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## **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this agenda item is to review and discuss the ten revised policy objectives (Attachment 1) contained in the Board of Forestry Private Forests Draft Issue Paper and to review and discuss the Committee for Family Forestland’s (CFF) recommendations regarding these policy objectives. The issue paper facilitates completion of the Board products for Intermediate Board Issue 0 (a.k.a. primary board issue) in the Private Forests Work Plan: A Board review of the governing statutes and strategic direction articulated in the *Forestry Program for Oregon* for private forests, to determine what, if any, amendments are desirable.

## **CONTEXT**

At the January 2009 Board meeting, the Board approved their updated Forest Regulation Work Plan, which is now titled the “Private Forests Work Plan”. This work plan includes a primary Board issue, which includes a set of policy objectives to direct the Private Forests program. At the March 2009 Board meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed the first draft of the Board of Forestry Private Forests Issue Paper. At the June 2009 Board meeting, the Board reviewed the revised issue paper and suggested revisions to the policy objectives. The Department has incorporated these suggestions into the attached revised objectives. At the July Board meeting, the CFF presented its annual report, which included a review of the draft policy objectives and recommendation for changes, additions, and priorities (Attachment 2). The Board agreed to consider CFF priorities in evaluating and ranking the Private Forests work plan policy objectives.

## **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

The Primary Board Issue of this work plan is the following:

*How will the Board clarify current Private Forests program policy governance—at the statutory level, Forestry Program for Oregon strategic planning level, or otherwise—to best address the current and emerging challenges on private forestlands in order to fully realize the Forestry Program for Oregon vision of sustainable forest management across all Oregon’s forestlands? What, if any, changes to program funding sources and/or mechanisms are needed in order to best ensure desired outcomes are achieved?*

The Private Forests Draft Issue Paper provides background information on the current primary challenges to keeping forests in forests and a summary of the current statutory and policy framework for addressing these challenges. The issue paper is intended to be the vehicle for the Board to: (1) have a clear understanding of the existing guiding statutory and *Forestry Program for Oregon* policy objectives for private forestlands, and (2) document outcomes of Board discussion and debate as part of this and future agenda items on what, if any, alternatives to the current policy objectives should be explored in order to best deal with current and future challenges.

The issue paper discussion of possible alternatives is organized in the context of the seven *Forestry Program for Oregon* strategies (A thru G). The staff presentation during the September 2009 meeting will review the revisions to the 10 policy objectives and CFF recommendations. The CFF recommended the addition of two objectives, modification of wording on existing objectives, initial priorities for the objectives, and a way to organize these objectives.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Department recommends the Board review the revised work Plan policy objectives and the recommendations of the Committee for Family Forestland, determine if any further modifications are desired, and endorse the revised policy objectives for incorporation into the *Forestry Program for Oregon* update process.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The Department will update the issue paper consistent with the Board discussion and direction. The next iteration of the issue paper will include more specific information on funding mechanisms identified during June 2009 discussions. The November 2009 Board meeting will focus on potential funding mechanism alternatives for the Private Forests Program.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) Revised Policy Objectives from Private Forests Draft Issue Paper
- (2) Summary of Committee for Family Forestland's Recommendations