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**Agriculture & Natural Resources  
Committee**

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**HJM 4006**

**Brief Description:** Requesting the federal government consider ways to increase the amount of timber and fiber removed from federal land in Washington.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Blake, Newhouse, B. Sullivan, Orcutt, Eickmeyer, Hinkle, Kessler and Kretz.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requests the United States Forest Service and the federal government to consider ways to increase the amount of timber and fiber that is removed from federal forest lands located within the borders of Washington.

**Hearing Date:** 2/19/07

**Staff:** Jason Callahan (786-7117).

**Background:**

The United States Forest Service (USFS) manages six national forests and one volcanic monument within Washington's borders. The USFS manages national forests for multiple uses, including forestry research, natural resource protection, providing technical assistance, and the extraction of timber resources. The mission of the USFS is limited to land management, and the agency generally relies on the public sector to harvest and process the timber removed from federal lands.

The USFS is housed administratively within the United States Department of Agriculture, and the current USFS Chief is Gail Kimbell, an alumni of Oregon State University and a former district ranger of the Colville National Forest.

**Summary of Bill:**

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The USFS and the federal government is requested by the Legislature to consider ways to increase the amount of timber and fiber that is removed from federal forest lands located within the borders of Washington.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.