

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF FORESTRY

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FROM: ALTERNATIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF FORESTRY

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The subcommittee for the Alternative Forest Management Plan (AFMP) met on April 8th to discuss the recent feedback from the stakeholder outreach process and to provide the Division with direction on moving the concept of a Land Allocation approach forward.

The subcommittee affirmed that the plan must meet the elements and breadth of the "Greatest Permanent Value" rule. The subcommittee agreed on some inputs to further develop the Land Allocation approach. The expectation is to have staff use these inputs to more thoroughly analyze the Land Allocation approach, bringing back to the subcommittee information and/or reports that will help refine the detailed development of the AFMP. The intent is to build the "base model" representing basic assumptions, from which additional refinement and complexity can be added to ensure the twin goals, achieving financial viability and improving conservation outcome, will be achieved. This is an open and fluid process subject to change and adjustment as additional information is developed, this does not represent a final decision.

The list below captures the subcommittee's discussion points as action items for staff to analyze. Realizing staff will have to include additional inputs and assumptions to complete the analyses, these staff assumptions will be documented, and some context for the assumptions will be provided.

Staff notes 4/8/2015

ACTION ITEMS ON LAND ALLOCATION ANALYSIS

- 1st steps - simple model and affirm 70/30 is the direction the Board wants
- Public needs to be brought along in this process
- Sketch out emphasis areas as a 1st draft - goals will need to be set for these areas
 - Indicate areas of biological importance
 - Indicate areas with high production value
- Target for the 70/30 split is entire planning area
- Administrative areas are netted out prior to the split
- The Division will make some assumptions about certain aspects for modeling and will footnote those aspects

Conservation

- Question around riparian areas in production zone counting as conservation emphasis, division will quantify these options
- Desired future condition for conservation emphasis areas is old growth for old growth dependent species
 - May not be same goal for the Willamette districts as for the North Coast districts due to amount of federal lands
- Allocating lands with consideration to adjacent federal lands will help to achieve goals
- Harvest in conservation zone should be used to achieve conservation goals
 - Volume from conservation areas shouldn't be counted toward volume targets initially
- Conservation fund should be kept in the discussion, and continue to be developed
- Inoperable acres may count as conservation dependent upon the goals and biological potential
 - For now, may be easiest to net out inoperable acres
 - Division will report back to the Board on how many acres this represents
- MMMA and Owl circles will likely count as conservation
- Research and monitoring are important to conservation
- Need more information from Sybil on the sketch map

Production

- Need to ensure we grow timber the market wants
- 40-60 year rotation is a good place to start, but need to evaluate the right range
- More clearcutting in the production zone versus current FMP
- Need to identify most productive areas, least cost, current high volume
- Start with FMP riparian buffers
- Start with FPA legacy structure
- May be a size or product target rather than a set rotation age
- Intensive management activities used (e.g., PCT, thinning, fertilization, chemical site prep.)
- Additional legacy structure above FPA should be evaluated
- Like to know the volume potential associated with different departure scenarios to reach target age

Financial Viability

- State forests is self-funded program that can fully implement the FMP

Recreation

- Qualitative assessment on the impacts of a 70/30 approach

Durability and Flexibility

- Need to discuss and develop options to address this issue