GMA guidelines for designating forest lands Four factors were to be considered in designating commercial forest resource land: “(a) The proximity of the land to urban, suburban, and rural settlements; (b) surrounding parcel size and the compatibility and intensity of adjacent and nearby land uses; (c) long-term local economic conditions that affect the ability to manage for timber production; and (d) the availability of public facilities and services conducive to conversion of forest land to other uses.” (RCW 36.70A.030(8))