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To: Board of Forestry Members

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Topic: Discussion on Science and Values in Policymaking at October 14 Retreat

Over the past year, ODF's Executive Team and staff have been engaged in a discussion of the challenges presented as we engage in complex natural resource policymaking. These discussions started with an Executive Team workshop at OSU in January of 2015, and continued with a workshop for agency technical specialists in July. We would like to bring this topic to the Board for discussion as part of our working relationships agenda item on October 14.

Attached are two short documents to help set the stage for the discussion. One is a description of the two workshops that the agency conducted earlier this year. The second is a draft set of guiding principles that agency staff have been developing to help us better address the challenges of dealing with science and values in our policymaking processes.

Attachments:

1. Science and Values Discussion Forums at ODF
2. Science and Policy Guiding Principles for Oregon Department of Forestry – June 2015 Draft