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Subject: [Faccfr] Institute of Forest Resources

Dear All:

The Governor signed SHB 1254 on April 29th. This Bill updates the language regarding the Institute of Forest Resources and helps ensure that our forest research and outreach programs will maintain the health of Washington's forest sector. The Bill endorses a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach to future research programs and also addresses the future of forestry and natural resources education at the UW.

The Bill may be found at:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Passed%20Legislature/1254-S.PL.pdf>

I wish to express my thanks to Dean Emeritus Bare and UW Faculty Legislative Representative Fridley for their assistance in helping get this Bill passed and signed. Professor Bare crafted the bill, worked with legislative aides, testified and then kept track of the bill's progress, and made sure that specific sponsors knew when to pull the bill and walk it through all of the required steps. Bruce was able to participate in the signing of the bill.

There was extensive support from particular members of the Senate and House and the School received additional support and testimony from folks from WA DNR as well as the Washington Forest Protection Association.

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