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## **SPECIAL STATE LAND BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

### ***Elliott State Forest Alternatives Project***

Coos Bay – The State Land Board will meet in special session on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014, to receive public comments about ownership and management of the Elliott State Forest.

The meeting will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Hales Performing Arts Center, Southwestern Oregon Community College, 1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay.

In recent years, revenues from the Elliott State Forest, a land asset of the Common School Fund, have been significantly curtailed because of Endangered Species Act litigation. As a result, the forest in Fiscal Year 2013 cost the Common School Fund about \$3 million, instead of generating revenue for the fund.

As trustees of the fund, the State Land Board approved work by the Department of State Lands (DSL) to examine and develop a range of ownership and management scenarios for the forest. Since June, DSL staff have engaged with interested stakeholder groups, agency technical experts, and economic consultants to prepare a report on viable management alternatives for the Elliott.

The Oct. 8 meeting in Coos Bay will allow any interested party to provide comments about the forest. The Land Board will not make any decisions at this meeting.

A final report will be presented to the Board for its consideration at their regular public meeting in Salem on Dec. 9, 2014.

### ***How to Provide Comments***

Comments may be presented to the Land Board at the meeting either orally or in writing. All speakers will need to sign in when they arrive. Written comments must have author information included. A maximum of three minutes will be given to each speaker. It is possible that a shorter time will be allotted in order to accommodate more speakers.

People are encouraged to bring written copies of their comments in case time constraints prevent everyone from speaking. All oral and written comments will be made part of the official record.

Those who are unable to attend the Oct. 8 meeting may submit written comments:

[elliottproject@state.or.us](mailto:elliottproject@state.or.us); or

Oregon Department of State Lands

Elliott State Forest Project

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The deadline to receive public comments is Oct. 10, 2014.

Additional information about the Elliott State Forest Alternatives Project is on the Department of State Lands' website: [www.oregonstatelands.us](http://www.oregonstatelands.us).

The meeting will be held in a facility that is accessible for persons with disabilities. If you need assistance to participate in this meeting due to a disability, please notify Lorna Stafford at (503) 986-5224 or [lorna.stafford@state.or.us](mailto:lorna.stafford@state.or.us) at least two working days prior to the meeting.

The State Land Board consists of Governor John Kitzhaber, Secretary of State Kate Brown and State Treasurer Ted Wheeler. The Department of State Lands administers diverse natural and fiscal resources. Many of the resources generate revenue for the Common School Fund, such as state-owned rangelands and timberlands, waterway leases, estates for which no will or heirs exist, and unclaimed property. Twice a year, the agency distributes fund investment earnings to support K-12 public schools. The agency also administers Oregon's Removal-Fill Law, which requires people removing or filling certain amounts of material in waters of the state to obtain a permit.

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