

Board of Forestry Testimony

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The current FMP does not work for a multitude of reasons both in the near term or long term. We encourage ODF in the development of a new FMP that increases both Financial Viability and Conservation Outcomes. I want to make a few comments in regards to the development of the New FMP and the HCP Option.

- The New FMP needs to be based upon a Take Avoidance Strategy for ESA listed species. Only Federal Lands have the mandate to create habitat for ESA listed species.
- The plan needs to create more revenue to address several issues.
 - Increase badly needed revenue to the Trust Counties and ODF for important management functions.
 - Create a robust Annual Timber Inventory Update and maintenance Program. Accurate data provides the basis for decision making in the near term and long term.
 - Develop a Monitoring Program that will accompany a New FMP; whether it is with, or without an HCP. A well thought out and consistent Monitoring Program is fundamental to measuring success of any new plan.
 - The conversion of Alder, Underproductive and Swiss Needlecast Land's needs to be addressed in the New FMP. This should be a key issue in the plan complete with a level of specificity that creates a near term and long term plan which includes milestones and measureable accountabilities. Anything short of this approach is irresponsible. A process has been suggested in prior testimony that I believe could really help the department in developing this plan initiative.
- Measureable outcomes and accountabilities with metrics need to be transparent prior to any FMP adoption.
- Good forestry and practices are compatible with wildlife, conservation, recreation and carbon sequestration. We believe that a "and-and" solution is possible and disagree that the situation is an "either- or".
- The success of a New FMP or an HCP must be measured against a credible Baseline. I believe the Baseline should be what the Forest is capable of producing with the Forest Practices Act as the guiding regulatory framework. Additionally, Take Avoidance Strategies would be employed and overlaid to this Baseline. This suggested Baseline could be compared to the existing FMP, New FMP and a potential HCP. This Baseline approach would inform the Counties, the BOF and all Stakeholders as to the total costs and benefits of Policy Decisions and plan selections.

Respectfully submitted by W. Ray Jones