



## **Western Oregon State Forests HCP**

### *Summary of Key Changes Between September 2021 Administrative Draft and March 2022 Public Draft HCP*

Between September 2021 and March 2022 Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) staff, with the support of ICF, revised the administrative draft habitat conservation plan (HCP) into the public draft HCP for submittal with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). During this time the ODF Districts and Scoping Team reviewed the entire HCP and provided recommendations and comments. There are changes throughout the document in response to those comments, including request for clarifications when information was not clear. There were suggested changes from the January 2022 agency review that were not incorporated into the Public Draft HCP, these comments will be the focus of future Scoping Team meetings and updates to create the Final HCP. The notable changes to the HCP between September 2021 and March 2022 are as follows:

#### **Chapter 1 – Introduction**

- Minor edits for clarity and consistency

#### **Chapter 2 – Environmental Setting**

- Updated barred owl removal language

#### **Chapter 3 – Covered Activities**

- Added language about operating on adjacent lands (e.g., haul routes)
- Added details on recreation covered activity

#### **Chapter 4 – Conservation Strategy**

- Text added to describe the production emphasis areas (land outside of riparian conservation areas [RCAs] and habitat conservation areas [HCAs])
- Conservation Action 1: Establish RCAs
  - Figures further revised for clarity
- Conservation Action 2: Equipment Restriction Zone (ERZ)
  - Management directions for how to operate inside of ERZs (0 to 35 feet) listed for each stream type
- Conservation Action 4: Removal or Modification of Fish Passage Barriers
  - Added priority barrier requirement
- Conservation Action 6: Establish HCAs
  - Added language to describe northern spotted owl (NSO) and marbled murrelet (MAMU) biological objectives and the model predictions
- Conservation Action 7: Manage HCAs
  - Revised the measure of pace and scale of management activities in HCAs to be based on acres sold
  - Silviculture prescriptions and expected biological outcomes added for young stand management



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- Conservation Action 8: Conservation Actions Outside HCAs and RCAs
  - Removed aquatic habitat projects outside the permit area
- Conservation Action 11: Road and Trail Construction and Management Measure
  - Updated to include trail construction
- Conservation Action 12: Restrictions on Recreational Facilities
  - Added caps on the miles of trails that can be developed in RCAs, ERZs, and HCAs
  - Best management practices (BMPs) added for trail design and maintenance

#### **Chapter 5 – Effects Analysis**

- Revised all recreation analyses

#### **Chapter 6 – Monitoring and Adaptive Management**

- Added timeline for development of monitoring and adaptive management strategy
- Clarification that recreational facilities, and not activities, will be tracked
- Added clarification on the adaptive management process

#### **Chapter 7 – Assurances**

- Clarification of changed circumstances language

#### **Chapter 8 – Implementation**

- Additional detail added to the stay-ahead provision and annual reporting
- Sections added to describe changes to the permit area and permit transfer

#### **Chapter 9 – Cost and Funding**

- Updated staffing assumptions and ODF costs to include recreation specialists

#### **Chapter 10 – Alternatives to Take**

- No change

#### **Appendices**

- Appendix A – Glossary
  - No change
- Appendix B – Stakeholder Engagement
  - Updated to include meetings that occurred between March 2021 and 2022
- Appendix C – Species Accounts
  - Southern Oregon/Northern California Chinook added
- Appendix D – Species Considered for Coverage
  - No change
- Appendix E – Effects Analysis Details
  - Added frequency table and terrestrial modeling information
- Appendix F – HCA Maps



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- No change
- Appendix G – HUC 10 Stand Age Analysis
  - No change
- Appendix H – ODF Roads Manual
  - No change
- Appendix I – Unstable Slopes Evaluation
  - No change
- Appendix J - HCP Management Decisions Tree
  - No changes
- Appendix K – Fish Passage Design Criteria
  - New appendix - NMFS 2011 Anadromous Salmonid Passage Facility Design
- Appendix L – Forest Matrix
  - New appendix - summarizes acres of forest, by age class, inside and outside HCAs over the course of the permit term