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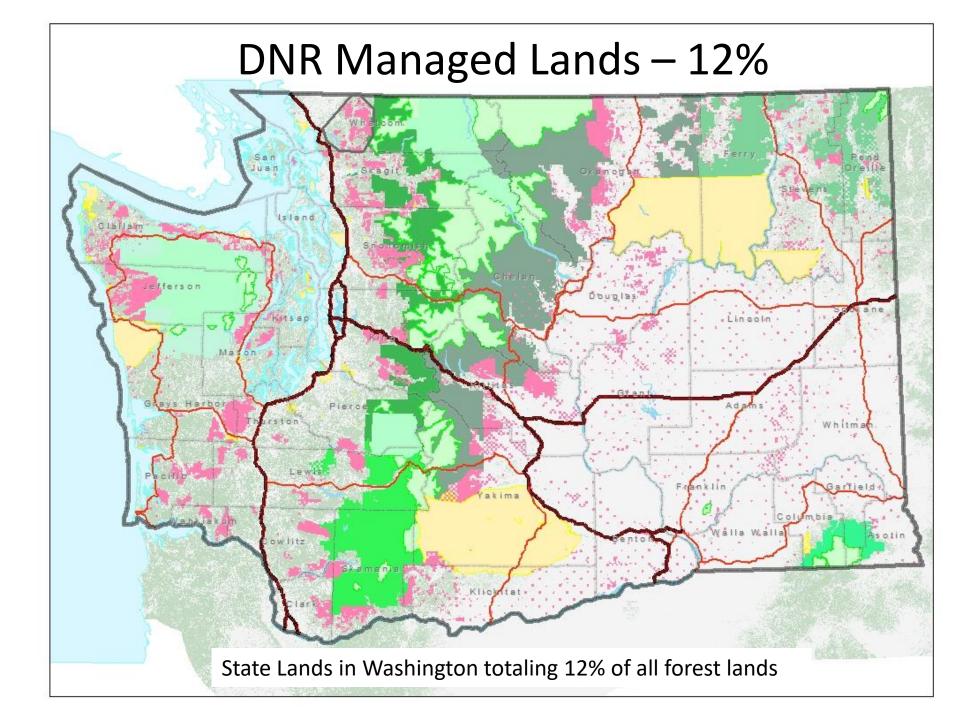
Federal Grant Lands

- *Enabling Act of 1889*
- *Seven Specific Trusts*
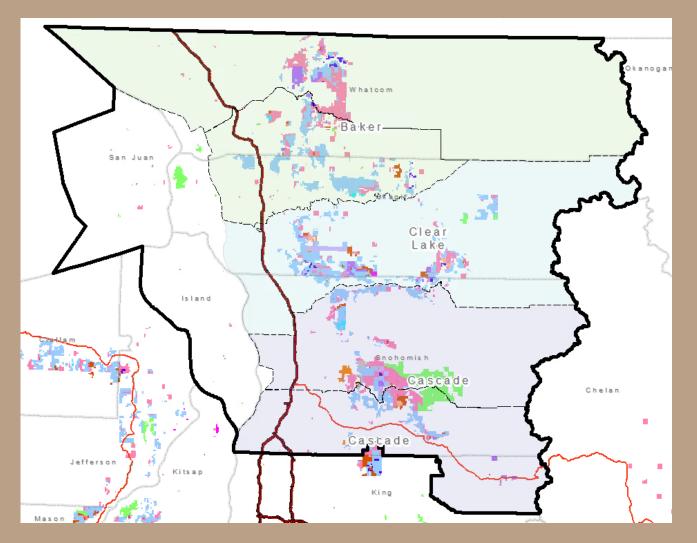
State Forest Lands

- *State Forest Transfer Lands*
- *State Forest Purchase Lands*

DNR Managed Lands – 12%

State Lands in Washington totaling 12% of all forest lands

Northwest Region

Trust Duties and Mandate

Trust Duties

- The fiduciary aspect of trust management requires DNR to manage these lands to produce perpetual income for the beneficiaries (the trusts).

Trust Mandate

- The 'trust mandate' concerns the common law obligations of a trustee to operate as a prudent person on behalf of the trusts.
- The legal construction of Washington's trust lands also creates considerable differences in how these lands are managed when compared to other public lands and private fiduciary trusts.

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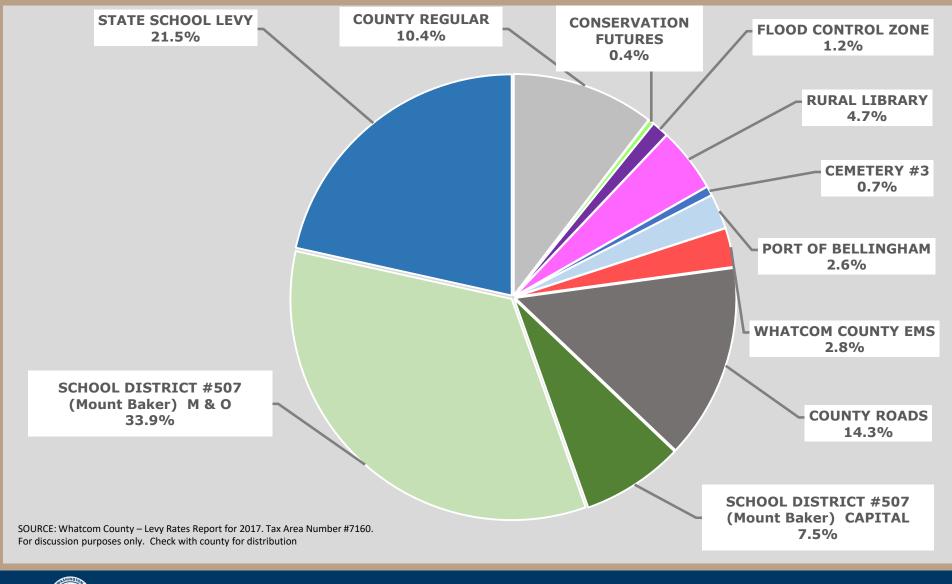NATURAL RESOURCES

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State Lands

- Total Area: 383,726 acres
  - 44,622 acres NAP/NRCA
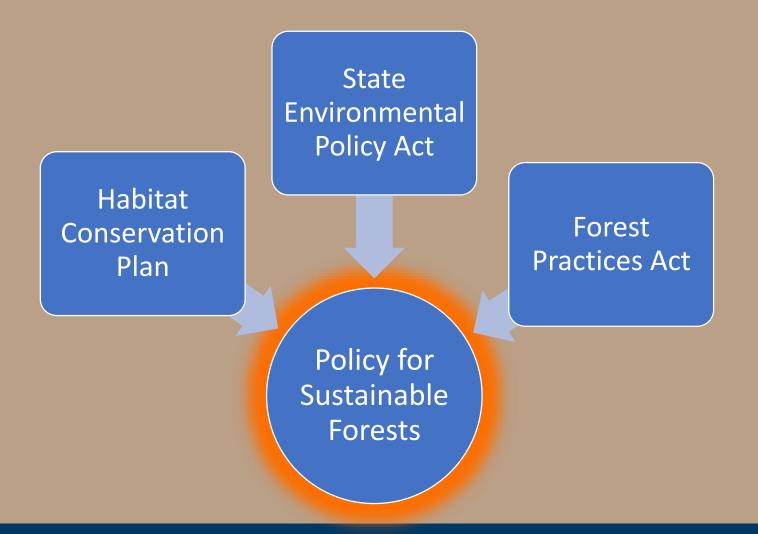 - 155,869 acres Federal Grant Lands
  - 183,235 acres State Forest Lands

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Example - Whatcom County TCA #7160

Data Source: Whatcom County- Levy Rates Report for 2017

STATE SCHOOL LEVY
21.5%

COUNTY REGULAR
10.4%

CONSERVATION
FUTURES
0.4%

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE
1.2%

RURAL LIBRARY
4.7%

CEMETERY #3
0.7%

PORT OF BELLINGHAM
2.6%

WHATCOM COUNTY EMS
2.8%

COUNTY ROADS
14.3%

SCHOOL DISTRICT #507
(Mount Baker) M & O
33.9%

SCHOOL DISTRICT #507
(Mount Baker) CAPITAL
7.5%

SOURCE: Whatcom County – Levy Rates Report for 2017. Tax Area Number #7160.
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Regulatory Framework

State Environmental Policy Act

Habitat Conservation Plan

Forest Practices Act

Policy for Sustainable Forests

Regulatory Framework
Policy for Sustainable Forests

Guides the management and stewardship of 2.1 million acres of forested trust lands

Economic Performance
- Definition, calculation, and recalculation of the sustainable harvest level

Forest Ecosystem Health and Productivity
- Outlines specific aspects for protection and management

Social and Cultural Benefits
- Protection and promotion of various land uses

Implementation
- Outlines management procedures for achieving the above three

Regulatory Framework
Habitat Conservation Plan

- Final plan adopted 1997
- Outlines conservation strategies for threatened and endangered species as well as a multitude of habitats

- Northern Spotted Owl
- Marbled Murrelet
- Salmonids and the Riparian Ecosystem
- Federally Listed Species and Species of Concern
  - Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Fish, Amphibians, etc…

Regulatory Framework
State Environmental Policy Act

- Enacted 1971

- Process for reviewing agency projects and alternatives

- Consider impacts on all elements of the environment
  - Natural: earth, air, water, plants & animals
  - Built: transportation, public services & utilities

- Determine and evaluate mitigation needs

- Provide opportunity for public comment

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Regulatory Framework
Forest Practices Act

Forest Practices Act

- Regulatory side of DNR

- Addresses growing and harvesting timber

- Road building

- Only regulates forested non-federal & non-tribal lands

- TFW partnership - consultation and cooperation with WDFW, treaty tribes, & DOE

HCP "Crosswalks"

- Substitution agreements

- State Lands protects above and beyond

- Northern Spotted Owl

- Marbled Murrelet

- Riparian Management Strategy

Opportunities for Partnership

Formal

- Comment on FPA

- Comment on SEPA

- ID Teams

- Formal Committees

Informal

- Ask to meet with Districts

- Invitation to ID teams