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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

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Dear Ms. Molina and Dr. Schreck,

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) would like to engage the Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team to review work on the Elliott State Forest. This review will be used to help the State make forest management decisions by the end of December 2010. To facilitate this work, ODF would request the review be finalized and completed by the end of October, 2010.

ODF requests that the IMST review the 2006 Draft Elliott Forest Management Plan, the Draft Habitat Conservation Plan, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and the comments from the NMFS and EPA in four topical areas:

1. Stream temperature
2. Recruitment of large wood
3. Fine sediment delivery to streams
4. Unstable slopes and their contributions to watershed function

These areas are addressed through a blended approach of landscape management and site specific strategies. These strategies include:

1. Actively manage the Elliott State Forest for a diversity of stand structures across the landscape.
2. Establish conservation areas to protect special resources.
3. Design functional arrangement of stand structures.
4. Actively manage to provide key legacy structural components outside conservation areas.
5. Actively manage for a diverse and healthy ecosystem by applying principles of integrated pest management.
6. Managing aquatic and riparian systems.

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Considering this course filter/fine filter approach and these four topic areas, provide a perspective on:

- Strategies in the Forest Management Plan (FMP) and their utilization of current scientific information (a.k.a. 'the best available science').
- The relative benefits, risks, and uncertainties of the strategies and how they can be quantified.
- Provide other insights that IMST would like to share in regard to how scientific information is incorporated into the FMP strategies, as well as the alternatives.

Thank you for considering this request,



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