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## **CONTEXT**

The purpose of this staff report is to update the Board of Forestry on the work of their Subcommittee on Alternatives to the State Forests Management Plan for Northwest Oregon. The Subcommittee has met to review landscape-level data, forest growth information, and gain a basic understanding of current conditions and possibilities associated with 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 increase in conservation outcomes. The plan revision process has been supported by an ongoing stakeholder involvement process.

Prior to and at their April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Subcommittee engaged 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. The Subcommittee provided an update on this work at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Forestry meeting and provided direction to the division to move forward and develop a simplistic base model as a starting point for analysis. The Subcommittee last met on May 18<sup>th</sup> to review landscape-level data, forest growth information and gain a basic understanding of current conditions and possibilities associated with managing State Forests. This information will further the discussion, helping to refine the development and shape the final draft plan to be considered by the Board of Forestry.

The Subcommittee will provide an update on this work at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Forestry meeting.

**NEXT STEPS**

Diligent development and drafting of the FMP revision is important to ensure that the plan meets the following: the twin goals of financial viability and increase conservation outputs; the requirements of Greatest Permanent Value; and is operationally feasible on the six northwest State Forests Districts. The base model analysis established by the Subcommittee and informed by stakeholders is currently being studied by staff. Forest management information, along with expected outputs will be presented to the Subcommittee in June for further discussion. This is an open and fluid process subject to change and adjustment. As additional information is developed it will be considered by the Subcommittee to further refine the details of a revised Forest Management Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

This information is provided as a Board update. No action is necessary.