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WHAT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED?

- **Endorsement of a common set of business practices**
- **Understanding of cost share options**
- **Written agreements to share information**

The Executive Management Summit is designed to bring together the leaders in natural resource management to improve the way information is shared and save time and money for cash-strapped agencies.

As executives, you face many challenges with species recovery, wildlife and habitat management, climate change, and ever-shrinking budgets.

Having complete data at your side can help as you make decisions with billion-dollar consequences that affect the Northwest lifestyle.

But today, collecting, sharing, and communicating data about wildlife and other natural resources is cumbersome, complicated, costly, and inefficient.

Federal, state, tribal, county, city, and watershed groups all have different policies and procedures for collecting information. Several agencies may manage parts of the same landscapes or stream.

All of this makes it difficult and costly to share information. The result: Inefficiencies, duplication, diminishing quality of information, and less confidence in decisions.

Having a comprehensive data system of your own can be costly, especially when other agencies collect the data. What better way to

save time and money than to share information.

The summit is designed to endorse a cost-effective and business-based arrangement for collecting, sharing, and exchanging high quality data. Today, the confidence that you have comprehensive data is rare. Tomorrow, with improved information sharing, it could be a reality.



THREE CASE STUDIES

The value of integrated data management is revealed in the following case studies:

1 Consider: A local group spent 2 years taking inventory and mapping a watershed only to find that the information couldn't be compiled because of incompatibility in the collection software. The group spent \$1 million to merge the data into

a geographic information system, but lost 40 percent of its data.

2 Consider: A federal agency was unable to clearly account for how, when, and where billions of dollars for resource recovery had been spent. Accountability was critical. Until a project reporting system was established, all future funding was threatened.

3 Consider: Complicated permit applications often cause errors and delays. For example, 20 percent of the forest practices applications for two years were returned for additional information. Businesses want one efficient, consolidated, easy-to-understand way to apply for all the permits needed to operate in cities, counties, and the state.

