



Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan

Board of Forestry
July 22, 2026

Purpose

- Review Public Comment
- Approve Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan, findings, and intent statement

Public Comment - Alignment

- Accountability: adopt clear, enforceable performance measures
- Clear, implementable plan with specificity
 - FMP should contain specific information
 - Ensure plan can be implemented
 - Know the results of the implementation
- Value in collaboration/partnerships

Public Comment - Disagreement

- **Funding model**

- Maintain harvest levels sufficient to cover ODF costs
- Decouple from timber receipts and replace revenue via carbon markets

- **Legal framing**

- Non-harvest set-asides violate counties' revenue interests
- GPV obligation to protect multiple values

Public Comment - Disagreement

- **Jobs & rural economies**

- Lower harvests result in fewer jobs and contracts, harm rural economies
- Job declines attributed to mechanization. Environmental impact undermines recreation economies

- **Active management**

- Halt clearcutting of older stands until thresholds are met; reduce harvest levels
- Thinning/regeneration harvests and fuels management are necessary tools to reduce wildfire risk and support revenues

Public Comment

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/pages/rulemaking.aspx>

OAR 629-035: Northwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan, Southwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan and the Elliott State Forest Management Plan



Board Findings

1. The Board of Forestry finds that the Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan was developed consistent with Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 629, Division 35, and contains all elements required by Forest Management Planning rule (OAR 629-035-0030).
2. The Board of Forestry finds that the State Forester has implemented a public involvement effort that fulfilled the goals for public involvement that are described in OAR 629-035-0080.
3. The Board of Forestry finds that the State Forester has involved the counties in the development of this FMP and has met the obligations to consult with the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee as described in OAR 629-035-0090.

FMP ENGAGEMENT

Tribal Coordination – 6 Tribal Workgroup meetings, Aug 2021-April 2022; Continued Engagement

Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee Engagement – Ongoing meetings

FMP Meetings Open to the Public – 5 Meetings, 50-70 attendees per meeting, May '21 – Feb '23

FMP Joint Stakeholder Meetings – 3 Meetings, 20-40 attendees per meeting, Aug – Dec 2021

FMP Strategies Public Feedback – 3,322 survey comments, 318 emails

State Partner Engagement – Ongoing meetings with state agencies

Board of Forestry Engagement – Draft Management Approach, Draft Goals and Strategies

Board Intent - Purpose

- To provide a historic context for the Board of Forestry (BOF) decision about the Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan (FMP).
- To provide the public, media, interest groups and the counties with an understanding about the intent and expectations of the Board as they adopt this FMP.
- To provide future policy makers with information that will help them understand the rationale and intent of the current BOF in adopting the FMP.
- To express a set of expectations about what benefits this FMP will achieve over time and BOF expectations about the processes that will be utilized by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

Board Intent

1. GPV and retain future options
2. Ecosystem function and resilience – key to GPV
3. Integrated forest management described in the FMP is a pathway to achieve resilient forests to achieve GPV

Board Intent

4. FMP and HCP supports predictable and sustainable outcomes
5. Harvest across a range of forest conditions and age classes
6. FMP will provide social values
7. Monitoring and adaptive management
8. Public involvement and participation

Board Intent

9. Intra-Agency collaboration

10. Contribute to ecological goals at the landscape level

11. Management is cost-efficient, effective, and sustainable

12. Investment levels and alternative funding

Board Intent

- 13. Carbon estimation, monitoring, and reporting
- 14. Carbon markets
- 15. Finalize PMs
- 16. Implementation and monitoring report

Next Steps

If Board votes to adopt FMP, the Department will:

- File final administrative order to promulgate the FMP
- Develop Implementation Plan
- Develop Operations Plans
- Refine Performance Measures – September BOF meeting
- Present modeling results – January BOF meeting
- Ask Board to approve final Performance Measures – January BOF meeting

Recommendation

The Department recommends the Board repeal and adopt the rules as set forth in Attachment 1, which incorporates by reference the Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan in Attachment 2, to become effective following issuance of incidental take permits by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service. The Board directs the State Forester to continue State Forests management under existing implementation plans until issuance of the ITPs and July 1, 2027.

Discussion & Questions



BOF FMP Performance Measures

- Adaptive Capacity of Forests
- Aquatics & Riparian Resources
- Carbon Sequestration & Storage
- Division Finances
- Economic Opportunities
- Financial Support for Counties
- Habitat Elements for Wildlife
- Harvest & Inventory
- Recreation, Education, & Interpretation Opportunities
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources