Western Oregon State Forests HCP

Meeting Begins at 1 p.m.

June 12, 2019
Broadway Commons, Salem, OR
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Update on HCP Process
3. Overview of HCP Mission, Vision, Goals
4. Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Plan
5. Meet-n-Greet
HCP Process Timeline

FTLAC and Board Engagement

- HCP Preparation
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Steering Committee Meetings (bi-monthly)
- Scoping Team Meetings (monthly)
- Phase 3 - NEPA
  - Public Scoping
  - Public Comment

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2019

2020

2021

Permit Issuance and Approvals
Scope and Scale of the HCP

- Geographic Coverage
- Permit Term
- Covered Activities
- Covered Species
Plan Area & Permit Area

- Covers all ODF managed lands
- Includes Board of Forestry and Common School Lands
- Plan Area includes areas where land acquisitions or land transfers might occur

- Permit Area (ODF Managed Lands) = 635,000
- Plan Area = 724,000 acres
Plan Area & Permit Area

Clatsop State Forest

Tillamook State Forest
Plan Area & Permit Area
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• Timber Harvest
• Stand Management Activities
• Road System Management
• Recreation Facilities
• Third Party Leases and Easements
• Conservation Action Implementation
Covered Species

Range: Species in the plan area?

Impact: Likely to result in take of covered species?

Status:
• Listed species
• Non-listed species with potential to become listed during permit term

Data: Are data sufficient to evaluate impacts and develop conservation measures?

8 Fish
3 Amphibians
2 Birds
2 Mammals

**Note that the Lower Columbia steelhead was removed from the list**
## Proposed Covered Species

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SE = State Endangered; ST = State Threatened; FT = Federal Threatened; PT = Federal Proposed Threatened; FC = Federal Species of Concern; UR = Under Review; NMFS = National Marine Fisheries Service; USFWS = U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
HCP Outline

Background Information

• Mission and goals of the HCP Program (Chapter 1)

• Baseline environmental conditions (Chapter 2)
  • Physical and biological characteristics of the plan area
  • Covered species information

• Description of the activities that will be covered by the permit, including extent, duration, and frequency (Chapter 3)
Effects, Conservation, and Monitoring

- Conservation strategy
  - Avoidance, minimization, and mitigation requirements of the HCP (Chapter 4)

- Effects of the covered activities on the covered species (Chapter 5)

- Description of the monitoring and adaptive management program that will be instituted to track the effectiveness of the conservation strategy (Chapter 6)
Assurances, Administration, and Alternatives

• Assurances requested under the HCP (Chapter 7)
  • Changed circumstances
  • Unforeseen circumstances
  • Federal “No Surprises”

• Description of how ODF will implement the HCP (Chapter 8)

• Presentation of Alternatives to Take (Chapter 10)
Cost and Funding (Chapter 9)

• Calculate costs of HCP Implementation
  • Administration
  • Habitat management/restoration
  • Monitoring
  • Reporting
  • Changed circumstances

• Demonstrate reliable funding source to pay for HCP Implementation
Draft HCP Development Timeline

- Introduction
- Environmental Setting
- Covered Activities
  - Conservation Strategy
  - Effects Analysis
  - Monitoring and Adaptive Management
  - HCP Implementation
  - Cost and Funding
  - 1st Administrative Draft HCP

- Pre-NEPA Planning

Forest Management Plan Update

- Mar
- Apr
- May
- Jun
- Jul
- Aug
- Sep
- Oct
- Nov
- Dec

2019

- Jan
- Feb
- Mar
- Apr
- May
- Jun
- Jul
- Aug

2020
Environmental Setting

• Gathering and assessing background data and information

• Characterizing the physical and biological attributes of the covered lands

• Life history, distribution, and conservation needs for covered species
Environmental Setting
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Species Distribution
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Conservation Strategy

- Determining conservation gaps/needs for species
- Creating biological goals and objectives for each species
- Determining what conservation actions will be most effective on state forest lands
Effects Analysis

- Quantifying covered activities
- Determining the potential for covered activities to effect covered species and to result in “take”
- Evaluate the impact of take on the covered species
- Demonstration of avoidance, minimization, and mitigation
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Q&A and Discussion

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Mission, Vision, Goals
The Mission Statement concentrates on the present; it defines the customer(s), critical processes and it informs you about the desired level of performance.

The Vision Statement focuses on the future; it is a source of inspiration and motivation. Often it describes not just the future of the organization but the future of the industry or society in which the organization hopes to effect change.

Goals describe what the Mission and Vision Statements will accomplish, and the results that will be achieved.
HCP Mission

To provide protection and conservation for selected listed species and species likely to become listed under the federal or state Endangered Species Acts during the permit term, while providing for long-term, multi-benefit management of the State’s public forestlands subject to the Western Oregon State Forest Management Plan. The HCP will support the range of economic, social, and environmental benefits that ODF is statutorily required to provide under the Greatest Permanent Value rule and will help to meet fiduciary responsibilities for Common School Forest lands. It will also meet specific criteria that must be satisfied before National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) can issue incidental take permits.
HCP Vision

The Western Oregon HCP ensures species protection and conservation as well as increased certainty that working state forestlands will continue to benefit all Oregonians. Multi-objective forest stewardship activities provide revenue to counties, rural communities, the Common School Fund and ODF, create jobs, support resilient forest ecosystems, clean air and high water quality, provide high quality habitats for native fish and wildlife, provide, and promote educational, recreational, and other partnership opportunities to enhance enjoyment of public forest benefits.
HCP Program Goals

1) Meet the regulatory requirements of the federal and state Endangered Species Acts through an approved HCP, using a multi-species approach to managing forest ecosystems across the landscape.

2) Ensure active and sustainable management of state forest lands under a Western Oregon HCP and an associated Forest Management Plan designed to meet the social, economic, and environmental goals articulated in the Greatest Permanent Value Rule.

3) Increase operational certainty, cost savings, and predictability of revenue generation (including related timber harvest, jobs and other economic values) using the HCP as a programmatic approach to comply with the federal and state ESA over the permit term.

4) Increase certainty for long-term persistence of covered wildlife species by protecting and maintaining high-quality habitats, conducting habitat enhancement activities in areas of lower quality habitat, and mitigating the impacts of covered activities on covered species.

5) Advance partnerships and engagement related to management approaches and outcomes associated with, but not limited to, revenue generation and economic outcomes, conservation, forest conditions and health, tribal interests and traditional cultural uses, research, monitoring, education, recreation and the equitable enjoyment of benefits that state public forests provide.

6) Use science-based forestry to promote conditions that create sustainable, productive forests that are resilient to large fires, climate change impacts, and other disturbance events. Use an adaptive management approach to address uncertainty and change over time.
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Mission, Vision, Goals Discussion

• Is there anything missing in the Mission, Vision and Goals?
• Do the Mission, Vision and Goals accurately reflect what we are seeking to accomplish through the HCP?
• Do you see the range of objectives and interests reflected in the goals?

*Steering Committee members have approved the Mission, Vision, Goals and are interested in hearing stakeholder reflections at a high level.

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Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Plan
Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Goals

- Provide **opportunity to provide feedback** at key points
- Engage **counties** as part of FTLAC and through other venues
- Keep interested parties **informed**
- Allow diverse interests to **hear and learn from one another’s perspectives**
- Provide **clear expectations** for how stakeholder and public input will be considered
- Build a **common understanding** on HCP development and implementation
- **Align engagement** with related processes (i.e., FMP)
- Keep stakeholders informed to promote relevant comments during **NEPA**
FTLAC, Public, and Stakeholders
*Provide input.*

Board of Forestry
*Makes final decisions.*

ODF
*Develops staff recommendations.*

Steering Committee
*Advises ODF in HCP development.*
*Provides guidance to Scoping Team.*

Scoping Team
*Provides technical guidance.*
*Makes technical recommendations.*
Public and Stakeholder Engagement Approach

Process includes:

1. **Meetings Open to the Public**: updates on progress and opportunity for broad discussion (approx. quarterly)

2. **Targeted Stakeholder Engagement Meetings and Activities**: deeper-level follow-up discussions

3. **Meetings of Existing Venues**: BOF, FTLAC, Stakeholder Roundtable, SFAC, etc.

4. **Communications and Public Information**: email and website updates
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<td>Meeting for Public and Follow-up Stakeholder Engagement&lt;br&gt;Updates on permit area, permit term, plan area, covered species list, existing conditions, data used, covered activities, and HCP mission, vision and goals.&lt;br&gt;Follow-up with stakeholders for further discussion on existing conditions/data and covered activities and begin to discuss funding and revenue generation.</td>
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<td>Conservation Strategy Meeting for Public (Part 1) and Follow-up Stakeholder Engagement&lt;br&gt;Updates on biological goals and objectives, conservation strategy, and effects analysis.&lt;br&gt;Follow-up discussions with stakeholders to inform the development of conservation strategy, as well as discussion of implementation, assurances, and alternatives.</td>
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<td>Conservation Strategy Meeting for Public (Part 2) and Follow-up Stakeholder Engagement&lt;br&gt;Public meeting to present summary of effects analysis and updates to the conservation strategy.&lt;br&gt;Follow-up discussions with stakeholders to discuss monitoring and adaptive management.</td>
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<td>Meeting for Public and Follow-Up Stakeholder Engagement&lt;br&gt;Public meeting to present and discuss estimated cost of the HCP and funding strategy.&lt;br&gt;Follow-up discussions with stakeholders on estimated cost of the HCP and funding strategy.</td>
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Discussion

- Perspectives and thoughts on the stakeholder engagement plan
- Were there topics from today’s meeting that you would be interested in discussing further?
- Any topics you want more information on?

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More Information
https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/AboutODF/Pages/HCP-initiative.aspx

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Thank You!