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**SUMMARY**

This agenda item is an informational item to present the initial results of the \$2.88 million Federal Forest Health program.

The Department of Forestry (ODF) contracted with the Ecosystem Workforce Program (EWP - <http://ewp.uoregon.edu/>) at the University of Oregon to provide lead work on the overall monitoring effort of the Federal Forest Health Program. EWP also holds several contracts with the US Forest Service’s Regional Office to provide both project-level and regional monitoring on components of the USFS’ Accelerated Restoration Strategy. The ODF contract was intended to dovetail with this broader regional work to be able to pull together both the individual and joint impacts of State and increased Federal investments to increase the pace and scale of federal forest restoration. This work is considered a critical element to support the Department’s request of \$6.05 million in the Federal Forest Health Program and will be key to help inform implementation in the 2015-2017 biennium.

EWP is contracted to deliver a Final Report by the close of the 2015-2017 biennium. This presentation to the Board of Forestry will serve to provide a detailed look at the initial economic results and “payback” of targeted investment in the Blue Mountains region of northeast Oregon.

The EWP is directed by Dr. Cassandra Moseley. Dr. Moseley is a social scientist with 20 years of experience researching community-based forestry, federal forest management, and conducting natural resource-based workforce assessments in the Pacific Northwest. The team includes Dr. Eric White, an economist that holds a dual appointment at Oregon State University in the College of Forestry and at EWP. Dr. White is a natural resource economist working on a broad range of forestry issues. His research addressing federal forest issues has been used in Oregon and throughout the U.S.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No recommendation at this time.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Economic Impact from Blue Mountain National Forests Restoration – Fact Sheet 4;  
[http://ewp.uoregon.edu/sites/ewp.uoregon.edu/files/FS\\_4.pdf](http://ewp.uoregon.edu/sites/ewp.uoregon.edu/files/FS_4.pdf)
2. Economic Impacts from the Malheur 10-Year Stewardship Contract – Fact Sheet 5;  
[http://ewp.uoregon.edu/sites/ewp.uoregon.edu/files/FS\\_5.pdf](http://ewp.uoregon.edu/sites/ewp.uoregon.edu/files/FS_5.pdf)
3. Eastern Oregon Restoration Benefits Business Statewide – Fact Sheet 6;  
[http://ewp.uoregon.edu/sites/ewp.uoregon.edu/files/FS\\_6.pdf](http://ewp.uoregon.edu/sites/ewp.uoregon.edu/files/FS_6.pdf)
4. Collaborative Capacity for Accelerated Restoration – Fact Sheet 7;  
[http://ewp.uoregon.edu/sites/ewp.uoregon.edu/files/FS\\_7.pdf](http://ewp.uoregon.edu/sites/ewp.uoregon.edu/files/FS_7.pdf)