

# Watershed Protection Workshop



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# Outline for the Day

- Introductions
- Source Water Protection
- Forest Practices Act and Rules (DNR)
- Forest Practices and Water Quality (Ecology)
- Lunch (provided)



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# Outline for the Day

- Land Acquisition and Conservation Easements
- Collaborative Management
- Panel Discussion
- Review



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# Overview of Watershed Protection

- Many benefits of forested watershed
- Many benefits of watershed control plan
  - Develop relationship with the landowner
  - Understand when activities will occur
  - Work towards agreements
  - Minimize water quality impacts



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# Overview of Watershed Protection



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**



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# Overview of Watershed Protection

- September 2014 AWWA Journal
  - *Protecting forested watershed is smart economics for water utilities, Gartner, et al*
  - EPA study: On average \$1 spent on source water protection saved an average of \$27 in water treatment costs
  - EPA conducting new survey on costs



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# Overview of Watershed Protection

- Every treatment plant has a limit of turbidity it can treat
  - Slow sand: 10 NTU with roughing filter
  - Contact adsorption clarifier and filtration: 30 NTU
  - Membranes: 80 to 100 NTU



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# Overview of Watershed Protection

- Watershed protection costs money
  - Staff time to patrol
  - Legal fees for agreements
  - Land acquisition
- ***Expensive undertaking, but may be cheaper than modifying treatment process, plant shutdown, or new treatment plant***



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# Introductions

- Your name
- Who you represent
- What do you want to learn today?



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