day period the board and the department of ecology shall
26 jointly hold one or more hearings on the proposed regulations pursuant
27 to chapter 34.05 RCW. At such hearing(s) any county may propose
28 specific forest practices regulations relating to problems existing
29 within such county. The board and the department of ecology may adopt
30 such proposals if they find the proposals are consistent with the
31 purposes and policies of this chapter.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 76.09.050 and 1994 c 264 s 49 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 (1) The board shall establish by rule which forest practices shall
35 be included within each of the following classes:

36 Class I: Minimal or specific forest practices that have no direct
37 potential for damaging a public resource and that may be conducted
38 without submitting an application or a notification except that when

1 the regulating authority is transferred to a local governmental entity,
2 those Class I forest practices that involve timber harvesting or road
3 construction within "urban growth areas," designated pursuant to
4 chapter 36.70A RCW, are processed as Class IV forest practices, but are
5 not subject to environmental review under chapter 43.21C RCW;

6 Class II: Forest practices which have a less than ordinary
7 potential for damaging a public resource that may be conducted without
8 submitting an application and may begin five calendar days, or such
9 lesser time as the department may determine, after written notification
10 by the operator, in the manner, content, and form as prescribed by the
11 department, is received by the department. However, the work may not
12 begin until all forest practice fees required under RCW 76.09.065 have
13 been received by the department. Class II shall not include forest
14 practices:

15 (a) On lands platted after January 1, 1960, as provided in chapter
16 58.17 RCW or on lands that have or are being converted to another use;

17 (b) Which require approvals under the provisions of the hydraulics
18 act, RCW 75.20.100;

19 (c) Within "shorelines of the state" as defined in RCW 90.58.030;
20 ((or))

21 (d) Excluded from Class II by the board; or

22 (e) Including timber harvesting or road construction within "urban
23 growth areas," designated pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, which are
24 Class IV;

25 Class III: Forest practices other than those contained in Class I,
26 II, or IV. A Class III application must be approved or disapproved by
27 the department within thirty calendar days from the date the department
28 receives the application. However, the applicant may not begin work on
29 that forest practice until all forest practice fees required under RCW
30 76.09.065 have been received by the department;

31 Class IV: Forest practices other than those contained in Class I
32 or II: (a) On lands platted after January 1, 1960, as provided in
33 chapter 58.17 RCW, (b) on lands that have or are being converted to
34 another use, (c) on lands which, pursuant to RCW 76.09.070 as now or
35 hereafter amended, are not to be reforested because of the likelihood
36 of future conversion to urban development, ((and/or)) (d) except on
37 those lands involving timber harvesting or road construction on lands
38 that are contained within "urban growth areas," designated pursuant to
39 chapter 36.70A RCW, where the forest landowner provides: (i) A written

1 statement of intent signed by the forest landowner not to convert to a
2 use other than commercial timber operations for ten years; and (ii) a
3 written forest management plan acceptable to the department; or (iii)
4 documentation that the land is enrolled under the provisions of chapter
5 84.33 RCW; or (iv) a conversion option harvest plan approved by the
6 local governmental entity and submitted to the department as part of
7 the application, and/or (e) which have a potential for a substantial
8 impact on the environment and therefore require an evaluation by the
9 department as to whether or not a detailed statement must be prepared
10 pursuant to the state environmental policy act, chapter 43.21C RCW.
11 Such evaluation shall be made within ten days from the date the
12 department receives the application: PROVIDED, That nothing herein
13 shall be construed to prevent any local or regional governmental entity
14 from determining that a detailed statement must be prepared for an
15 action pursuant to a Class IV forest practice taken by that
16 governmental entity concerning the land on which forest practices will
17 be conducted. A Class IV application must be approved or disapproved
18 by the department within thirty calendar days from the date the
19 department receives the application, unless the department determines
20 that a detailed statement must be made, in which case the application
21 must be approved or disapproved by the department within sixty calendar
22 days from the date the department receives the application, unless the
23 commissioner of public lands, through the promulgation of a formal
24 order, determines that the process cannot be completed within such
25 period. However, the applicant may not begin work on that forest
26 practice until all forest practice fees required under RCW 76.09.065
27 have been received by the department.

28 Forest practices under Classes I, II, and III are exempt from the
29 requirements for preparation of a detailed statement under the state
30 environmental policy act.

31 (2) Except for those forest practices being regulated by local
32 governmental entities as provided elsewhere in this chapter, no Class
33 II, Class III, or Class IV forest practice shall be commenced or
34 continued after January 1, 1975, unless the department has received a
35 notification with regard to a Class II forest practice or approved an
36 application with regard to a Class III or Class IV forest practice
37 containing all information required by RCW 76.09.060 as now or
38 hereafter amended((:—PROVIDED, That any person commencing a forest
39 practice during 1974 may continue such forest practice until April 1,

1 1975, if such person has submitted an application to the department
2 prior to January 1, 1975: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That)). However, in the
3 event forest practices regulations necessary for the scheduled
4 implementation of this chapter and RCW 90.48.420 have not been adopted
5 in time to meet such schedules, the department shall have the authority
6 to regulate forest practices and approve applications on such terms and
7 conditions consistent with this chapter and RCW 90.48.420 and the
8 purposes and policies of RCW 76.09.010 until applicable forest
9 practices regulations are in effect.

10 (3) Except for those forest practices being regulated by local
11 governmental entities as provided elsewhere in this chapter, if a
12 notification or application is delivered in person to the department by
13 the operator or the operator's agent, the department shall immediately
14 provide a dated receipt thereof. In all other cases, the department
15 shall immediately mail a dated receipt to the operator.

16 (4) Except for those forest practices being regulated by local
17 governmental entities as provided elsewhere in this chapter, forest
18 practices shall be conducted in accordance with the forest practices
19 regulations, orders and directives as authorized by this chapter or the
20 forest practices regulations, and the terms and conditions of any
21 approved applications.

22 (5) Except for those forest practices being regulated by local
23 governmental entities as provided elsewhere in this chapter, the
24 department of natural resources shall notify the applicant in writing
25 of either its approval of the application or its disapproval of the
26 application and the specific manner in which the application fails to
27 comply with the provisions of this section or with the forest practices
28 regulations. Except as provided otherwise in this section, if the
29 department fails to either approve or disapprove an application or any
30 portion thereof within the applicable time limit, the application shall
31 be deemed approved and the operation may be commenced: PROVIDED, That
32 this provision shall not apply to applications which are neither
33 approved nor disapproved pursuant to the provisions of subsection (7)
34 of this section: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That if seasonal field conditions
35 prevent the department from being able to properly evaluate the
36 application, the department may issue an approval conditional upon
37 further review within sixty days: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the
38 department shall have until April 1, 1975, to approve or disapprove an
39 application involving forest practices allowed to continue to April 1,

1 1975, under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section. Upon
2 receipt of any notification or any satisfactorily completed application
3 the department shall in any event no later than two business days after
4 such receipt transmit a copy to the departments of ecology and fish and
5 wildlife, and to the county, city, or town in whose jurisdiction the
6 forest practice is to be commenced. Any comments by such agencies
7 shall be directed to the department of natural resources.

8 (6) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the
9 department, if the county, city, or town believes that an application
10 is inconsistent with this chapter, the forest practices regulations, or
11 any local authority consistent with RCW 76.09.240 as now or hereafter
12 amended, it may so notify the department and the applicant, specifying
13 its objections.

14 (7) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the
15 department, the department shall not approve portions of applications
16 to which a county, city, or town objects if:

17 (a) The department receives written notice from the county, city,
18 or town of such objections within fourteen business days from the time
19 of transmittal of the application to the county, city, or town, or one
20 day before the department acts on the application, whichever is later;
21 and

22 (b) The objections relate to lands either:

23 (i) Platted after January 1, 1960, as provided in chapter 58.17
24 RCW; or

25 (ii) On lands that have or are being converted to another use.

26 The department shall either disapprove those portions of such
27 application or appeal the county, city, or town objections to the
28 appeals board. If the objections related to subparagraphs (b)(i) and
29 (ii) of this subsection are based on local authority consistent with
30 RCW 76.09.240 as now or hereafter amended, the department shall
31 disapprove the application until such time as the county, city, or town
32 consents to its approval or such disapproval is reversed on appeal.
33 The applicant shall be a party to all department appeals of county,
34 city, or town objections. Unless the county, city, or town either
35 consents or has waived its rights under this subsection, the department
36 shall not approve portions of an application affecting such lands until
37 the minimum time for county, city, or town objections has expired.

38 (8) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the
39 department, in addition to any rights under the above paragraph, the

1 county, city, or town may appeal any department approval of an
2 application with respect to any lands within its jurisdiction. The
3 appeals board may suspend the department's approval in whole or in part
4 pending such appeal where there exists potential for immediate and
5 material damage to a public resource.

6 (9) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the
7 department, appeals under this section shall be made to the appeals
8 board in the manner and time provided in RCW 76.09.220(8). In such
9 appeals there shall be no presumption of correctness of either the
10 county, city, or town or the department position.

11 (10) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the
12 department, the department shall, within four business days notify the
13 county, city, or town of all notifications, approvals, and disapprovals
14 of an application affecting lands within the county, city, or town,
15 except to the extent the county, city, or town has waived its right to
16 such notice.

17 (11) For those forest practices regulated by the board and the
18 department, a county, city, or town may waive in whole or in part its
19 rights under this section, and may withdraw or modify any such waiver,
20 at any time by written notice to the department.

21 **Sec. 3.** RCW 76.09.060 and 1993 c 443 s 4 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 The following shall apply to those forest practices administered
24 and enforced by the department and for which the board shall promulgate
25 regulations as provided in this chapter:

26 (1) The department shall prescribe the form and contents of the
27 notification and application. The forest practices rules shall specify
28 by whom and under what conditions the notification and application
29 shall be signed or otherwise certified as acceptable. The application
30 or notification shall be delivered in person to the department, sent by
31 first class mail to the department or electronically filed in a form
32 defined by the department. The form for electronic filing shall be
33 readily convertible to a paper copy, which shall be available to the
34 public pursuant to chapter 42.17 RCW. The information required may
35 include, but is not limited to:

36 (a) Name and address of the forest landowner, timber owner, and
37 operator;

1 (b) Description of the proposed forest practice or practices to be
2 conducted;

3 (c) Legal description and tax parcel identification numbers of the
4 land on which the forest practices are to be conducted;

5 (d) Planimetric and topographic maps showing location and size of
6 all lakes and streams and other public waters in and immediately
7 adjacent to the operating area and showing all existing and proposed
8 roads and major tractor roads;

9 (e) Description of the silvicultural, harvesting, or other forest
10 practice methods to be used, including the type of equipment to be used
11 and materials to be applied;

12 (f) Proposed plan for reforestation and for any revegetation
13 necessary to reduce erosion potential from roadsides and yarding roads,
14 as required by the forest practices rules;

15 (g) Soil, geological, and hydrological data with respect to forest
16 practices;

17 (h) The expected dates of commencement and completion of all forest
18 practices specified in the application;

19 (i) Provisions for continuing maintenance of roads and other
20 construction or other measures necessary to afford protection to public
21 resources;

22 (j) An affirmation that the statements contained in the
23 notification or application are true; and

24 (k) All necessary application or notification fees.

25 (2) Long range plans may be submitted to the department for review
26 and consultation.

27 (3) The application for a forest practice or the notification of a
28 Class II forest practice (~~((shall indicate whether any land covered by~~
29 ~~the application or notification will be converted or is intended to be~~
30 ~~converted to a use other than commercial timber production within three~~
31 ~~years after completion of the forest practices described in it))~~) is
32 subject to the three-year reforestation requirement.

33 (a) If the application states that any such land will be or is
34 intended to be so converted:

35 (i) The reforestation requirements of this chapter and of the
36 forest practices rules shall not apply if the land is in fact so
37 converted unless applicable alternatives or limitations are provided in
38 forest practices rules issued under RCW 76.09.070 as now or hereafter
39 amended;

1 (ii) Completion of such forest practice operations shall be deemed
2 conversion of the lands to another use for purposes of chapters 84.33
3 and 84.34 RCW unless the conversion is to a use permitted under a
4 current use tax agreement permitted under chapter 84.34 RCW;

5 (iii) The forest practices described in the application are subject
6 to applicable county, city, town, and regional governmental authority
7 permitted under RCW 76.09.240 as now or hereafter amended as well as
8 the forest practices rules.

9 (b) Except as provided elsewhere in this section, if the
10 application or notification does not state that any land covered by the
11 application or notification will be or is intended to be so converted:

12 (i) For six years after the date of the application the county,
13 city, town, and regional governmental entities (~~may~~) shall deny any
14 or all applications for permits or approvals, including building
15 permits and subdivision approvals, relating to nonforestry uses of land
16 subject to the application;

17 (A) The department shall submit to the local governmental entity a
18 copy of the statement of a forest landowner's intention not to convert
19 which shall be filed by the local governmental entity with the county
20 recording officer, who shall record the documents as provided in
21 chapter 65.04 RCW, except that lands designated as forest lands of
22 long-term commercial significance under chapter 36.70A RCW shall not be
23 recorded due to the low likelihood of conversion. Not recording the
24 statement of a forest landowner's conversion intention shall not be
25 construed to mean the moratorium is not in effect.

26 (B) The department shall collect the recording fee and reimburse
27 the local governmental entity for the cost of recording the
28 application.

29 (C) When harvesting takes place without an application, the local
30 governmental entity shall impose the six-year moratorium provided in
31 (b)(i) of this subsection from the date the unpermitted harvesting was
32 discovered by the department or the local governmental entity.

33 (D) The local governmental entity shall develop a process for
34 lifting the six-year moratorium, which shall include public
35 notification, and procedures for appeals and public hearings.

36 (E) The local governmental entity may develop an administrative
37 process for lifting or waiving the six-year moratorium for the purposes
38 of constructing a single-family residence or outbuildings, or both, on

1 a legal lot and building site. Lifting or waiving of the six-year
2 moratorium is subject to compliance with all local ordinances.

3 (F) The six-year moratorium shall not be imposed on a forest
4 practices application that contains a conversion option harvest plan
5 approved by the local governmental entity unless the forest practice
6 was not in compliance with the approved forest practice permit. Where
7 not in compliance with the conversion option harvest plan, the six-year
8 moratorium shall be imposed from the date the application was approved
9 by the department or the local governmental entity;

10 (ii) Failure to comply with the reforestation requirements
11 contained in any final order or decision shall constitute a removal of
12 designation under the provisions of RCW 84.33.140, and a change of use
13 under the provisions of RCW 84.34.080, and, if applicable, shall
14 subject such lands to the payments and/or penalties resulting from such
15 removals or changes; and

16 (iii) Conversion to a use other than commercial timber operations
17 within ~~((three))~~ six years after ~~((completion))~~ approval of the forest
18 practices without the consent of the county, city, or town shall
19 constitute a violation of each of the county, municipal city, town, and
20 regional authorities to which the forest practice operations would have
21 been subject if the application had so stated.

22 (c) The application or notification shall be ~~((either))~~ signed by
23 the forest landowner ~~((or))~~ and accompanied by a statement signed by
24 the forest landowner indicating his or her intent with respect to
25 conversion and acknowledging that he or she is familiar with the
26 effects of this subsection.

27 (4) Whenever an approved application authorizes a forest practice
28 which, because of soil condition, proximity to a water course or other
29 unusual factor, has a potential for causing material damage to a public
30 resource, as determined by the department, the applicant shall, when
31 requested on the approved application, notify the department two days
32 before the commencement of actual operations.

33 (5) Before the operator commences any forest practice in a manner
34 or to an extent significantly different from that described in a
35 previously approved application or notification, there shall be
36 submitted to the department a new application or notification form in
37 the manner set forth in this section.

38 (6) The notification to or the approval given by the department to
39 an application to conduct a forest practice shall be effective for a

1 term of two years from the date of approval or notification and shall
2 not be renewed unless a new application is filed and approved or a new
3 notification has been filed. At the option of the applicant, an
4 application or notification may be submitted to cover a single forest
5 practice or a number of forest practices within reasonable geographic
6 or political boundaries as specified by the department. An application
7 or notification that covers more than one forest practice may have an
8 effective term of more than two years. The board shall adopt rules
9 that establish standards and procedures for approving an application or
10 notification that has an effective term of more than two years. Such
11 rules shall include extended time periods for application or
12 notification approval or disapproval. On an approved application with
13 a term of more than two years, the applicant shall inform the
14 department before commencing operations.

15 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no prior
16 application or notification shall be required for any emergency forest
17 practice necessitated by fire, flood, windstorm, earthquake, or other
18 emergency as defined by the board, but the operator shall submit an
19 application or notification, whichever is applicable, to the department
20 within forty-eight hours after commencement of such practice or as
21 required by local regulations.

22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 76.09.065 and 1993 c 443 s 5 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 (1) Effective July 1, ~~((1993))~~ 1997, an applicant shall pay ~~((a))~~
25 an application fee and a recording fee, if applicable, at the time an
26 application or notification is submitted ~~((pursuant to RCW 76.09.060.~~
27 ~~All money collected from the fees under this section shall be deposited~~
28 ~~in the state general fund))~~ to the department or to the local
29 governmental entity as provided in this chapter.

30 (2) For applications and notifications submitted to the department,
31 the application fee shall be fifty dollars for class II, III, and IV
32 forest practices applications or notifications relating to the
33 commercial harvest of timber. However, the fee shall be five hundred
34 dollars for class IV forest practices applications on lands being
35 converted to other uses or on lands which are not to be reforested
36 because of the likelihood of future conversion to urban development or
37 on lands that are contained within "urban growth areas," designated

1 pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, except the fee shall be fifty dollars
2 on those lands where the forest landowner provides:

3 (a) A written statement of intent signed by the forest landowner
4 not to convert to a use other than commercial timber operations for ten
5 years; and

6 (b) A written forest management plan acceptable to the department;
7 or

8 (c) The land is enrolled under the provisions of chapter 84.33 RCW.
9 All money collected from fees under this subsection shall be deposited
10 in the state general fund.

11 (3) For applications submitted to the local governmental entity,
12 the fee shall be five hundred dollars for class IV forest practices on
13 lands being converted to other uses or lands that are contained within
14 "urban growth areas," designated pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, except
15 as otherwise provided in this section, unless a different fee is
16 otherwise provided by the local governmental entity.

17 (4) Recording fees shall be as provided in chapter 36.18 RCW.

18 ~~((+2))~~ (5) An application fee under subsection ~~((+1))~~ (2) of this
19 section shall be refunded or credited to the applicant if either the
20 application or notification is disapproved by the department or the
21 application or notification is withdrawn by the applicant due to
22 restrictions imposed by the department.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 76.09.240 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 200 s 11 are each
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (1) By December 31, 2001, each county and each city shall adopt
26 ordinances or promulgate regulations setting standards for those Class
27 IV forest practices regulated by local government. The regulations
28 shall: (a) Establish minimum standards for Class IV forest practices;
29 (b) set forth necessary administrative provisions; and (c) establish
30 procedures for the collection and administration of forest practices
31 and recording fees as set forth in this chapter.

32 (2) Class IV forest practices regulations shall be administered and
33 enforced by the counties and cities that promulgate them.

34 (3) The forest practices board shall continue to promulgate
35 regulations and the department shall continue to administer and enforce
36 the regulations promulgated by the board in each county and each city
37 for all forest practices as provided in this chapter until such time
38 as, in the opinion of the department, the county or city has

1 promulgated forest practices regulations that meet the requirements as
2 set forth in this section and that meet or exceed the standards set
3 forth by the board in regulations in effect at the time the local
4 regulations are adopted. Regulations promulgated by the county or city
5 thereafter shall be reviewed in the usual manner set forth for county
6 or city rules or ordinances. Amendments to local ordinances must meet
7 or exceed the forest practices rules at the time the local ordinances
8 are amended.

9 (a) Department review of the initial regulations promulgated by a
10 county or city shall take place upon written request by the county or
11 city. The department, in consultation with the department of ecology,
12 may approve or disapprove the regulations in whole or in part.

13 (b) Until January 1, 2002, the department shall provide technical
14 assistance to all counties or cities that have adopted forest practices
15 regulations acceptable to the department and that have assumed
16 regulatory authority over all Class IV forest practices within their
17 jurisdiction.

18 (c) Decisions by the department approving or disapproving the
19 initial regulations promulgated by a county or city may be appealed to
20 the forest practices appeals board, which has exclusive jurisdiction to
21 review the department's approval or disapproval of regulations
22 promulgated by counties and cities.

23 (4) For those forest practices over which the board and the
24 department maintain regulatory authority no county, city, municipality,
25 or other local or regional governmental entity shall adopt or enforce
26 any law, ordinance, or regulation pertaining to forest practices,
27 except that to the extent otherwise permitted by law, such entities may
28 exercise any:

29 ((+1+)) (a) Land use planning or zoning authority: PROVIDED, That
30 exercise of such authority may regulate forest practices only: ((+a+))
31 (i) Where the application submitted under RCW 76.09.060 as now or
32 hereafter amended indicates that the lands will be converted to a use
33 other than commercial timber production; or ((+b+)) (ii) on lands which
34 have been platted after January 1, 1960, as provided in chapter 58.17
35 RCW: PROVIDED, That no permit system solely for forest practices shall
36 be allowed; that any additional or more stringent regulations shall not
37 be inconsistent with the forest practices regulations enacted under
38 this chapter; and such local regulations shall not unreasonably prevent
39 timber harvesting;

1 ~~((2))~~ (b) Taxing powers;
2 ~~((3))~~ (c) Regulatory authority with respect to public health; and
3 ~~((4))~~ (d) Authority granted by chapter 90.58 RCW, the "Shoreline
4 Management Act of 1971" ~~(, except that in relation to "shorelines" as~~
5 ~~defined in RCW 90.58.030, the following shall apply:~~

6 ~~(a) The forest practice regulations adopted pursuant to this~~
7 ~~chapter shall be the sole rules applicable to the performance of forest~~
8 ~~practices, and enforcement thereof shall be solely as provided in~~
9 ~~chapter 76.09 RCW;~~

10 ~~(b) As to that road construction which constitutes a substantial~~
11 ~~development, no permit shall be required under chapter 90.58 RCW for~~
12 ~~the construction of up to five hundred feet of one and only one road or~~
13 ~~segment of a road provided such road does not enter the shoreline more~~
14 ~~than once. Such exemption from said permit requirements shall be~~
15 ~~limited to a single road or road segment for each forest practice and~~
16 ~~such road construction shall be subject to the requirements of chapter~~
17 ~~76.09 RCW and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and to the~~
18 ~~prohibitions or restrictions of any master program in effect under the~~
19 ~~provisions of chapter 90.58 RCW. Nothing in this subsection shall add~~
20 ~~to or diminish the authority of the shoreline management act regarding~~
21 ~~road construction except as specifically provided herein. The~~
22 ~~provisions of this subsection shall not relate to any road which~~
23 ~~crosses over or through a stream, lake, or other water body subject to~~
24 ~~chapter 90.58 RCW;~~

25 ~~(c) Nothing in this section shall create, add to, or diminish the~~
26 ~~authority of local government to prohibit or restrict forest practices~~
27 ~~within the shorelines through master programs adopted and approved~~
28 ~~pursuant to chapter 90.58 RCW except as provided in (a) and (b) above.~~

29 ~~Any powers granted by chapter 90.58 RCW pertaining to forest~~
30 ~~practices, as amended herein, are expressly limited to lands located~~
31 ~~within "shorelines of the state" as defined in RCW 90.58.030)).~~

32 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.21C.037 and 1983 c 117 s 2 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 (1) Decisions pertaining to applications for Class I, II, and III
35 forest practices, as defined by rule of the forest practices board
36 under RCW 76.09.050, are not subject to the requirements of RCW
37 43.21C.030(2)(c) as now or hereafter amended.

1 (2) When the applicable county, city, or town requires a license in
2 connection with any proposal involving forest practices (a) on lands
3 platted after January 1, 1960, as provided in chapter 58.17 RCW, (b) on
4 lands being converted to another use, or (c) on lands which, pursuant
5 to RCW 76.09.070 as now or hereafter amended, are not to be reforested
6 because of the likelihood of future conversion to urban development,
7 then the local government, rather than the department of natural
8 resources, is responsible for any detailed statement required under RCW
9 43.21C.030(2)(c).

10 (3) Those forest practices determined by rule of the forest
11 practices board to have a potential for a substantial impact on the
12 environment, and thus to be Class IV practices, require an evaluation
13 by the department of natural resources as to whether or not a detailed
14 statement must be prepared pursuant to this chapter. The evaluation
15 shall be made within ten days from the date the department receives the
16 application. A Class IV forest practice application must be approved
17 or disapproved by the department within thirty calendar days from the
18 date the department receives the application, unless the department
19 determines that a detailed statement must be made, in which case the
20 application must be approved or disapproved by the department within
21 sixty days from the date the department receives the application,
22 unless the commissioner of public lands, through the promulgation of a
23 formal order, determines that the process cannot be completed within
24 such period. This section shall not be construed to prevent any local
25 or regional governmental entity from determining that a detailed
26 statement must be prepared for an action regarding a Class IV forest
27 practice taken by that governmental entity concerning the land on which
28 forest practices will be conducted.

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