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Date: June 19, 2009

Re: District Implementation Plans and Forest Land Management Classification  
Approval



"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

Since the Implementation Plans and Forest Land Management Classification maps for Astoria, Forest Grove, and Tillamook districts were initially approved in 2003, there have been significant changes that indicate a need to conduct a major revision to these plans, consistent with the strategies described in implementation (page 5-4) and adaptive management sections (page 5-26) of the *Northwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan*. These changes include:

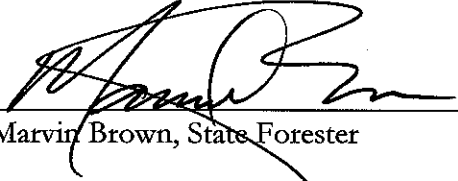
- Incorporating New Information – Forest inventory (Stand Level Inventory), yield tables, harvest modeling, and watershed analysis.
- Reflecting Changes in Condition – Land exchanges, threatened and endangered species locations.
- Adjusting Forest Land Management Classifications (FLMC) – The FLMC maps are undergoing a “major change” as defined in OAR 629-035-0060 (3).
- Better Achieving the *Northwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan (FMP)* goals – Current implementation of the plan has not produced the level of volume anticipated when it was approved in 2001.

The landscape designs in these revised implementation plans designate 40 percent of the district for the development of Layered and Older Forest Structure (complex structure) over time. This landscape design will provide better economic performance while placing complex structure in areas it is anticipated to provide the greatest benefit to wildlife.

The revision process for these implementation plans and Forest Land Management Classification maps included significant opportunities for public involvement, including meetings with the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee, the State Forest Advisory Committee, three meetings open to the general public, and a 45-day written comment period. The districts reviewed and incorporated, where appropriate, the comments received on these plans and maps.

My review of these implementation plans has found them to be consistent with the *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan (2001)* and the northern spotted owl strategies of the draft *Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)*. In addition, the management activities conducted under these plans will be consistent with State Forests Operational Policies and strategies. Therefore, I am approving the revised Implementation Plans for Astoria, Forest Grove, and Tillamook Districts, and the revised Forest Land Management Classification maps for those districts.

It should be recognized that these Implementation Plans do not incorporate Board of Forestry discussions regarding the management of state forests. Any change in management of these lands, outside of the *Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan (FMP)* will require appropriate future revisions.

  
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Marvin Brown, State Forester

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