

STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

The 2015-2017 Governor's Budget for the Department of Forestry and a range of forestry-related bills will be before the 2015 Legislature. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an overview and update of these elements.

CONTEXT, BACKGROUND, AND ANALYSIS

Development of the agency's 2015-17 budget proposal and legislative concepts proceeded throughout 2014, leading to Board approval of the Agency Request Budget and of a set of legislative concepts.

Following Board approval, these items were forwarded for review by the Department of Administrative Services and the Governor's Office. Governor Kitzhaber released his statewide balanced budget on December 1, 2014.

The Governor's Budget for the Department considers policies and priorities of the Governor and state economic and revenue forecasts. The budget includes additional resources for protecting rangelands, promoting the use of forest biomass, providing bridge funding for state forest management, and the continued progress on federal forest management and restoration. The Governor's Budget for the Department is summarized in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information and discussion only.

NEXT STEPS

The Department will remain engaged with legislators, the Governor's Office and stakeholders as the Legislature considers the Governor's Budget recommendation and crafts a 2015-17 state budget, and as the Department's bills and other natural resources-related proposals move through the process.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) 2015-17 ODF Governor's Budget Summary
- 2) Agency Bills Introduced: 2015 Session