

STAFF REPORT

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CONTEXT

Forest Management Plans (FMP) provide the overarching direction for state forestlands managed by ODF. These plans are developed pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR 629-035-0030) and are approved by the Board of Forestry to codify the Board's finding that the FMP meets Greatest Permanent Value (OAR 629-035-0020).

The State Forests Division (Division) has initiated the rulemaking process for the draft Western Oregon State Forests FMP. Since the FMP is a high-level policy document intended to allow for a broad range of implementation pathways, the Board has considered multiple scenarios with different management approaches consistent with the draft FMP.

At the November 2025 special Board meeting, Division staff presented an implementation pathway based on an updated model scenario. Based on feedback at that meeting, this presentation will show the expected Performance Measures that would result from that scenario.

FMP SCENARIO

The Division's forest activity model emulates how the forest could be managed over time with forest stands grown forward from the current inventory. It projects harvest volumes, revenues, carbon sequestration, habitat quality, and other forest stand metrics across the landscape by simulating decisions which meet a set of management objectives according to model inputs, such as silvicultural practices and landscape constraints.

The Division designed scenarios to include departures from even-flow harvest volumes to provide increased near-term revenue to counties and even out the existing unbalanced stand age distribution over time. The levels of the departures are held constant in 10-year steps similar in duration to Implementation Plans. After 30 years, a harvest floor was set to provide certainty about mid-term harvest and other co-benefits while preserving flexibility and options for the next generation.

For this report, the Division is presenting the scenario that harvests 215 MMBF annually for the first 10 years, with subsequent 10-year steps of 205 and 195 MMBF average annual harvest volume (Scenario 5a from the November 2025 Board meeting). Unlike the previous Board meetings that discussed differences between scenarios, this report will share results from one scenario with upper

and lower levels for each metric that would occur with +/- 5% of cumulative harvest volume variation within the first 30 years. From this range of outcomes, the Performance Measures below will show what the Division believes is achievable in actual implementation plans across social, economic, and environmental benefits.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Measures are a select set of metrics that the Board will use to evaluate management commitments and outcomes with respect to the objectives and intent expressed through the FMP guiding principles, management approach, and goals. The Performance Measures have component metrics (Attachment 1) that will be monitored and reported for the Board and others to track management commitments and outcomes readily across a broad range of ecosystem services provided by State Forests. Component metrics will be measured and reported at different time scales depending on the resource. The best time to consider them as a set for adaptive management would be during Implementation Plan revisions.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only.

NEXT STEPS

After this meeting, the Division will:

1. Incorporate Board feedback on the Performance Measures and their components.
2. Present the final draft FMP to the Board in June 2026, and initiate a final round of rulemaking on the final draft.
3. Start modeling for Implementation Plans (to begin in FY2028) to accompany the draft FMP.
4. Present the final draft FMP to the Board in September 2026 for final adoption by the Board.

ATTACHMENTS

1. List of Performance Measures and their component metrics.
2. Performance Measure graphs based on the FMP modeled scenario.