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Objective 2 – Measure Progress
Report on Selected Oregon Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board of Forestry with a first report on 4 of the 19 Oregon Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management. Staff will also recommend a reporting format for all indicators.

CONTEXT

In January 2007, the Board of Forestry endorsed 19 Oregon Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management. The indicators, organized around the 7 strategies of the *Forestry Program for Oregon*, provide a quantitative, adaptive feedback mechanism for the Board's strategic plan and the cumulative actions of public and private forest landowners throughout the state. In October 2007, the Department of Forestry distributed the *2007-2009 Oregon Forest Report*, which was designed to introduce the indicators to the general public in a less technical format than the 108-page report prepared by the Board's Indicators Advisory Committee.

Department of Forestry staff are now working internally and with a variety of external partners to implement data collection and reporting protocols for all 19 indicators. This agenda item reports on four indicators where data are currently available. They include:

- B.a. Forest-related revenues supporting state and local government public services
- B.b. Forest-related employment and wages
- C.a. Area of non-federal forestland and development trends
- C.b. Timber harvest trends compared to planned and projected harvest levels and the potential to grow timber

Another indicator subset will be reported later this year. Some other indicators may require additional time and resources before statewide reporting is possible.

The Department continues to encourage other natural resource agencies to adopt similar indicator frameworks and use compatible protocol for collecting data. The forest land development indicator work, along with data collected for agricultural lands, is an example of successful partnering with the Pacific Northwest Research Station, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Department of Land Conservation and Development. More recently, the Washington

Department of Natural Resources has expressed interest in implementing land use change data collection following Oregon's protocol.

The Department is also working with the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watershed agencies to build a natural resource monitoring framework using compatible high level indicators.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board provide feedback on the adequacy of reporting for the 4 indicators as well as feedback on the proposed format for summarizing indicator results.

NEXT STEPS

Initial data reports to the Board for the other 15 indicators and updates for all indicators will be scheduled periodically as new information becomes available. A statewide Oregon forest assessment report and symposium is planned for 2010.

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Indicator Reporting Symbols
- (2) Summaries for:
 - Indicator B.a. Forest-related revenues supporting state and local government public services
 - Indicator B.b. Forest-related employment and wages
 - Indicator C.a. Area of non-federal forestland and development trends
 - Indicator C.b. Timber harvest trends compared to planned and projected harvest levels and the potential to grow timber