

Washington Farm Forestry Association Small Forest Landowner Riparian Template Proposal

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"Stewards of
the land...
for
generations
to come."



Hardwood Observations

- RMZ Rules are Conifer Centric



But hardwoods are important to RMZ/stream health



Without mgmt hardwoods become decadent – \$ & function loss
Here is some 44 year-old alder that is maxed out – time to cut!



Hardwood Observations

- Limited RMZ Mgmt Options – Alternate Plans?
- Need new paradigm
 - Mgmt in RMZs that protect/enhance function
 - Longer term forest health viewpoint
 - New hardwood regulatory tools
 - RMZs mean Riparian Management Zones 😊

1999 FORESTS & FISH COMMITMENTS TO SFLOS

- **FORESTRY RIPARIAN EASEMENT PROGRAM**
- **TECH ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING ALTERNATE PLANS**
- **SMALLER BUFFERS FOR 20 ACRE PARCELS**
- **& ULTIMATELY: SMALLER BUFFERS FOR OUR
SMALLER, LOWER IMPACT HARVESTS**

**SFLOs OWN 40%+ WASHINGTON PRIVATE FORESTLAND
SO SMALLER BUFFERS ON OUR SMALLER HARVESTS =**

- **MORE HARDWOOD PRODUCTS**
- **BETTER MGMT OF HARDWOOD SITES/RMZs**

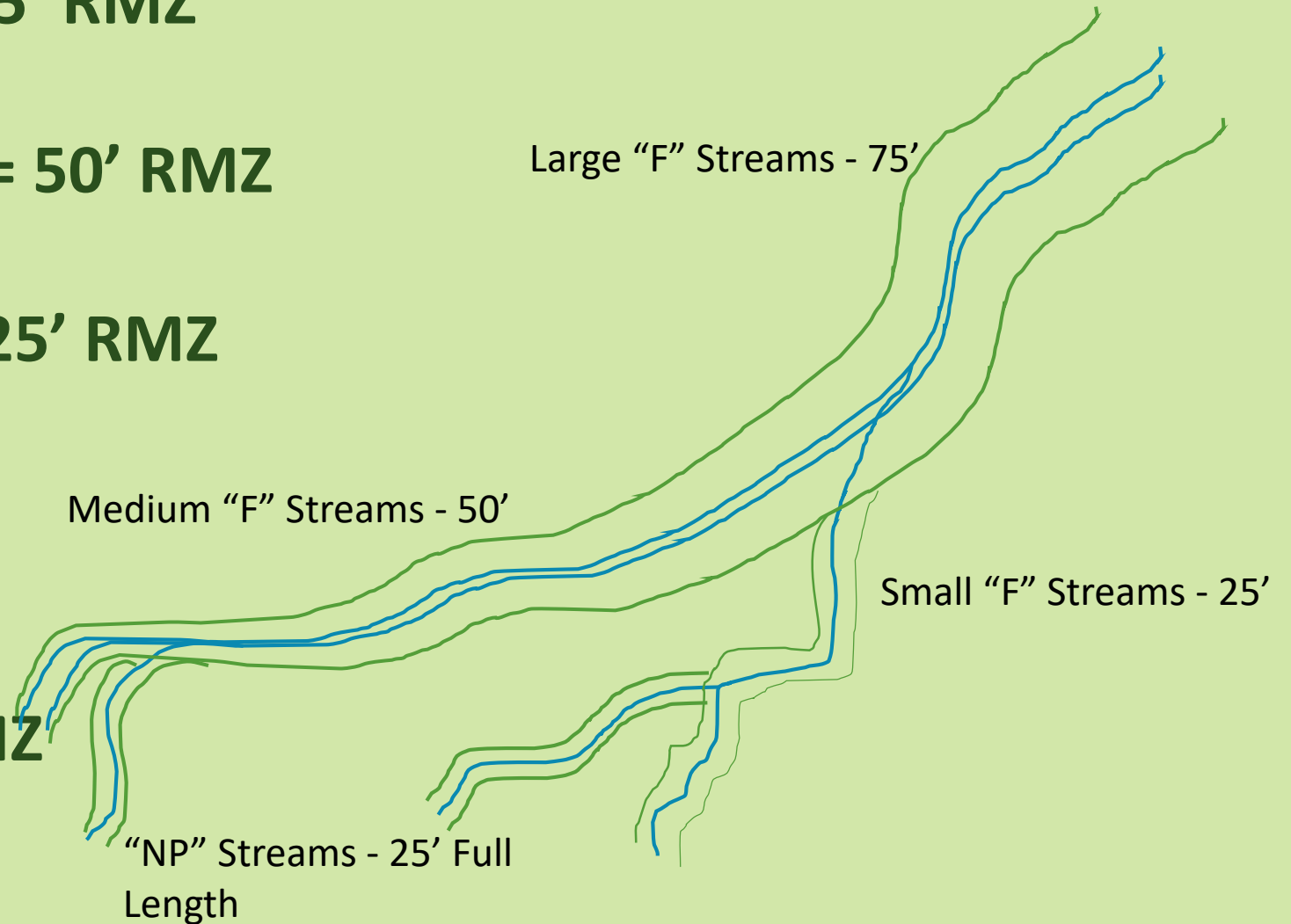
TEMPLATE APPROVAL NEEDS

- **SCIENCE – NO/LOW FUNCTION IMPACT**
- **PRIOR APPROVED ALTERNATE PLANS**
- **LEGISLATION SPECIFICALLY FOR SFLOs**
- **MUST BE SIMPLE FOR SFLOs**
- **REQUIRES MAJORITY OF FPB**

SIMPLIFIED WESTSIDE DRAFT TEMPLATE

- LARGE “F” STREAMS = 75’ RMZ
- MEDIUM “F” STREAMS = 50’ RMZ
- SMALL STREAMS “F” = 25’ RMZ

- “NP” STREAMS = 25’ RMZ
FULL LENGTH

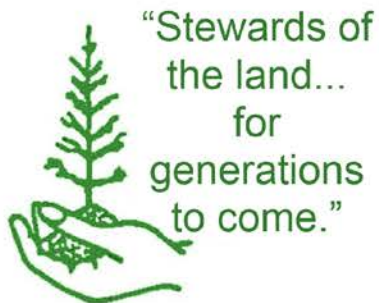


PROPOSED OPTIONS WITHIN SMALLER BUFFERS

- **VARIABLE WIDTH RMZ**
- **PARTIAL THINNING**
- **PARTIAL CONIFER RESTORATION**
- **POTENTIAL OPTION FOR SINGLE TREE SELECTION**
- **PARTIAL NP RMZ OVERSTORY THINNING**

QUESTIONS FOR US?

(MORE DETAIL IN YOUR PACKET)



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SFLOs typically very limited stream reach – low RMZ risk

