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Baker Blowdown Salvage

Appeal Resolution Meeting Documentation

On January 16, between 4 and 6 P.M, Kevin Geraghty, Rick McGuire, and Jim Davis of North Cascades Conservation Council, Kathy Johnson of Pilchuck Audubon Society, and Jon Vanderheyden and Don Gay of the Mount Baker Ranger District, met in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Supervisor's office in Everett, Washington to explore options to informally resolving the December 26, 2007 appeal of the Baker Blowdown Salvage Project. Incorporating additional discussions via an email on 1/27/2008, the parties have agreed to the following:

1. Jon Vanderheyden, Mount Baker District Ranger, is the Responsible Official for the Baker Blowdown Salvage Project. Ranger Vanderheyden agrees to not implement harvest in units 1, 2, and 8. Furthermore, the southern boundary of the unit 4 will not extend beyond a line parallel to, and 600' south of that portion of FS 11 adjoining the unit..
2. Jon Vanderheyden agrees that trees blown down in the 2006 windstorm will be retained in all units as follows:
 - 40% of all blown down trees from the 2006 storm will be retained in unit 9.
 - 40% of all blown down trees 21" diameter and larger from this storm will be retained in units 3, in the harvested portion of unit 4, and in units 5, 6, 7, and 10. Equivalently, 40% of the total volume of blown-down trees 21" diameter and larger will be retained in these units. Douglas-fir and redcedar will not be preferentially removed and roughly 40% of the total current blown-down volume of each of these species 21" diameter and greater will be left.
3. Jon Vanderheyden agrees to:
 - maintain gate closed on Road 1102 until sale activities begin, and
 - remove all culverts from live streams on road 1102 within 1 year of completion of post-sale activities.
4. Jon Vanderheyden agrees that temporary road construction, skyline corridors, and landings will not involve felling trees or snags 21" in diameter at breast height or larger, unless those trees are required to be felled to meet worker safety requirements prescribed by OSHA. Such trees would be left in place.



5. Jon Vanderheyden agrees to require the logging contractor to move some down logs onto skid trails after salvage harvest is complete.

6. Jon Vanderheyden agrees that any future vegetation management in the project area would be separate decisions subject to additional environmental analysis and public involvement.

7. Kathy Johnson and Kevin Geraghty agree to withdraw their appeal to the Baker Blowdown Salvage project filed on December 26, 2007.

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Pilchuck Audubon Society

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Jon Vanderheyden
Mount Baker Ranger District

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