

## STAFF REPORT

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### SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide a report on activities of the Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF), discuss progress on key issues, and make recommendations on policy topics affecting family forestland.

### CONTEXT

The CFF, a standing committee of the Oregon Board of Forestry, provides advice to the Board of Forestry and the State Forester on matters relating to family forestlands, including the formulation of family forestland policy and the evaluation of the effects that changes in forest policy have or will have on family forestland owners. The Committee also provides guidance on the Department of Forestry's strategies and actions to improve services to family forestlands and their owners and provides an avenue to raise public awareness of the role that family forestlands play in maintaining a healthy forest environment, economically, socially and ecologically. In giving advice to the Board and State Forester, we are mindful of and strive to be consistent with the objectives of the *Forestry Program for Oregon* and the Oregon Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management.

### BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Over the past year, the Committee focused on the objectives / issues identified in their 2014-2015 work plan. The annual report informs the Board of the committee's progress on addressing issues affecting family forestland.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Committee for Family Forestlands recommends the Board accept the CFF annual report and consider the Committee's policy recommendations.

### ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Committee for Family Forestlands Letter
- (2) Committee for Family Forestlands Annual Report
- (3) Ritter Landowner Collaborative Report