

Appendix A

Current FPFO Policy Objective (i.e. actions) Specific to Private Forests

Strategy A. Promote a sound legal system, effective and adequately funded government, leading-edge research, and sound economic policies.

A.1. The board will continue to support an effective, science-based, and adaptive Oregon Forest Practices Act and a strong but flexible Land Use Planning Program as the cornerstones of forest resource protection on private lands in Oregon. (KEY ACTION)

A.5. When forest practice regulations are necessary, the board, consistent with state statutes, will work to minimize the adverse financial effects of regulations that may require private landowners to contribute forest resources to provide increased public benefits.

A.6. The board will continue to support local land-use planning to stabilize the forestland base and encourage long-term investments in forestland.

A.7. The board will encourage the use of nonregulatory methods, such as landowner incentives, to achieve public-policy goals on private forestlands.

A.9. The board will promote policies and programs that will reinvigorate rural areas by promoting active forest management, economic and community investment, urban/rural partnerships, and public education about the benefits that forests and rural areas provide all Oregonians.

A.10. When developing Oregon forest policies, the board will consider them in the context of the Oregon environment and economy, but also in the context of the global environment and the global economy.

Strategy B. Ensure that Oregon's forests provide diverse social and economic outputs and benefits valued by the public in a fair, balanced, and efficient manner.

B.1. The board will work with other organizations to create and maintain a favorable investment climate for environmentally sensitive, socially responsible, and globally competitive forest-based businesses throughout Oregon that will generate high quality, value-added products; high quality, stable employment; and increased export capacity. (KEY ACTION)

B.2. The board will promote the development of programs that enhance Oregon's forest industry competitiveness, industrial development, and both in-state and global recognition that Oregon forest products come from sustainably managed forests. (KEY ACTION)

B.3. The board will promote increased public dialogue about the challenges of satisfying increasing consumer demand for forest products, the need to keep private forestland in forest uses, the desire for healthy forests, and the need for greater rural economic and community resilience. (KEY ACTION)

B.4. The board will continue to assess the unique challenges and opportunities facing family forest landowners and promote policies that encourage continued retention of, and investment in, family-owned forestlands. (KEY ACTION)

B.5. The board will promote environmentally sound, active forest management policies that encourage long-term investments, sustainable timber supplies, recreation and cultural opportunities, special forest products, fish and wildlife habitat, clean air and water, renewable energy, other forest outputs and benefits, and high levels of employment and income.

B.6. The board will direct the Department of Forestry to analyze barriers to forest industry investment and to assess the ability of Oregon's forest-related industries to remain globally competitive and to sustain production of other desired environmental, economic, and social values from Oregon's forests.

B.11. The board will support programs that enhance urban and community forest values and that increase Oregonians' understanding of the important role urban and community forests play in providing environmental, economic, and social benefits.

B.12. The board will work with other organizations to revitalize the economy and social fabric of rural communities and ensure that the values they provide to all Oregonians are maintained and compensated. The board will consider the social effects on rural communities from current and proposed forest management policies and practices.

STRATEGY C. Maintain and enhance the productive capacity of Oregon's forests to improve the economic well-being of Oregon's communities.

C.1. The board will promote retention and improvement of the forestland base and long-term forest investments by landowners through Oregon's land-use and tax programs, regulations, forest products market development, and appropriate incentives. (KEY ACTION)

C.2. The board recognizes that different owners have different objectives for land ownership with different emphases on conservation, commodity production, multiple use, and residential values. The board will promote a policy framework that recognizes that the management of these different ownerships can provide a suite of benefits which collectively will meet Oregon's environmental, economic, and social needs.

C.4. The board will support proper management to protect and enhance the multiple values of Oregon's urban and community forests and forests in the wildland/urban interface.

C.5. The board will encourage forest landowners to manage their forests in a manner that ensures long-term wood volume growth in Oregon equals or exceeds rates of timber harvest and mortality across all ownerships.

C.6. The board will support continued assessments and research on the capability of Oregon's forests to produce timber, non-wood forest products, recreation, water, fish and wildlife habitat, and other forest values.

STRATEGY D. Protect, maintain, and enhance the soil and water resources of Oregon's forests.

D.1. The board will support and contribute to continuing statewide efforts under the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds to protect and enhance Oregon's native fish populations and water quality, while sustaining a healthy economy. (KEY ACTION)

D.2. The board will continue to use the Forest Practices Act as the primary means to protect soil productivity and water quality and also promote ongoing voluntary resource restoration and enhancement efforts by forest landowners through the Oregon Plan.

D.3. The board will promote understanding, acceptance, and support across all land uses for relevant indicators of water quality conditions based on beneficial uses, and the use of these indicators to develop stream protection policies that result in consistent application of state water quality standards across land uses.

D.4. The board will ensure that forest landowners comply with state non-point source water quality standards as their contribution to providing Oregonians with high quality drinking water.

D.5. The board will promote renewed, long-term watershed research to study the effectiveness of the most current forestry best management practices in providing protection for soil and water resources.

D.6. The board will promote continued research and monitoring on the condition of forest roads and the effectiveness of forestry best management practices for roads.

D.7. The board will promote the maintenance of forestland in forest uses and promote the establishment of new forests as key elements in promoting high quality water and protection of soil productivity.

D.8. The board will support adequate funding for appropriate regulation and incentive programs that serve to encourage the establishment and retention of forestland.

STRATEGY E. Contribute to the conservation of diverse native plant and animal populations and their habitats in Oregon's forests.

E.1. The board will collaborate with other state, federal, and tribal agencies; universities; conservation groups; and private landowners to promote the development of a comprehensive, science-based, coarse-scale statewide assessment that evaluates the characteristics, conditions, and trends of native vascular plant and vertebrate animal populations and habitats on all land uses and ownership classes. (KEY ACTION)

E.2. Following completion of the assessment, and within the broader context of continuing to meet Oregon's environmental, economic, and social needs, the board will collaborate with other agencies, universities, organizations, and landowners to promote development of a coordinated, statewide Oregon native plant and animal conservation policy addressing all land uses and ownership classes. This policy should be ratified by all of Oregon's natural resource boards and commissions, as well as the Oregon Legislature, and acknowledged by federal natural resource agencies. The adopted policy should:

- Recognize that the primary purpose of most private forestland is to grow and harvest commercial tree species.

- Clearly consider public expectations for the contributions of private landowners on all uses to achieve state goals and how, in light of the technical assessment results, those expectations can be met in a fair and equitable manner.
- Ensure that any additional contributions by private forest landowners are sought first through non-regulatory methods and only through regulation if the assessment shows a clear, compelling need, consistent with ORS 527.714. (KEY ACTION)

E.3. The board will promote a variety of non-regulatory tools, such as landowner recognition, incentives, easements, exchanges, and technical assistance, to help implement the state native plant and animal habitat conservation policy. (KEY ACTION)

E.5. The board will evaluate and develop Oregon forest policies in the context of the diverse roles and management objectives of the state's public and private forest landowners, along with other land uses, to sustain the state's natural heritage of native plant and animal species and communities.

E.6. The board will promote continued monitoring and evaluation of both the short-term and long-term effects of current forest practices on Oregon's biological resources.

STRATEGY F. Protect, maintain, and enhance the health of Oregon's forest ecosystems, watersheds, and airsheds within a context of natural disturbance and active management.

F.1. The board will promote active fuels and vegetation management, along with aggressive wildfire suppression, as key tools to manage forest health on public and private forestlands. (KEY ACTION)

F.2. The board will promote forest landscape conditions that are resilient to natural disturbances, reducing the adverse environmental impacts and losses of forest resources to wildfire, insects, diseases and other agents in a cost-effective, environmentally, and socially acceptable manner.

F.3. The board will encourage state and federal agencies to closely monitor and aggressively act to prevent and mitigate the adverse effects of air pollution and invasive, non-native species on Oregon's forests.

STRATEGY G. Enhance carbon storage in Oregon's forests and forest products.

G.1. The board will encourage maintaining and increasing Oregon's forestland base and promoting urban forests to enhance carbon storage and reduce greenhouse gases.

G.2. The board will encourage development of tools to predict how forest management and wildfire affect carbon pools and calculate the amount of carbon stored in these pools.

G.3. The board will promote increased public and forest landowner understanding of the potential contributions of trees and forests in storing carbon.

G.4. The board will promote the development of forestry carbon-offset markets, and provide landowners information about the market rules for the sale or exchange of carbon offsets.

G.5. The board will promote the use and reuse of Oregon forest resources, avoiding the higher level of carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the manufacture of many wood product substitutes.

G.6. The board will work with forest landowners and encourage other organizations to work with wood products manufacturers and retailers to develop local markets for wood products from Oregon forests.

G.7. The board will encourage greater consumer awareness of the environmental advantages of using renewable and recyclable Oregon forest products.