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My Proposed amendment to the staff recommendation is:

The Board recognizes that Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 629-035-0020(5) directs a 10-year review of Chapter 629-035-0020(2). This Section 0020(2) of Chapter 629, Division 035, defines the "management focus" required of the State Forester to secure "Greatest Permanent Value." This review was to have been completed before March 1, 2008.

Pursuant to that requirement, staff will begin development of recommendations to revise not only 629-035-0020(2), but also any other portions of chapter 629, Division 035, necessary for the development of a new plan (or plans) for the Board's Northwest and Southwest State Forests.

The Board finds that the existing Division 035 administrative rules and subsequent Forest Management Plan are founded on assumptions that have not born true. For that reason the fundamental policy framework that defines "Greatest Permanent Value" in administrative rule should be questioned and revised appropriately. Also, if new plans are to be developed, a more efficient planning process, as spelled out in OAR, is also in order.

Staff should present draft concepts of the OAR revisions to the Board no later than April 2010.

While this work is being completed, the Board directs that staff proceed with Recommendations 1 through 3 in the staff report as interim measures for improving outputs in a way that still follows the principles of the current Forest Management Plan.