

WASHINGTON STATEWIDE CONNECTIVITY ANALYSIS

WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT

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A statewide scientific analysis that provides an informational tool for land and resources managers, conservationists, private land owners, and other interested parties.	An action agenda or regulation that dictates land use for any public or private entity.
Broad scale and encompassing Washington State and adjacent lands in Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia. This analysis uses relatively coarse-scale data for a first-step in identifying regionally important connectivity areas.	Fine scale with every significant and important piece of habitat identified. This analysis does not suggest that areas not appearing are unimportant, just that they were not identified as important at the coarse scale. Areas may be identified as important as a result of finer scale analyses.
An analysis of connectivity based on current conditions that will need to be updated periodically to stay relevant and useful, and that can be used as a foundation for analyses that comprise smaller map extents or consider future changes in climate, demographics, or land management.	The final analysis of its kind or an analysis that considers future scenarios, including changes in climate, demographics, or land management.
An analysis based on the attributes of representative focal species and on the distribution of natural conditions. Species used in the analysis were carefully chosen to represent Washington's diverse habitat types.	An analysis that represents the unique needs of every particular endangered or at-risk species.
A collaborative analysis produced by private and public partners representing land and natural resource management agencies, non-profit conservation organizations, and universities.	An analysis conducted by a single organization or agency in isolation.