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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board’s Work Plan, State Forests Management – Issue 2.

CONTEXT

Following the Board’s biennial issue scan, it is anticipated the Board’s work plan will be updated to reflect the decisions made by the Board that add additional work.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

This work plan update reflects the following changes:

- Incorporated a new objective “Assessing and revising the State Forests planning, decision making and review framework’ objective that was recommended through the Board’s issue scan process in 2007.
- Updated the adapting the Forest Management Plans through the development of Performance Measures/Targets objective to reflect the direction provided to the Department in November 2007 as well as the plan for the second Performance Measure Report in November 2008.
- Removed the objective related to implementing tools for endangered species act compliance. A Board decision on the Elliott State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan is not anticipated until 2009.
- Updated the Systematic Evidence Review objective based on work completed to-date.
- Updated the objective related to land acquisitions and exchanges to include the Board’s role in reviewing and approving specific land transactions, such as exchanges, purchases and/or decertification of Commons School Forest Land.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Board approve the updated State Forests Management – Issue 2, portion of their work plan.

NEXT STEPS

The Department will update the Board’s work plan as needed.

ATTACHMENT

- (1) Board Issues Work Plan – 2008, Issue #2: State Forests Management