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December 27, 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 Encumbered Lands 2022 Legislative Report, submitted on behalf of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC), as directed in Sec. 310 (48)(e) of the 2021-2023 Supplemental Operating Budget (ESSB 5693) during the 2022 session. The bill directed DNR and WSAC to determine if any statutory changes are necessary to address issues regarding beneficiary revenue distribution or any other fiscal matters related to state forestlands, and submit a report to the legislature by December 31, 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 360-486-3469 or [Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Brian Considine  
Legislative Director  
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Encumbered Lands 2022 Legislative Report

cc:

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