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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek approval from the Board to hold one or more public hearings and to develop a final administrative rule which describes the boundary of the Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District.

CONTEXT

The 1997 Legislature amended ORS 477.225 to require that boundaries of forest protection districts be described in administrative rule. In July 1998 the Board promulgated administrative rules which provided the framework into which 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 and does not attempt to add or to delete any forestland from the district.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Board direct the State Forester to begin the rulemaking process to amend OAR 629-041-0555, the boundary description of the Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District.

NEXT STEPS

The Department will hold one or more public hearings on the proposed boundary description. The Department will then return to the Board for final approval to amend the administrative rule which describes the boundary of the Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District

ATTACHMENT

- (1) Proposed amendment to OAR 629-041-0555, Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District Boundary