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Work Plan Title & #:	State Forests Management – Issue 2
Objective # & Title	Objective 1 – Adapting the Forest Management Plans Performance Measure 5 – Forest Road Risks and Fish Habitat
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this consent agenda item is to request Board approval of the proposed initial target for State Forests Performance Measure #5, Forest Road Risks and Fish Habitat.

CONTEXT

At the November 2007 Board meeting, staff provided the Board recommended targets for the nine State Forests performance measures. These initial targets provide policy direction to the Department toward improving the performance of the Northwest Forest Management Plan. The Board adopted all but one of the recommended targets, omitting approval of the proposed target for Performance Measure # 5, Forest Road Risks and Fish Habitat.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

At the March 2007 meeting, the Board adopted nine performance measures that will be used to provide periodic information on the outcomes resulting from State Forest management strategies, and at the June 2007 meeting the Department provided the Board with its first report on these performance measures. At the November 2007 meeting the Board approved initial targets for eight of the nine performance measures, along with an intent statement specific to the measures and targets.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board adopt the target for Performance Measure #5, Forest Road Risks and Fish Habitat as proposed at the November 2007 Board meeting:

Reduce the miles of hydrologically connected roads to less-than 15% of the road network within the next ten years, and maintain or improve that level of reduction for the following ten years. Reduce the number of road crossings that are barriers to fish passage to less-than 2% within the next ten years, and meet or improve that level of reduction for the subsequent ten years.

Attachment 1 includes the complete list of initial performance measure targets and intent statement as approved by the Board at the November 2007 meeting, including the target for measure #5 as stated above.

NEXT STEPS

The Board will review progress toward achieving all nine targets on a biennial basis, with the next review scheduled for November 2008. At this first biennial performance measure review, the Board will consider outcomes from the Department's work to identify management strategies that would achieve the initial targets established for the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests.

(1) The Clatsop and Tillamook State Forests Performance Measure Targets: November 2007

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***Intent Statement**--The timeframe for these performance measures and targets is specific to the next two decades; however management approaches utilized by the department to achieve these targets will establish goals for long-term sustainability of the social, environmental, economic values being provided, consistent with OAR 629-035-0020. The Board shall review the progress made towards these targets every two years through the biennial review of the State Forest performance measures. The reviews of the measures will provide the Board the opportunity to adjust the performance measures, targets, and/or the Department the opportunity to adjust management practices, as warranted, based on the most current information available at the time. Further refinement of the entire set of performance measures and associated targets is anticipated to occur periodically into the future. The next review of these performance measures will occur in the fall of 2008.*

- Net Return on Asset Value--ROAV (#1): Achieve a ROAV (5-year average) consistent with the achievement of the target established for performance measure #3 (financial contributions to government services). At the next performance measure review, evaluate current information relative to this measure and whether or not a more specific target should be considered.
- Financial Contributions to Communities (#2): Maintain or improve this measure, consistent with other performance measures targets. At the next performance measure review, present the most recent results and/or progress on the ecosystem services/non-market valuation study currently underway in coordination with Oregon State University. Evaluate the most current information relative to this measure and whether or not more specific targets should be considered.
- Financial Contributions to Government Services (#3): Increase the annual revenues (5-year average), adjusted for inflation, produced by BOF lands by 30-35% within the next ten years, and meet or exceed that level for the subsequent ten years.
- Forest Road Risks and Fish Habitat (#5): Reduce the miles of hydrologically connected roads to less-than 15% of the road network within the next ten years, and maintain or improve that level of reduction for the following ten years. Reduce the number of road crossings that are barriers to fish passage to less-than 2% within the next ten years, and maintain or improve that level of reduction for the subsequent ten years.
- Wildlife Habitat (#6): Increase the percent of the landscape in complex structure to at least 17-20% over the next two decades, with at least half of the increase occurring within the first ten years. Grow and maintain levels of the other forest types needed to achieve this target. Within the percent of the landscape providing complex structure, achieve the following:
 - Develop and maintain complex structure in those areas where it is anticipated to result in the greatest benefits to both aquatic and terrestrial species of concern, and complete a process by fall 2008 that identifies specific strategies (including landscape design modifications) to maintain, enhance, and restore habitats for species of concern.
- Recreation (#7): Maintain current recreational benefits consistent with existing and anticipated future resources. At the next performance measure review evaluate results from the "2nd Party Recreation Program Assessment – Follow-Up Project" currently being conducted by the Department, which the Board will receive an update on in January 2008, and whether or not more specific targets should be considered.
- Public & Stakeholder and Involvement (#8), Oregonian's Awareness & Support (#9), and Forest Health (#4): Maintain or improve these three measures, consistent with other performance measures targets. At the next performance measure review, evaluate the most current information relative to these measures and whether or not more specific targets should be considered.