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

The Honorable Brad Hendrickson
Secretary of the Senate
312 Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chief Clerk Dean and Secretary Hendrickson:

I am writing today to provide more information on the Trust Land Performance Assessment ("Assessment"). As you know, in a letter dated October 30, 2020, we provided you with notice that the Department of Natural Resources ("Department") will submit a final report on the Assessment, consistent with the Legislature's direction in Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6095, on or before December 31, 2020.

The reason for the delay is due to two factors. The first is that Deloitte, the contractor who performed the land valuation portion of Assessment, delivered the report to the Department in late September. The Department granted this delay due to the impacts of COVID 19 on their workflows. The second factor is that Department staff require more time to synthesize the report and converse with beneficiaries and key stakeholders in order to adequately present factors that define and/or constrict the Department's management practices and revenue production in the final report. The Department plans to undertake these conversations through November and early December.

I am enclosing a copy of the presentation we plan to provide to beneficiaries and key stakeholders for your information. If you would like to be included in this early outreach, please let us know and we will provide you with a briefing. In addition, during the first or second week of session, the Department plans to invite you to a comprehensive briefing on the Assessment.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at angus.brodie@dnr.wa.gov, or 360-485-2266.

Sincerely,

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Angus W. Brodie
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Enclosure

cc: Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee
Members of the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee
Members of the House Appropriations Committee