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RE: Mason County Adopts Forest Practice Conversion Ordinance

Mason County will be issuing permits for some forest practices instead of the Washington Department of Natural Resources beginning on February 15. The effect of this change will be that the public will no longer have to deal with two agencies for these timber harvests. They will only need to go to the county for the necessary approval.

The types of forest practices included in this change are all Class IV General forest practice activities (i.e. conversion of forestland to non-forest use), and forest activities within designated Urban Growth Areas and on lands platted after January 1, 1960.

This change responds to a requirement in state law (RCW 76.09.240) wherein counties and cities are required to take over the permitting authority and review these forest practices. Mason County is one of the first local jurisdictions to complete successfully this transfer of authority.

For additional information, you may contact Michael MacSems, at 427-9670, Ext. 571.

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