

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS#	734492
Date of Incident:	10/21/2024
Potential Liable Party:	Weyerhaeuser
Product Spilled:	Diesel Low Sulphur (Ulsd), Hydraulic Oil, Lube Oil/Motor Oil
Spill Source:	Logging Shovel / Excavator (Construction/utility vehicle)
Oil Spill Size Estimate:	117 Gallons Total (70 Diesel Low Sulphur (Ulsd), 45 Hydraulic Oil, 2 Lube Oil/Motor Oil)
Water Body Affected:	Lucas Creek
Ecology Region:	SWRO
County:	Lewis
Nearest City:	Onalaska
Location of Spill:	East of Chehalis
Cause:	Inattention/Distracton
Ecology Responder:	Alex Sains
Incident Summary:	<p>On October 21, 2024, Ecology was notified by Weyerhaeuser of a 70-gallon diesel, 45-gallon hydraulic oil, and 2-gallon lube/motor oil spill to Lucas Creek east of Chehalis. As a logging truck carrying a logging shovel on a trailer drove across a wooden bridge, its tires slipped and it became stuck with its belly sitting on the slats. To remove the truck, Weyerhaeuser needed to remove the logging shovel from the trailer. As the logging shovel was being removed, it lost balance and fell off the bridge, causing it to release its oils to the creek. After ensuring the shovel operator was safe, Weyerhaeuser staff deployed their spill kit, made notifications, and hired a tow company to remove the shovel. Weyerhaeuser also contracted Cowlitz Clean Sweep to conduct clean-up operations. Ecology Spills conducted a field response and assisted with getting an emergency HPA. Boom was deployed throughout the creek to capture as much oil as possible and the shovel was removed from the creek that evening. Thereafter, weekly site visits were made to provide clean-up guidance and to check the status of the creek. Initial soil sample analysis came back as "not detected," but upon later visits, oil was observed seeping from a section of the streambank and into the creek. Ecology Spills has referred the incident to the Ecology Toxics Cleanup Program for further sampling and remediation efforts of the soil.</p>