



Purpose

The Darrington Collaborative brings together stakeholders from the community of Darrington, WA, environmental organizations, members of the local timber industry and STEM youth educators around shared goals of increasing ecologically sustainable timber harvest under the Northwest Forest Plan on the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest while improving the ecological functioning of our forests and watersheds. The Darrington Collaborative works with The Forest Service, local elected officials, Tribes and local stakeholders to simultaneously create a more ecologically resilient forest, provide for increased, sustainable timber harvest on the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, provide economic benefits to the community of Darrington and create educational opportunities for Darrington's youth through the STEM program.

Key Goals

- Increasing the number of acres treated and total harvest volume produced in forest restoration projects under the Northwest Forest Plan and increasing the number and footprint of aquatic and other non-harvest related restoration projects.
- Improving treatment effectiveness and working to reduce the time and cost required to plan and prepare projects through increased efficiencies for the Forest Service.
- Creating new educational and career opportunities for Darrington's youth by integrating the Darrington outdoor STEM education projects into scientific monitoring of collaborative projects.
- Collaborating on specific projects, as needed, to create an environment that reduces conflict and seeks to achieve a common vision for the future of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest within the Darrington region and working towards creating a more sustainable future for the regional timber economy.
- Through a strategic communications and outreach plan, utilize projects and project outcomes to educate and bring awareness to the Puget Sound Region regarding the ecological benefits of sustainable timber harvest under the Northwest Forest Plan.

Who We Are

Darrington Collaborative Members

- Dan Rankin, Darrington Mayor
- Paul Wagner, Washington State Society of American Foresters
- Steve Skaglund, Three Rivers Contract Logging
- Tim Johnson, Hampton Lumber
- Tom Uniack, Washington Wild
- Ben Greuel, The Wilderness Society
- Thomas O'Keefe, Ph.D., American Whitewater
- Jon Owen, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- Oak Rankin, Glacier Peak Institute
- Mike Town, Tesla STEM High School



Non-Voting Members

- Julia Terlinchamp, Office of WA Governor Jay Inslee
- Shawn Bills, Office of Senator Patty Murray
- Kelly Marquadt, Office of Congresswoman Suzan DelBene

Contractor

- Derek Churchill, Stewardship Forestry



News of Note

Darrington Collaborative's Segelsen Pilot Project Sold to Hampton Lumber (10/7/17)

The Darrington Collaborative is pleased to announce the sale of our Segelsen stewardship pilot project 26 months after our conception. We would like to thank the Mt. Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest for their support and staff time in making this project happen on top of their existing workload.

Hampton Lumber secured the winning bid for the Segelsen stewardship sale, which was the first timber sale emerging from the Darrington Collaborative. Hampton offered a strong bid well over the minimum acceptable offer at \$358,000, or \$29.14 per ton.

The Segelsen restoration thinning sale is 69 acres with a total cruised volume of 12,293 tons, approximately 1,530 mmbf (million bf). This amounts to 22 mbf per acre, roughly 1/3rd of the total stand volume. Logs removed will be approximately 25% Douglas Fir and 75% Western Hemlock & Silver Fir.

In addition to providing restoration thinning to a previously harvested stand that will result in expediting late successional characteristics, the retained receipts from the thinning will stay on the Forest. As a stewardship sale, receipts will be used toward identified aquatic restoration work associated with the Clear Creek Road.

The Collaborative is also anticipating local economic benefits to the community of Darrington where Hampton owns an operating mill. Through a partnership with the Glacier Peak Institute, the Darrington Collaborative plans to implement post-harvest monitoring with local Darrington middle school and high school students providing STEM-related learning opportunities on the Segelsen site.