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**CONTEXT**

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board of Forestry on the work of their Subcommittee on Alternative Forest Management Plans. The Subcommittee has met to incorporate stakeholder input on the concept of a “land allocation” approach to managing State Forests. This agenda item will provide a brief update on this work.

**BACKGROUND**

The Board directed the Department to revise the State Forests Management Plan (FMP) to meet two goals: financial viability and an increase in conservation outcomes. The plan revision process has been supported by an ongoing stakeholder involvement process.

At their February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Subcommittee reviewed a Draft Financial Viability document that defines and establishes principles for conservation and production. After Board of Forestry discussions during their March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting- it was concluded that the best process moving forward would be for Subcommittee members to engage in an active exploration with stakeholders on implementation and outcomes of a Land Allocation approach on State Forests with the goal to identify areas of agreement. This process would explore elements of the Draft Financial Viability paper and how the Land Allocation would be mapped across the landscape. Following this process, the draft paper would be adjusted to reflect areas of agreement related to definitions, strategies, outcomes and measures of success. These findings would then feed into continued plan revisions, ultimately shaping the final draft plan to be considered by the Board of Forestry.

The Subcommittee will provide an update on this work at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Forestry meeting.

**NEXT STEPS**

Careful drafting of FMP revisions is important to ensure the next plan meets the twin goals and is operationally feasible on the six northwest State Forest districts. The vision developed by the Subcommittee and informed by stakeholder input will be moved forward in the process as the next scenario for analysis.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Board of Forestry will direct the Division on a path forward and information needed to inform upcoming Board of Forestry decision-making for a plan revision.