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DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

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DETERMINATION OF TYPES OF SIGNIFICANT AGENCY ACTIONS

Pursuant to RCW 70A.02.060, Washington state department of natural resources (DNR) and covered agencies will conduct environmental justice assessments for significant agency actions identified in RCW 70A.02.010 (12)(a) through (d):

- Agency rule making (also known as significant legislative rule, as defined in RCW 34.05.328).
- Adopting or developing new grant or loan programs initiated after July 1, 2023.
- Designing or awarding capital projects, grants, or loans of \$12 million or more, or transportation projects, grants, or loans of \$15 million or more.
- Agency request legislation.

Starting July 1, 2023, DNR will complete an environmental justice assessment for aforementioned significant agency actions to inform and support consideration of overburdened communities and vulnerable populations when making decisions and to assist the agency with the equitable distribution of environmental benefits, the reduction of environmental harms, and the identification and reduction of environmental and health disparities.

We invite feedback and comments on the list of significant agency actions and other types of DNR actions that would benefit from an assessment starting in 2025. DNR will continue to review comments on an ongoing basis; input will inform decisions on conducting assessments and how DNR communicates and engages with the public.

Comments may be sent via email at envjustice@dnr.wa.gov or by mail at Department of Natural Resources, C/O Office of Equity and Environmental Justice, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Mailstop 47001, Olympia, WA 98504.