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CONTEXT

The purpose of this staff report is to summarize State Forests Division Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 accomplishments and highlight the contents of the FY 2016 Council of Forest Trust Land Counties (CFTLC) annual report.

The Department is required to report annually to the CFTLC. These reports describe the economic, social, and environmental benefits that resulted from FY16 management activities on Board of Forestry Lands.

SUMMARY

The Oregon Department of Forestry manages 729,860 acres of Board of Forestry lands for which the CFTLC has a protected and recognizable interest. These lands are managed to secure the greatest permanent value to the state by providing healthy, productive and sustainable forest ecosystems that over time provide a full range of social, economic, and environmental benefits for Oregonians. These lands are sustainably managed to provide timber revenue to the state, local schools and communities, and local taxing districts. This report summarizes fiscal and management accomplishments on Board of Forestry lands for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY 2016).

Long-term direction for Board of Forestry lands is guided through regionally specific forest management plans. Details outlining specific operations are further refined in district implementation plans, which offer a detailed ten-year outlook of forest management activities in each district. Implementation plans describe, among other activities, long-range plans for achieving stand structure goals across the landscape, young stand management, and restoration. On an annual basis, additional specificity is presented to the public through annual operation plans for each Oregon Department of Forestry district.

Economic Benefits

In FY 2016, ODF harvested approximately 236 million board feet, generating \$94.8 million in net revenue. FY 2016 operational costs totaled \$32.9 million dollars in direct expenditures. ODF retained \$34.7 million in revenue and transferred \$60.1 million to the beneficiary counties.

The attached report provides historic and projected timber harvest volumes and estimated

revenues to support planning processes for the CFTLC. Currently, the housing market exerts a strong influence on ODF's revenue trends.

The report provides a six-year revenue projection, and suggests a general short-term upward trend in revenue. It is important to note that these estimates are subject to uncertainties in the forestry sector and log market volatility. This uncertainty increases with extended projections.

Social Benefits

In addition to the social benefits provided through the harvest of timber, State Forest lands also provide social benefits through its recreation, education, and interpretation program. Demand for recreation opportunities and amenities continues to increase, especially in the Tillamook, Clatsop, and Santiam State Forests due to their proximity to Portland and Salem.

The Tillamook Forest Center saw a record number of visitors, at almost 57,000 visitors, as well as serving over 5,100 students, and 6,600 participants for interpretive events. The Department also maintained over 200 miles of hiking and OHV trails, and hosted over 40,000 campers.

Environmental Benefits

Sustainable management of state forest lands provides a variety of environmental benefits. State Forest lands provide habitat for many species of fish and wildlife, including salmon, northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets. Nest sites for northern spotted owls increased, as did the number of marbled murrelet management areas.

Work to remove barriers to fish passage and restore streams continued, with 1.1 miles of stream access restored. A collaborative project with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon Department of Transportation to remove a dam on the Trask River restored access to 20 miles of chinook salmon habitat. This dam removal also affords an important opportunity to research the effects of the removal on macroinvertebrate communities in the stream.

ODF is committed to sustainable management of Board of Forestry lands. Management activities which include investing in activities to re-establish and maintain young stands, maintaining and constructing roads, controlling invasive species, supporting recreation activities, providing education and outreach, implementing projects to improve fish habitat, inventorying stands, and implementing research and monitoring strategies. We continue to work with local partners, and other state and federal agencies to manage state-owned forests for the full range of social, economic, and environmental benefits for Oregonians.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only.

ATTACHMENTS

CFTLC FY16 Annual Report