WRIA 13 – Deschutes Watershed
Lewis County
Thurston County
Lewis County

WRIA 13 in Lewis County

- 180 Square miles
- 100% in forestry
  - 98% Weyerhaeuser
  - 2% Public
- Designated forest lands of long-term commercial significance
- Zoned Forest Resource Lands
- No UGAs – no residential development
- No wells within this area
WRIA 13 Characteristics

- Elevation 1,000 – 3,800 feet
- 90 inches annually
- Dry summers
- Summer stream flows driven by groundwater
- Dense conifer cover
- Deschutes River has moderately high functional value
- Erosion hazard main critical area (55%)
Lewis County and Exempt Wells Process

- Residential building permit requires
  - Copy of well report filed with Ecology
  - $500 fee for exempt well
  - Filing of covenant on property with Auditor stating limitation of 950 gpm connection (in Deschutes)

- Building permit issued once proof of filing submitted

- No residential growth anticipated and further planning effort is anticipated for the Deschutes Basin
Future Lewis County Planning Actions for WRIA 13

- No future residential growth anticipated
- No further planning effort is anticipated for the Deschutes Basin at this time