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December 1st, 2022

The Honorable Bernard Dean
Chief Clerk of the House
338B Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Sarah Bannister
Secretary of the Senate
312 Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chief Clerk Dean and Secretary Bannister:

Please accept the enclosed legislative report on Long-Term Forest Health & Reduction of Wildfire Danger, submitted on behalf of Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as required in RCW 76.04.516. The statute directs DNR to provide biennial progress reports on expenditures made from the wildfire response, forest restoration, and community resilience account and recommendations on funding dispensation. As well as, progress on the implementation of the wildland fire protection 10-year strategic plan and the 20-year forest health strategic plan, and progress on developing markets for biomass generated from forest health treatments.

The statute and the ongoing report requirements were established in 2SHB 1168 during the 2021 session. This is our first report under this statute, which is due to the Legislature and Governor by December 1st of each even-numbered year.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 360-486-3469 or Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian Considine
Legislative Director
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Legislative Report – Long-Term Forest Health & Reduction of Wildfire Danger

cc:

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