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Re: Candidate Conservation Agreement - Fisher

Dear Paul:

The State Forests Division of the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) expresses its intention to enroll Board of Forestry (BOF) lands managed by the Division located in Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Douglas, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill Counties, collectively comprising approximately 706,058 acres (Table 1), in a programmatic Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA). ODF has determined that these lands are within the historical range of the fisher, as described and mapped by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The CCAA is currently under development by the USFWS, in collaboration with non-federal landowners and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. We intend to enroll BOF lands managed by ODF. This letter of intent is non-binding and does not impose any restrictions or obligations on ODF or USFWS.

The expression of intent is with the understanding that the conservation measures in the final CCAA will be substantially equivalent to those in the February 4, 2016 draft CCAA, and that the term of the agreement and associated permit will be for at least 20 years.

It is also the intent of ODF State Forests Division to continue to implement forest management plans that include active management strategies to: contribute to biological diversity of forest stand types and structures at the landscape level and over time; manage forest conditions to result in protecting maintaining, and enhancing native wildlife habitats, including managing for a full range of forest conditions. These strategies are expected to benefit fishers now and into the future. These contributions were recently documented in a fisher conservation Memorandum of Understanding among public land management agencies.

This letter is a good faith expression of intent. State Forests will not be obligated to enroll any ODF managed lands in the CCAA. The final CCAA will be reviewed by ODF to determine that enrolling lands is in the best interest of the state.

Sincerely,

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Attachment (1)

cc: Jim Paul Department of State Lands, Ron Anglin Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife



Table 1. The amount of Board of Forestry (BOF) acres by county that the Oregon Department of Forestry State Forests Division plans to enroll into a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for fisher.

County	BOF Acres
Benton	8,327
Clackamas	7,157
Clatsop	142,717
Columbia	6,375
Coos	7,169
Douglas	8,602
Josephine	2,467
Klamath	94,415
Lane	24,323
Lincoln	15,462
Linn	21,235
Marion	18,299
Polk	6,008
Tillamook	297,077
Washington	46,418
Yamhill	7
Total Acres	706,058