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## GREEN DIAMOND OPENS WASHINGTON LANDS FOR HUNTING

(SHELTON, Wash., - September 12, 2018) – Green Diamond Resource Company representatives today announced that the company will open gates over the weekend of September 15-16, 2018 for hunting and other recreation.

Rains in Western Washington have decreased fire risk, but Green Diamond Public Affairs Manager Patti Case warned visitors to continue to be vigilant about fire danger. "Even in Western Washington, we continue to deal with wildfires into September and even October. We ask that visitors be aware and report suspected wildfires."

Green Diamond gates are typically orange with signs mounted next to them, explaining the type of access allowed in that area, explained Case. Recreation Access Permit areas are posted with signage explaining entry is limited to those with permits. In all other areas, Case explained, a sign with a red dot means no motor vehicles are allowed and a green dot indicates licensed, street-legal motor vehicles are allowed on roads only and only during daylight hours.

According to Case, an orange sign indicates harvest or other activity is taking place. All recreation access to these areas is prohibited. "An open gate may be a sign that forest management activity is taking place," she said. "Visitors should be cautious."

"We ask that recreation seekers wear high visibility clothing for safety and that visitors exit Green Diamond's forest land within one hour of sunset as indicated in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's hunting regulations," she said.

The Tour De Forest Rally will be held on Green Diamond forest roads in Mason and Grays Harbor Counties on October 6 and 7, 2018. More information is available at <a href="https://www.tourdeforestrally.com/">https://www.tourdeforestrally.com/</a>

Green Diamond Resource Company is a privately held forest products company with roots dating back to 1890. Today, the company owns working forest lands in Washington, Oregon and California. A subsidiary, Green Diamond Management Company, provides forest management services in the U.S. South and West. All lands owned and managed by Green Diamond are independently audited and certified for sustainable forest management. More information about Green Diamond's environmental leadership may be found at www.greendiamond.com.