

Board of Forestry - Subcommittee on Alternative Forest Management Plans
April 8, 2015 Summary Notes

Overall

- 1st steps - simple model and affirm 70/30 is the direction the Board wants
- Public needs to be brought along in this process
- Sketch out emphasis areas as a 1st draft - goals will need to be set for these areas
 - Indicate areas of biological importance
 - Indicate areas with high production value
- Target for the 70/30 split is entire planning area
- Administrative areas are netted out prior to the split
- The Division will make some assumptions about certain aspects for modeling and will footnote those aspects

Conservation

- Question around riparian areas in production zone counting as conservation emphasis, division will quantify these options
- Desired future condition for conservation emphasis areas is old growth for old growth dependent species
 - May not be same goal for the Willamette districts as for the North Coast districts due to amount of federal lands
- Allocating lands with consideration to adjacent federal lands will help to achieve goals
- Harvest in conservation zone should be used to achieve conservation goals
 - Volume from conservation areas shouldn't be counted toward volume targets initially
- Conservation fund should be kept in the discussion, and continued to be developed
- Inoperable acres may count as conservation dependent upon the goals and biological potential
 - For now, may be easiest to net out inoperable acres
 - Division will report back to the Board on how many acres this represents
- MMAs and Owl circles will likely count as conservation
- Research and monitoring are important to conservation
- Need more information from Sybil on the sketch map

Production

- Need to ensure we grow timber the market wants
- 40-60 year rotation is a good place to start, but need to evaluate the right range
- More clearcutting in the production zone versus current FMP
- Need to identify most productive areas, least cost, current high volume
- Start with FMP riparian buffers
- Start with FPA legacy structure
- May be a size or product target rather than a set rotation age
- Intensive management activities uses (e.g., PCT, thinning, fertilization, chemical site prep.)
- Additional legacy structure above FPA should be evaluated
- Like to know the volume potential associated with different departure scenarios to reach target age

Financial Viability

- State forests is self-funded program that can fully implement the FMP

Recreation

- Qualitative assessment on the impacts of a 70/30 approach

Durability and Flexibility

- Need to discuss and develop options to address this issue