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Work Plan:	State Forests Work Plan
Topic:	Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan
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## CONTEXT

The State Forests Division has developed an approach to revise the Forest Management Plan (FMP), approved by the Board of Forestry (BOF) in January 2018. The FMP Project Work Plan establishes a framework for the Board to develop the FMP elements required by the Forest Management Planning rule (OAR 629-035-0030) in the context of the Greatest Permanent Value (GPV) rule (OAR 629-035-0020). This approach is intended to efficiently develop an FMP that meets the requirements of the Planning Rule, is operationally feasible, and is found to meet GPV by the Board. The Division will host informational presentations to provide stakeholders and the public at large with updates including staff work to be presented at upcoming Board meetings.

The Division presented an overview of the assessment of forest resources at the Board's September, 2018 meeting and submits this report to provide a more complete characterization across the state forest lands in Western Oregon.

## BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Forest Management Planning Rule requires the Forest Management Plan to provide a description and assessment of forest resources on the state forest lands within the planning area:

*OAR 629-035-0030(2)(b) Description and assessment of the resources on state forest lands within the planning area and consideration of the surrounding ownership in order to provide a landscape context. The description and assessment includes general statements of the current conditions of each of the resources, and the laws, policies, and programs that affect the resources and their management.*

The assessment of the forest resources provides context for the range of forest conditions, as well as the variety of challenges and opportunities for managing these lands to achieve a full range of economic, social and environmental benefits to meet GPV. The assessment addresses:

- the history of state forest lands,
- recreation, education and interpretation,
- cultural resources,
- scenic resources,
- forest condition,
- timber,

- special forest products,
- roads and access,
- energy and minerals,
- grazing,
- wildlife habitat,
- aquatic habitat,
- forest health,
- plants,
- air quality,
- forest carbon, and
- geology, soils and slope stability.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Information Only

## **NEXT STEPS**

The Division will continue its work on the Forest Management Plan project according to the project work plan.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Western Oregon State Forests Resource Assessment