

## STAFF REPORT

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### SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek final approval from the Board to adopt an amendment to OAR 629-041-0555, the administrative rule which describes the boundary of the Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District.

### CONTEXT

The 1997 Legislature amended ORS 477.225 to require that the boundaries of forest protection districts be described in administrative rule. In 1998, the Board promulgated administrative rules which provided the framework into which the individual district boundary descriptions were to be inserted. Since then, all other forest protection district boundary descriptions have been inserted and final approval of the Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District boundary description will complete the process.

### BACKGROUND

The current boundary of the Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District is defined by lines drawn on maps which have a scale of approximately one inch equals 2.3 miles. Because of this scale, it is difficult to interpret the exact position of the boundary in some locations. This is one of the reasons the 1997 Legislature directed that forest protection district boundary descriptions be described in administrative rule. The proposed rule amendment will replace the existing line on a map description with a written description.

This proposed amendment does not add or delete any forestland from the district.

A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment to OAR 629-041-0555 on March 19, 2008, in Forest Grove. No testimony, either oral or written, was submitted.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department recommends the Board revise the boundary description of the Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District, by approving the proposed amendment to OAR 629-041-0555.

### NEXT STEPS

The Department will file the amended administrative rule with the Secretary of State and thereby make the adjustment effective.

### ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Proposed amendment to OAR 629-041-0555, Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District Boundary
- (2) Hearing Officer's Report on Rulemaking Hearing