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Since Oregon became a state in 1859, the Common School Fund – a trust fund for public (or “common”) schools – has provided hundreds of millions of dollars for Oregon schoolchildren.

A portion of the fund’s income comes from lands Oregon was granted by Congress when our state was admitted into the Union. Under the federal Admission Act and Oregon’s constitution, these common school lands must be managed to maximize long-term revenue for public schools. The management of these lands is overseen by the State Land Board, which consists of the Governor, the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer.

Over the past half-century, the 82,500-acre Elliott State Forest near Reedsport has provided the lion’s share of revenue from Oregon’s common school lands – more than \$400 million since the 1950s. In recent years, constraints related to the Endangered Species Act have significantly reduced revenues while management costs have remained roughly constant. As a result, owning the Elliott has cost the Common School Fund over \$4 million since 2013. Losses are projected to continue if nothing changes.

Concerned about continued projected losses, the State Land Board directed the Department of State Lands (DSL) to investigate options for the Elliott’s future ownership and management. The Elliott State Forest Alternatives Project was launched in spring 2014 and included extensive research, technical analysis, and public outreach to explore options for the forest. On August 13, 2015, DSL staff recommended and the Land Board approved a Protocol (attached) for transferring ownership of the Elliott out of the Common School Fund. The Land Board and DSL are now in the implementation phase of the Protocol.

In December 2015, a significant milestone was achieved. About 50 Expressions of Interest in ownership of the Elliott were received from individuals and organizations by the December 15 deadline (list attached). This group of interested parties will now have an opportunity to submit an ownership plan by the November 15, 2016 deadline, as outlined in the Protocol.

On January 28, 2016, all 50 participants attended a mandatory meeting in Salem where DSL provided additional information about the Protocol and next steps in the process. It is possible that some entities who are interested will be seeking federal and other public funding.

**All Elliott State Forest Ownership Transfer Opportunity information is on
DSL’s website: www.oregonstatelands.us**

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MEMORANDUM

Since Oregon's forest lands are in 1975, the Governor's office has been a trustee for the public (the Oregon people) - has worked for the public interest for Oregon's benefit.

A portion of the State's forest lands Oregon was granted by Congress when our state was admitted to the Union under the federal land laws and Oregon's constitution. These common forest lands are to be managed in the best interest of the people of Oregon. The management of these lands is a trust for the State and the people of Oregon, the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer.

Over the past half century, the \$1.5 billion that Oregon's forest lands have provided the State of Oregon from Oregon's timber lands, over \$1.5 billion since the 1970s in recent years, has been used for the State's general fund. The State's forest lands have provided a steady stream of revenue for the State's general fund. The State's forest lands have provided a steady stream of revenue for the State's general fund. The State's forest lands have provided a steady stream of revenue for the State's general fund.

Concerned about the continued proposed losses of the State's forest lands, the Department of State Lands (DSL) is reviewing the State's forest lands management plan. The DSL is reviewing the State's forest lands management plan. The DSL is reviewing the State's forest lands management plan. The DSL is reviewing the State's forest lands management plan. The DSL is reviewing the State's forest lands management plan.

In December 2012, a legislative committee was established to study the State's forest lands. The committee was established to study the State's forest lands. The committee was established to study the State's forest lands. The committee was established to study the State's forest lands. The committee was established to study the State's forest lands.

On January 15, 2013, the committee held a public hearing on the State's forest lands. The committee held a public hearing on the State's forest lands. The committee held a public hearing on the State's forest lands. The committee held a public hearing on the State's forest lands. The committee held a public hearing on the State's forest lands.

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ELLIOTT STATE FOREST OWNERSHIP TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY
PARTICIPANT LIST

PARTICIPANT	Profit / Non-Profit	State	Public / Private
A-1 Timber Consultants, Inc.	For Profit	Washington	Private
Audubon Society of Portland	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Bureau of Land Management	Federal	Oregon	Public
Cascadia Forest Defenders	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Cascadia Wildlands	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Coast Range Forest Watch	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians	Nation	Oregon	Tribal
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	Nation	Oregon	Tribal
Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde Community	Nation	Oregon	Tribal
Conservation Capital, LLC	For Profit	Oregon	Private
Conservation Forestry Partners, LLC	For Profit	South Carolina	Private
Coos County	County	Oregon	Public
Coos Watershed Association	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Coquille Indian Tribe	Nation	Oregon	Tribal
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	Nation	Oregon	Tribal
Douglas County	County	Oregon	Public
Douglas Timber Operators	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Ecotrust Forest Management	For Profit	Oregon	Private
Ecotrust	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Forest Investment Associates	For Profit	Georgia	Private
Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Hutchinson, Theron - North Bend, OR	Individual	Oregon	Private
League of Women Voters of Oregon	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Lone Rock Timber Management Co.	For Profit	Oregon	Private
New Forests, Inc.	For Profit	California	Private
North Bend School District	School	Oregon	Public
Oregon Board of Forestry/Department of Forestry (ODF)	State	Oregon	Public
Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Oregon Coast Alliance	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Oregon League of Conservation Voters	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Oregon Solutions	State	Oregon	Public
Oregon State University College of Forestry	State	Oregon	Public
Oregon Wild	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Pacific Forest Trust	Non-Profit	California	Private
Quantum Group et al	Profit	Canada	Private
Reavis, Kelsey - Lakeside, OR	Individual	Oregon	Private
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Non-Profit	Montana	Private
Roseburg - RLC Industries Co.	For Profit	Oregon	Private

Schwarz, Samuel - Coos Bay, OR	Individual	Oregon	Private
Seitz, Cathy - Grants Pass, OR	Individual	Oregon	Private
Shamet, Barbara - Allegany, OR	Individual	Oregon	Private
Stillwater Sciences	For Profit	Oregon	Private
The Conservation Fund	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
Trust for Public Land	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private
U.S. Federal Agency Collaboration	Federal	U.S.	Public
U.S. Forest Capital, LLC	For Profit	Oregon	Private
U.S. Forest Service	Federal	U.S.	Public
Wild Salmon Center	Non-Profit	Oregon	Private