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Greetings,

I want to update you on the Rainier School Forest Management activities on the forest lands adjacent to the Rainier School.

As you may recall, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) decided this past year to develop a Forest Management Plan and to go into active forest management of the forested excess properties that are part of the Rainier School/ Dan Thompson Memorial Developmental Disabilities Community Trust Account (DTMTA) lands. DSHS has completed the Forest Management Plan and has retained American Forest Management (AFM) to manage these lands including up to two forest harvests.

The first planned timber sale has been approved and permitted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Notice of Timber Sale and Invitation to Bid have been sent out.

Prospective purchasers will be inspecting the areas designated for the first harvest over the next couple of weeks with the hope of becoming the successful bidder selected for the first timber harvest in late October or early November.

Attached are the Official Notification of Timber Sale and Invitation to Bid. The highlights of this first harvest are:

- The Sale consists of three separate units totaling about 67 acres. A map is attached with the Notice.
- The estimated Harvest is 2,300 Million Board Feet of timber.
- The harvest includes Douglas Fir, Red Alder, Western Red Cedar, and Western Hemlock.
- This timber is export restricted so the raw logs cannot be shipped overseas.
- No timber harvesting will be done in sensitive areas or within the view corridors identified in the Forest Management Plan.

The timber to be harvested is all fully mature and ready for harvest. After the harvest the units of land will be prepared and replanted following the DNR's guidelines including monitoring by AFM for the next few years to ensure the reforestation meets minimum requirements for plant survival and for a new healthy forest.

The proceeds from this sale will pay the expenses of the forest management services with the balance of the proceeds (80% to 90% of the sale depending on the value of the sale) going into the DTMTA to fund community based developmental disabilities services.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the DSHS project manager, Ken Hays, at (360) 902-8171 or email Ken at [hayskm@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:hayskm@dshs.wa.gov).