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Notice Summary

The State of Oregon ("State"), acting by and through its Department of State Lands ("DSL"), is seeking information from qualified Respondents in response to this Request for Information ("RFI") about management of the Elliott State Forest Common School Lands.

This RFI is for the purpose of further clarifying and defining a possible future solicitation such as a Request for Proposals ("RFP").

In 1930, the State established the Elliott State Forest. The property was created through a land exchange with the federal government and private parties that consolidated scattered tracts of Common School lands from around the state into an operable block of forestland that has subsequently been added to over the years (the "Property"). As Common School land, the Property is held for the benefit of Oregon's K-12 schools. The State Land Board ("SLB") serves as the owner, and DSL serves as the SLB's administrative arm.

The Property is located in Coos and Douglas counties in the Oregon Coast Range, northeast of Coos Bay/North Bend, east of Lakeside, southeast of Reedsport, south of the Umpqua River, and east of Loon Lake, Lake Creek, Glenn Creek, and Marlow Creek. The holding is predominantly a contiguous block of forested property consisting of approximately 84,000 acres of mostly Douglas fir timberland. It is accessed by a developed gravel road system with multiple entry points. Interspersed with the Property are approximately 9,000 acres of Board of Forestry lands also considered part of the Elliott State Forest, but these are not part of this RFI. A map of the Property is included as Attachment A.

Since the mid-1950s, the Oregon Department of Forestry ("ODF") has been the manager of the Property for the SLB. From the early 1960s through the early 1980s, ODF harvested between 30 and 80 million board feet annually. Since the 1990s, with the applicable federal

Endangered Species Act ("ESA") listing of the northern spotted owl, the marbled murrelet, and the coastal coho salmon, timber harvest levels have declined. Due to reduced timber revenues and ongoing operating costs, the Property performed at a net loss in fiscal years 2013 and 2014.

The SLB operates under Admission Act and constitutional authority to attain the greatest benefit for the schools from Common School lands consistent with the conservation of the lands under sound techniques of land management. Due to concerns about the current operating losses, the SLB has asked DSL to develop alternative strategies. These possible strategies currently include (1) the securing of a new manager; (2) improvements to the management approach of the current manager; or (3) a possible sale or transfer of the Property to another owner. This RFI is part of DSL's exploration of the strategy to (1) secure a new manager for the Property.

DSL is seeking information from Respondents with experience effectively managing large forestland holdings in the Coast Range of Oregon, Washington, or California, especially those with experience in legal defense matters related to complying with various federal and state law requirements governing forest-related activities. Such Respondents also must be of sufficient size, business expertise, and financial stability to successfully manage the Property, and desire to do so. The information sought by this RFI is a market-based risk allocation solution that would allow the SLB to further consider a non-State manager strategy which could result in a Request for Proposals. DSL is committed to learning from the RFI what it will take to develop a successful arrangement with a non-State manager to manage the Property.

For further information, read the mandatory attachment (see above). Or available by logging into ORPIN at
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