



On State Forest Management Options

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AGENDA ITEM A
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Organization of Presentation

- Comments on ODF Document
- Financial Challenge
- Need for Discretion and Flexibility: Planning Context and Astoria District

ODF Document: Identifies Issues

- Thinning doesn't produce structure sometimes
- Some parts of forest not economical to harvest
- Five stand types not adequate
- Full implementation not possible now
- Regional habitat goals desirable

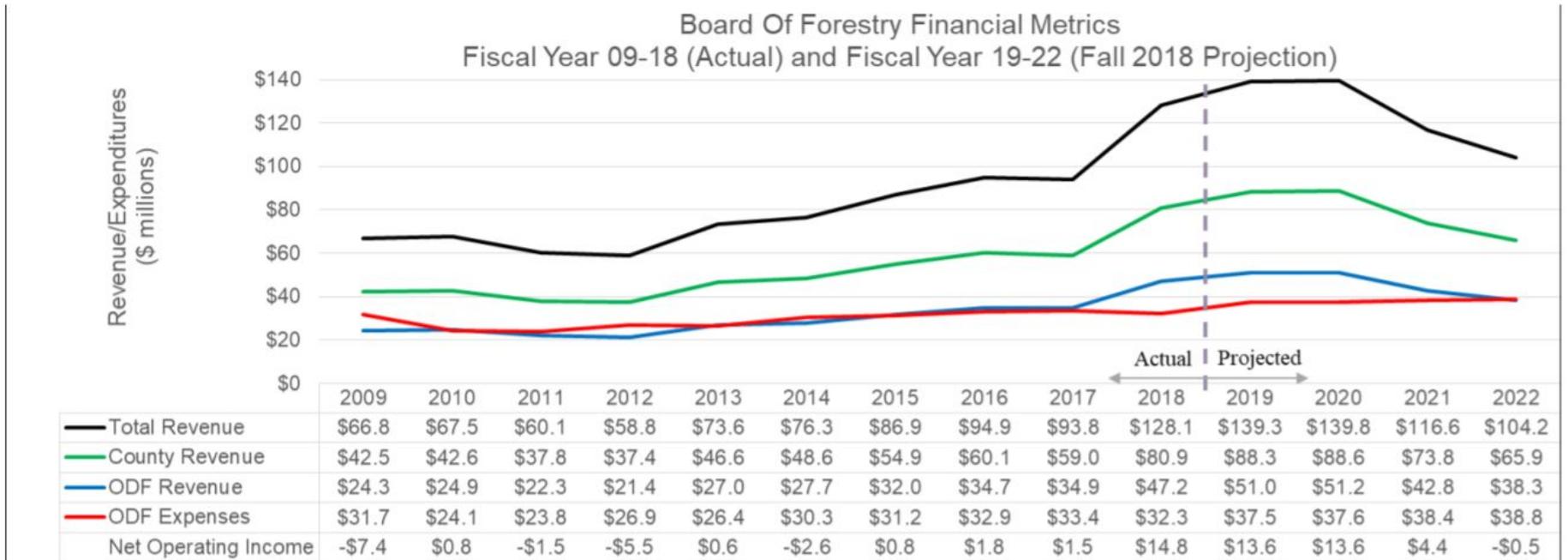
Missing: Evidence

- Primarily Anecdotes
 - How much forest responds well to thinning?
What is evidence?
 - How much of the forest is not economical to harvest? Where and why?

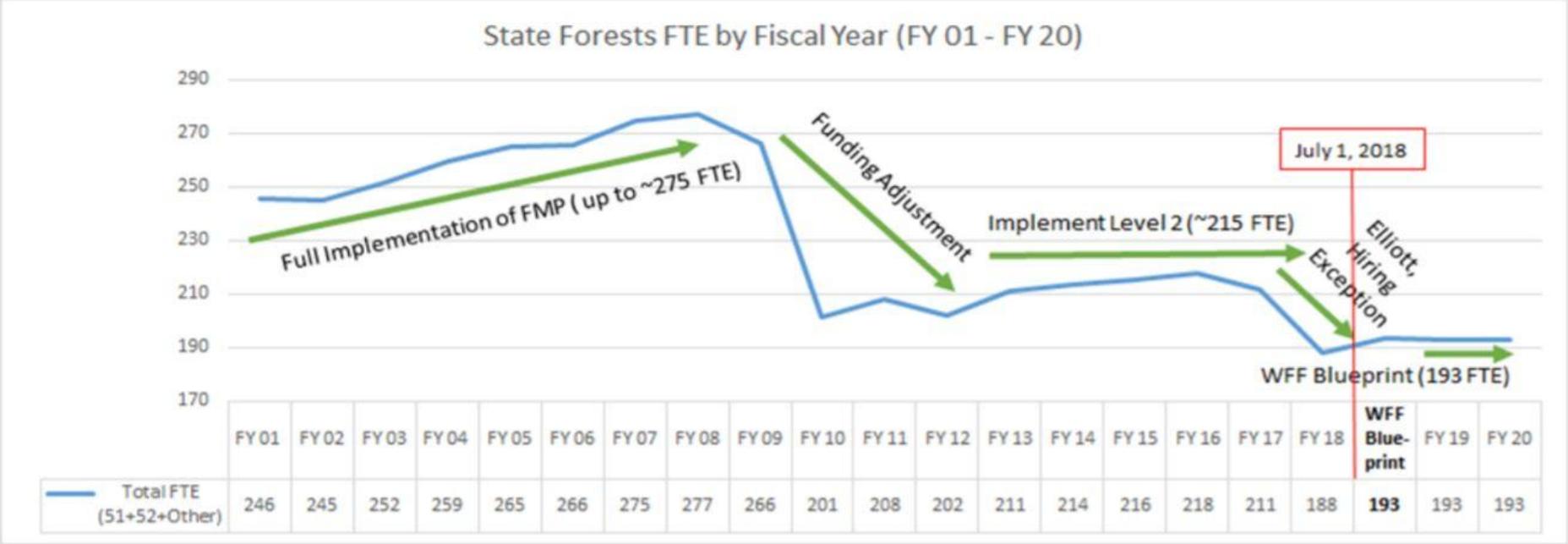
Missing: Explanations

- What indicators will distinguish seral stages that are different from the current approach?
- Which species would benefit from the new approach, and how?
- How much new revenue could this produce, how and why?
- How will ODF address species migration with no HCP?

Helpful: Cost and Revenue Numbers

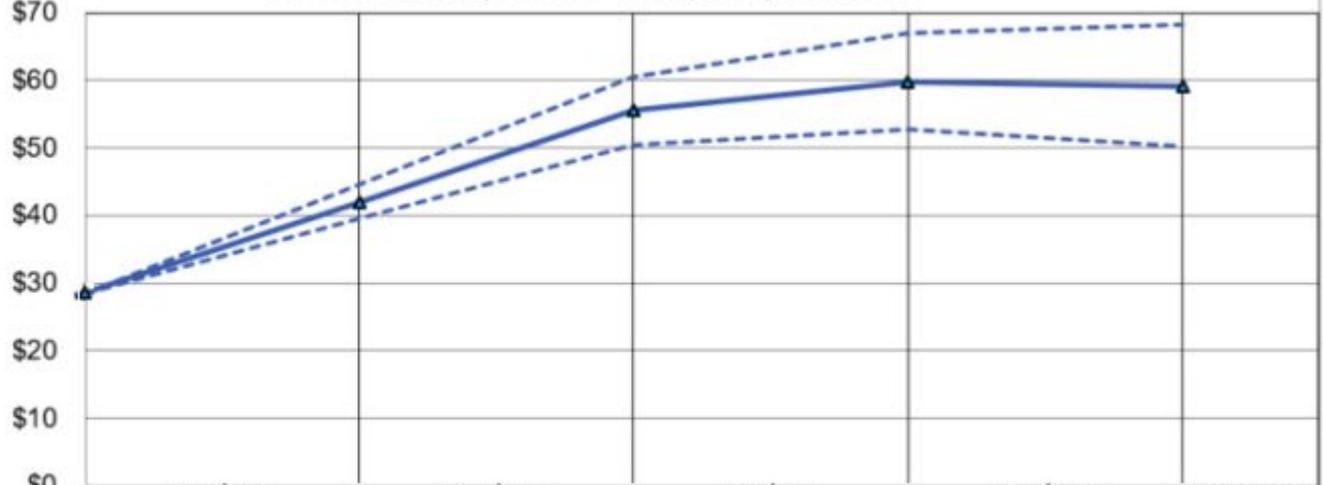


Helpful: FTE Trajectory



High Fund Balance

Forest Development Fund (FDF) Balance



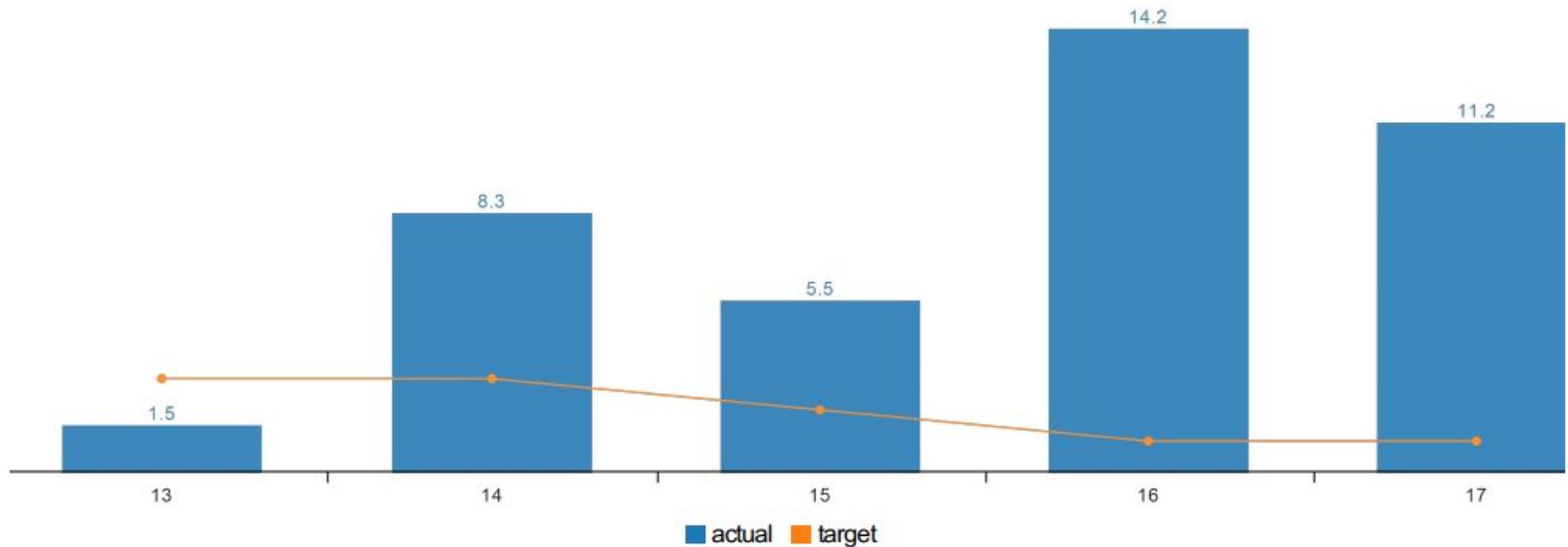
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
FDF Balance (July 1)	\$28.5	\$42.0	\$55.5	\$59.8	\$59.2
FDF +5% Stumpage	\$28.5	\$44.5	\$60.6	\$66.9	\$68.2
FDF -5% Stumpage	\$28.5	\$39.5	\$50.5	\$52.7	\$50.2

Key Performance Measure for Revenue.

5 STATE FORESTS TOTAL REVENUE - Percent increase in total revenue produced by State Forests

Data Collection Period: Jul 01 - Jun 30

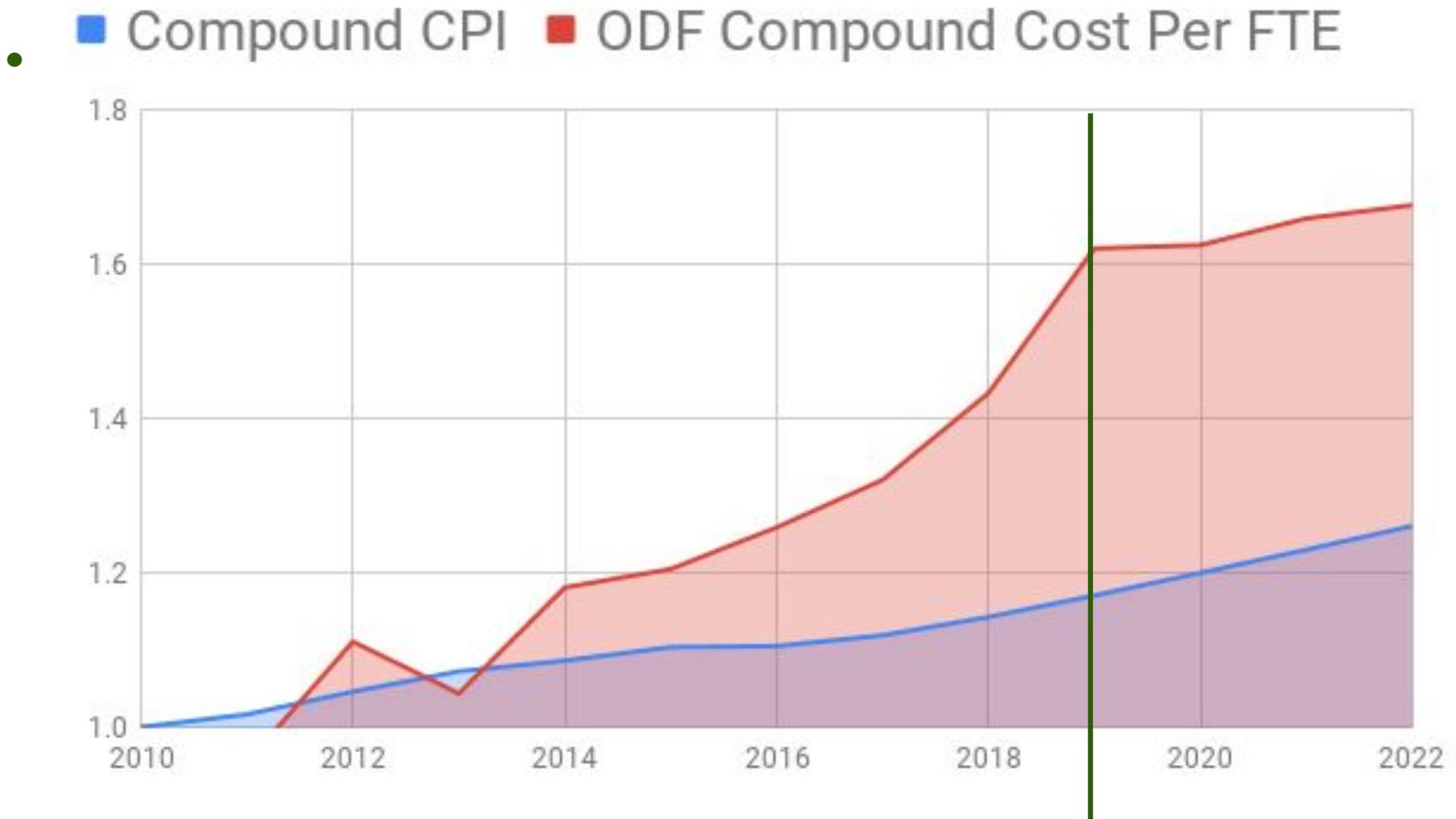
red Trend = positive result



Missing: Specifics on Financial Viability Challenge

Why financial viability challenge with such high revenues?

What is going on?



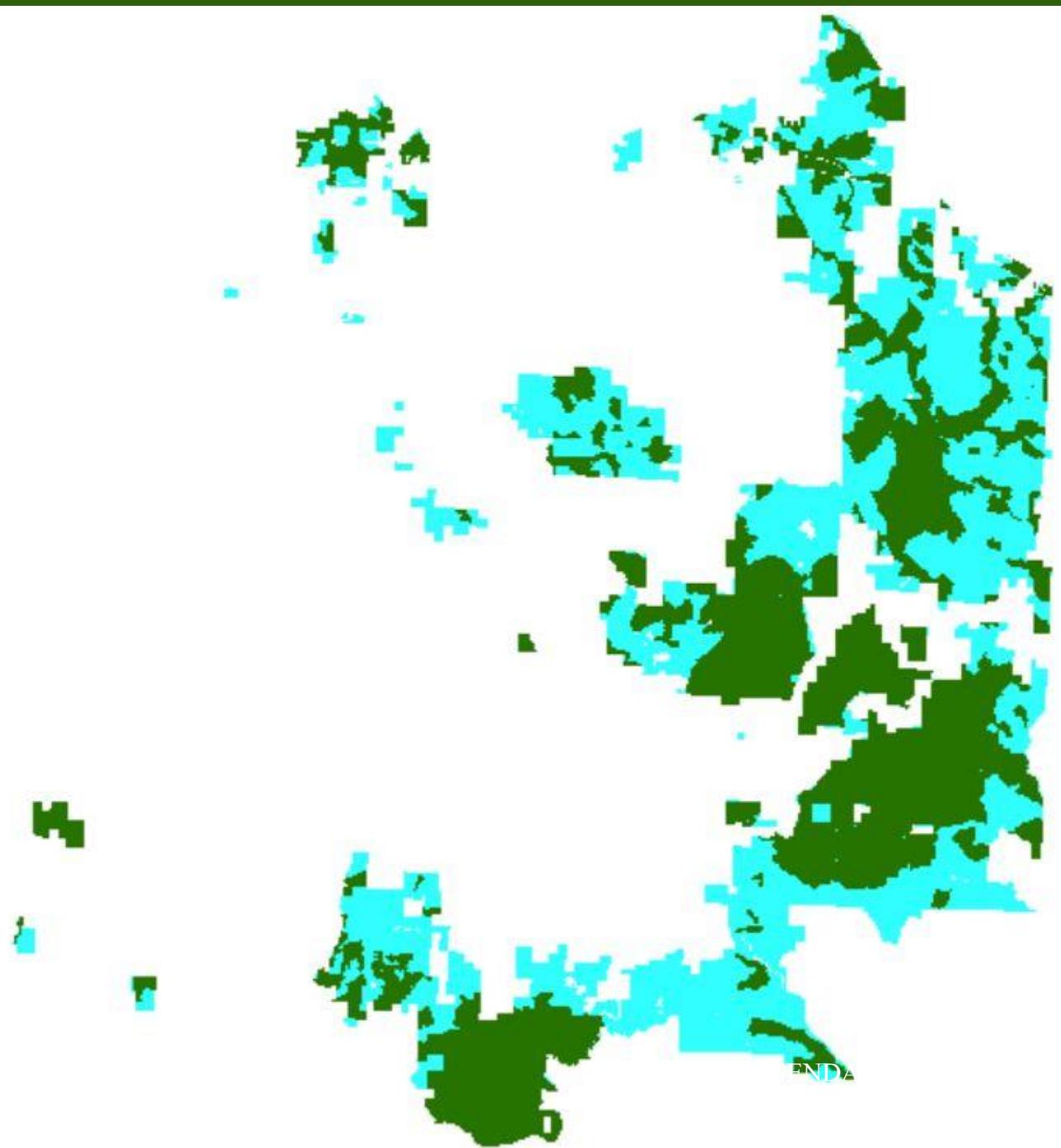
Current Plan and Flexibility

Astoria District

Example of Implementation/Discretion

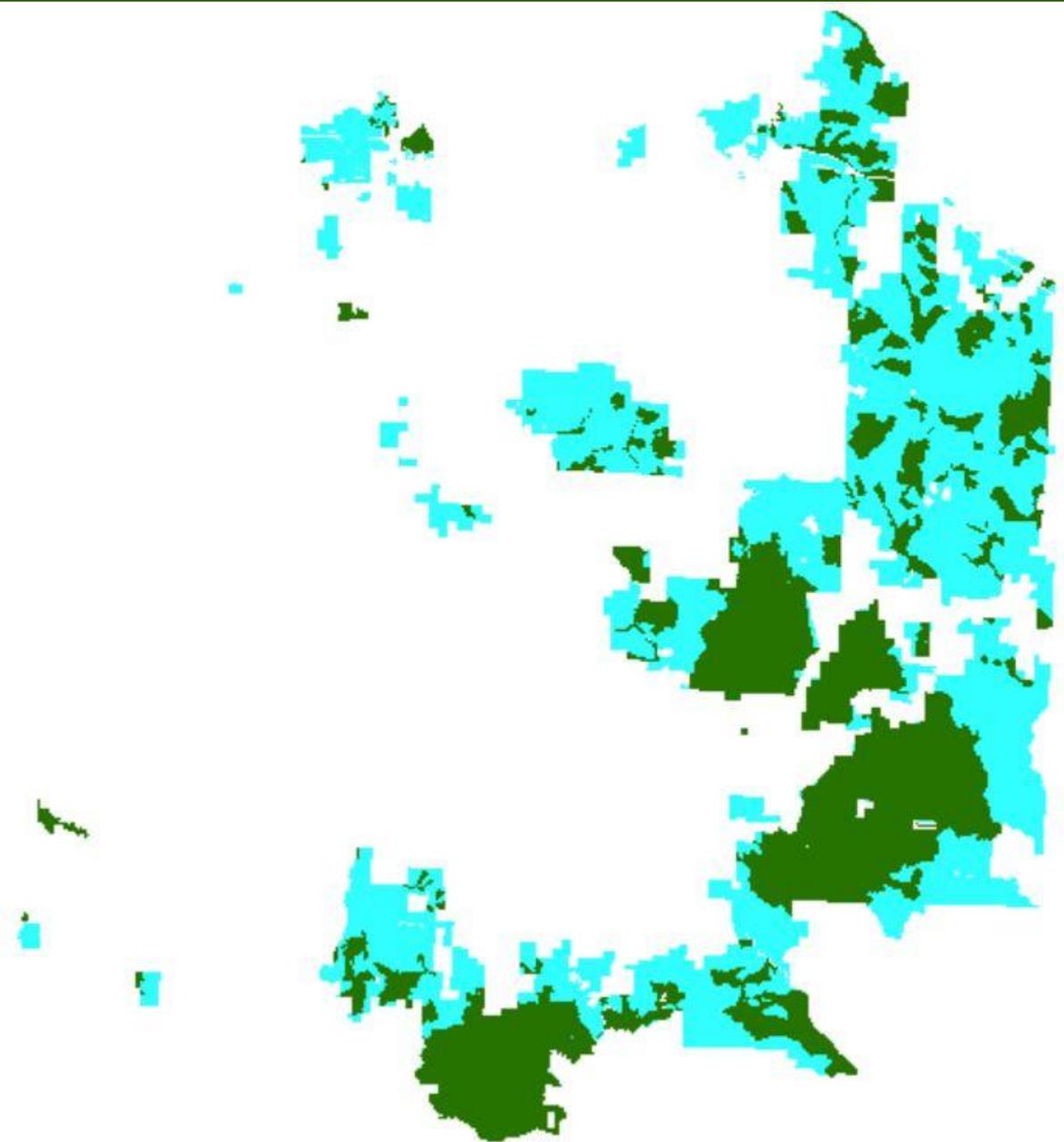
2003

Complex
50%



2009

Complex
40%



2011

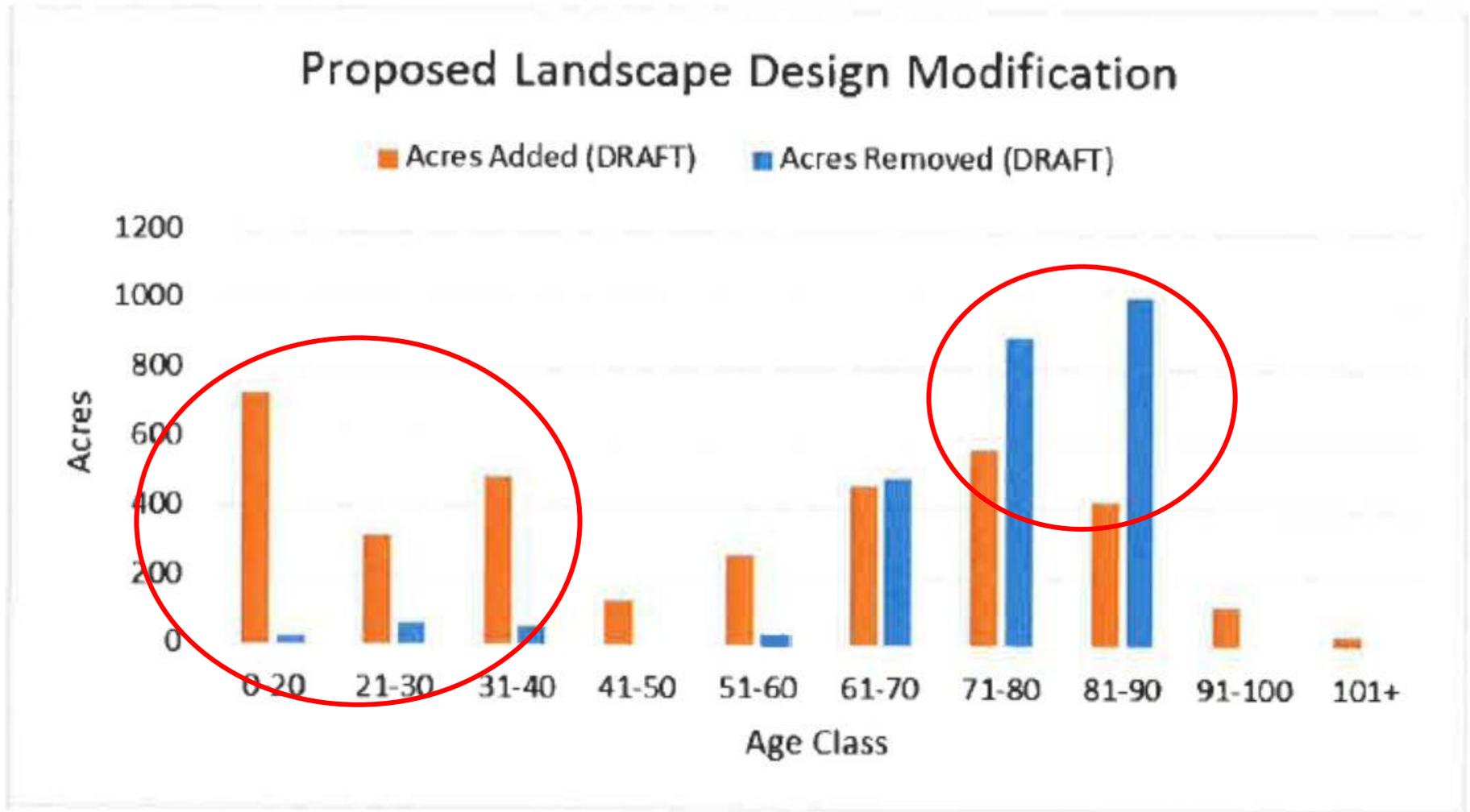
Complex
30%



2018 - Moving Around Complex Major Landscape Design Change

- Older forests swapped out of complex, opening to clearcutting
- Younger forests added in, now “protected”

2018 Moving old Forest out of Complex, Clearcuts in



2018

Map of Design Change

Figure 5.



Process on 5000 Acre Shift

Less than one page explanation

Request for short extension of comment time rejected

ODFW review claimed. No documentation.

Summary

- No science in vision
 - Large Budget Surplus - why plan change?
 - FTE cost trajectory needs attention
 - Lack of process/accountability/transparency in complex forest locations
- Little Confidence in Agency Direction
- More process/science review required in plan changes



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our forests**