

Dear Hoh Tribal Community,

We are excited to share important updates regarding several upcoming projects that aim to enhance the safety and sustainability of our community. Here's an overview of the initiatives we are planning:

Wildfire/Utility Buffer:

- To mitigate potential interference with powerlines, we are proposing a buffer zone approximately 150 feet north and 70 feet south of Lower Hoh Road.
- Buffers of approximately 150 feet around houses and tribal buildings will introduce light and lower the risk of storm damage.
- Additionally, from the playground westward, one row of trees plus any dead/dying trees or hazards will be removed out to 50 feet to clear utility lines.
- Some buffers may be smaller to avoid sensitive areas such as streams, wetlands, and unstable slopes.
- At each landing site, a 150-foot circle will be designated for the safe disposal of logging slash debris, meeting hazard abatement requirements.
- Special considerations will be made when harvesting near homes and other structures.

Commercial Thinning Harvest:

- We will be implementing a commercial thinning harvest strategy to promote healthier forest growth.
- This project will create revenue for the tribe to potentially fund other projects in the future.
- Unmerchantable stands will be avoided whenever possible.
- Logging slash will be consolidated at disposal points for either burning or chipping. Any unmarketable logs greater than 3 inches in diameter will be set aside separately from slash. These logs will either be accessible to the community for firewood or chipped for erosion control.
- Erosion control sites would be stabilized by food/medicinal plants, for the future harvest and use of the community.
- This project may include the construction of a new forest road, which would be located completely on tribal-owned lands.

Cemetery Construction:

- We are currently evaluating two potential locations: along the proposed new road or adjacent to existing roads within the commercial thinning harvest zone.
- Discussions have also included the consideration of placing the cemetery at a higher elevation, as depicted by proposed cemetery location 3 shown on the map. Should this

location be selected, we would consider the creation of a second commercial thinning harvest zone south of Chalaat Creek.

These projects reflect our commitment to sustainable land management, community safety, and preserving cultural heritage. Your feedback and support are invaluable as we move forward with these initiatives.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient future for the Hoh Tribe.