



Western Oregon HCP Phase 2 Update



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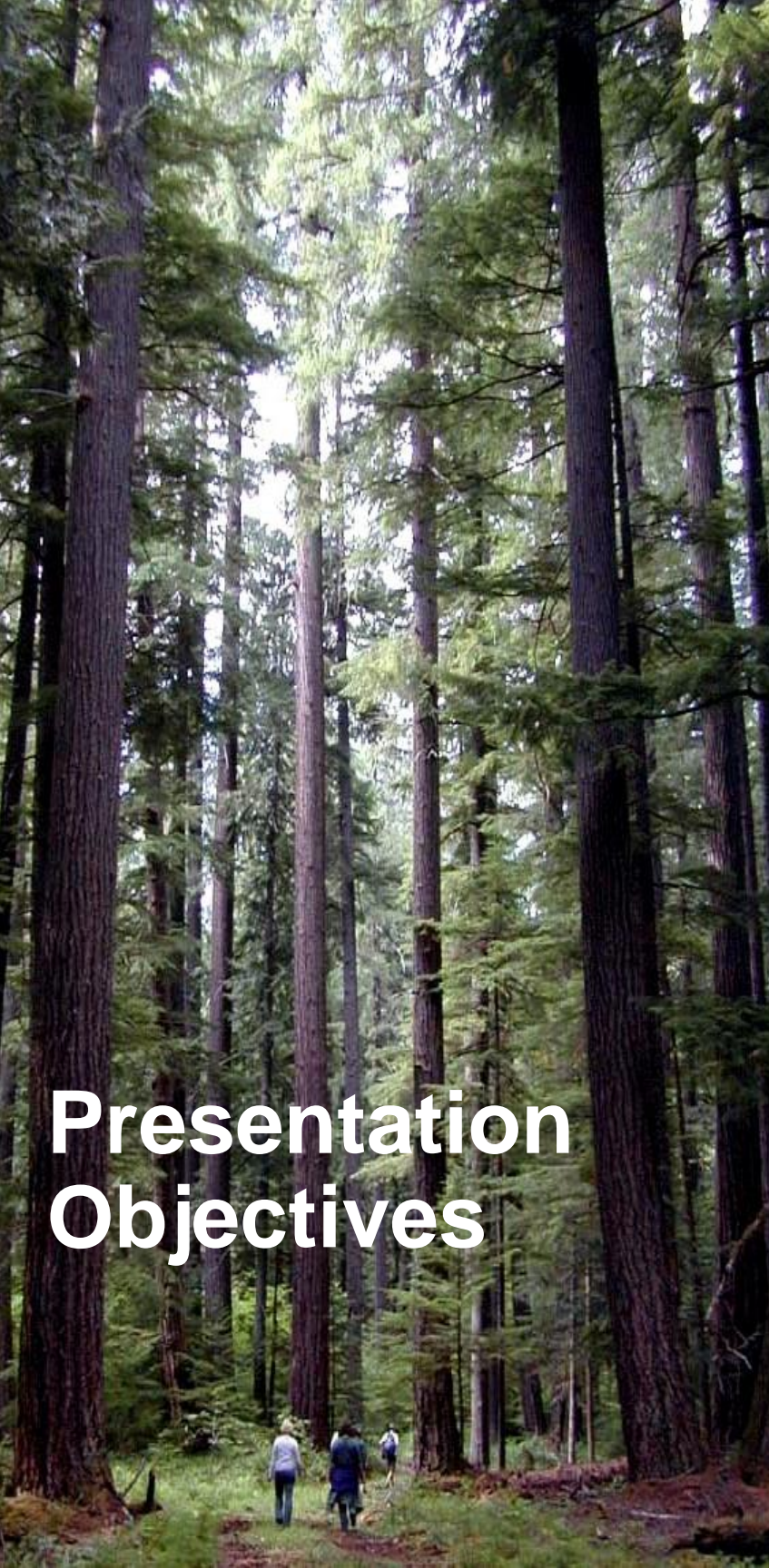


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Presentation Objectives

- **Process and Timeline**
- **Scope and Scale of the HCP**
- **Stakeholder Outreach**
- **FTLAC and Board Engagement**



Western Oregon HCP Project Phases

Phase 1: HCP Initiation & Scoping

(Timeline: November 2018)

- Engage stakeholders
- Refine the species list
- Conduct a Business Case Analysis

Phase 2: Strategy Development

(Timeline: July 2020)

- Develop 1st Administrative Draft of the Western Oregon HCP
- Engage stakeholders

Phase 3: National Environmental Policy Act Analysis

(Timeline: November 2021)

- Complete Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act
- Obtain an Incidental Take Permit

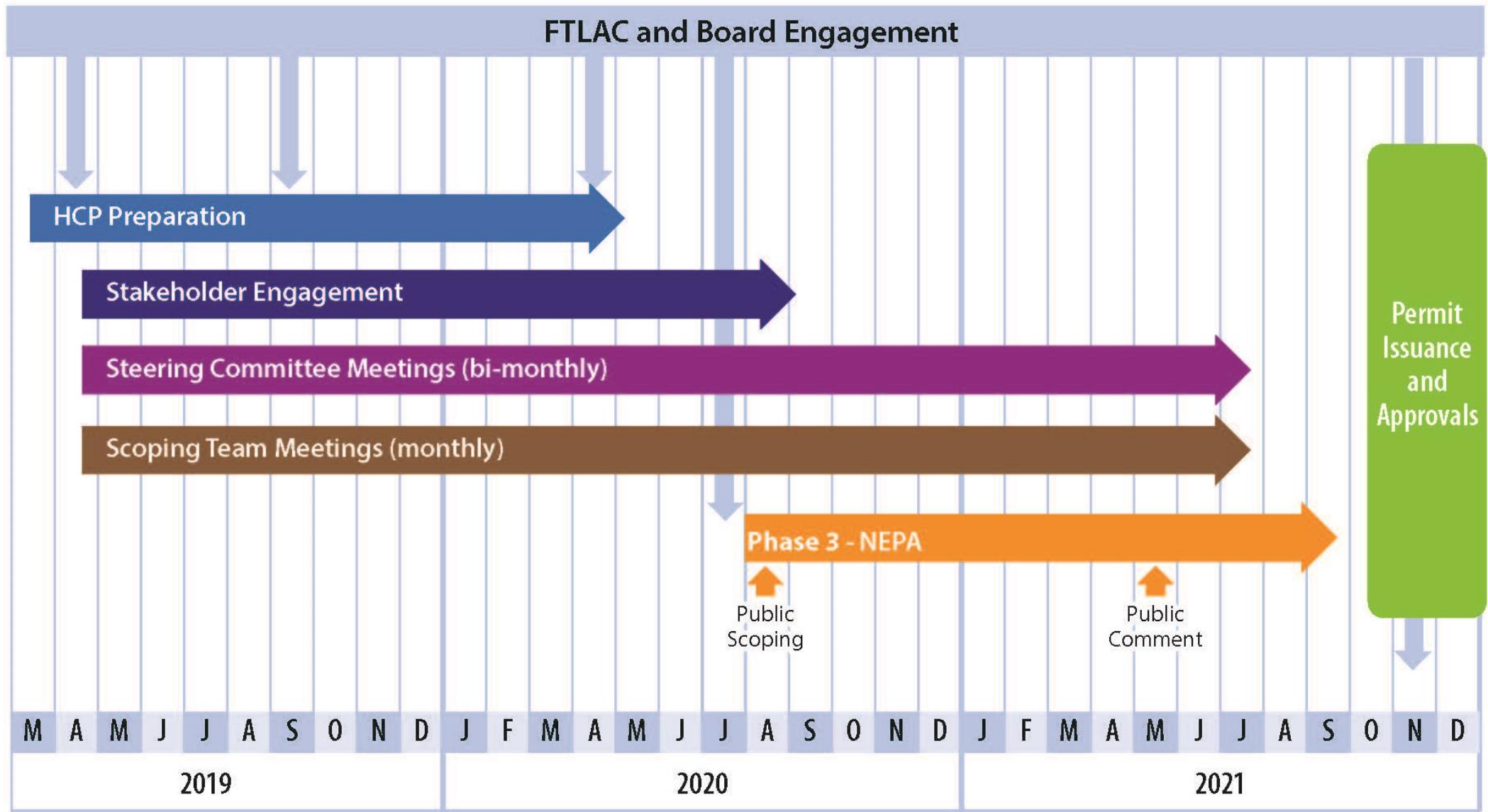
**Project
Phases**

1. Plan Set-Up
2. Plan Development
3. Public Draft Plan and Permit Processing
4. Permits
5. Plan Implementation (Post-Permit Issuance)

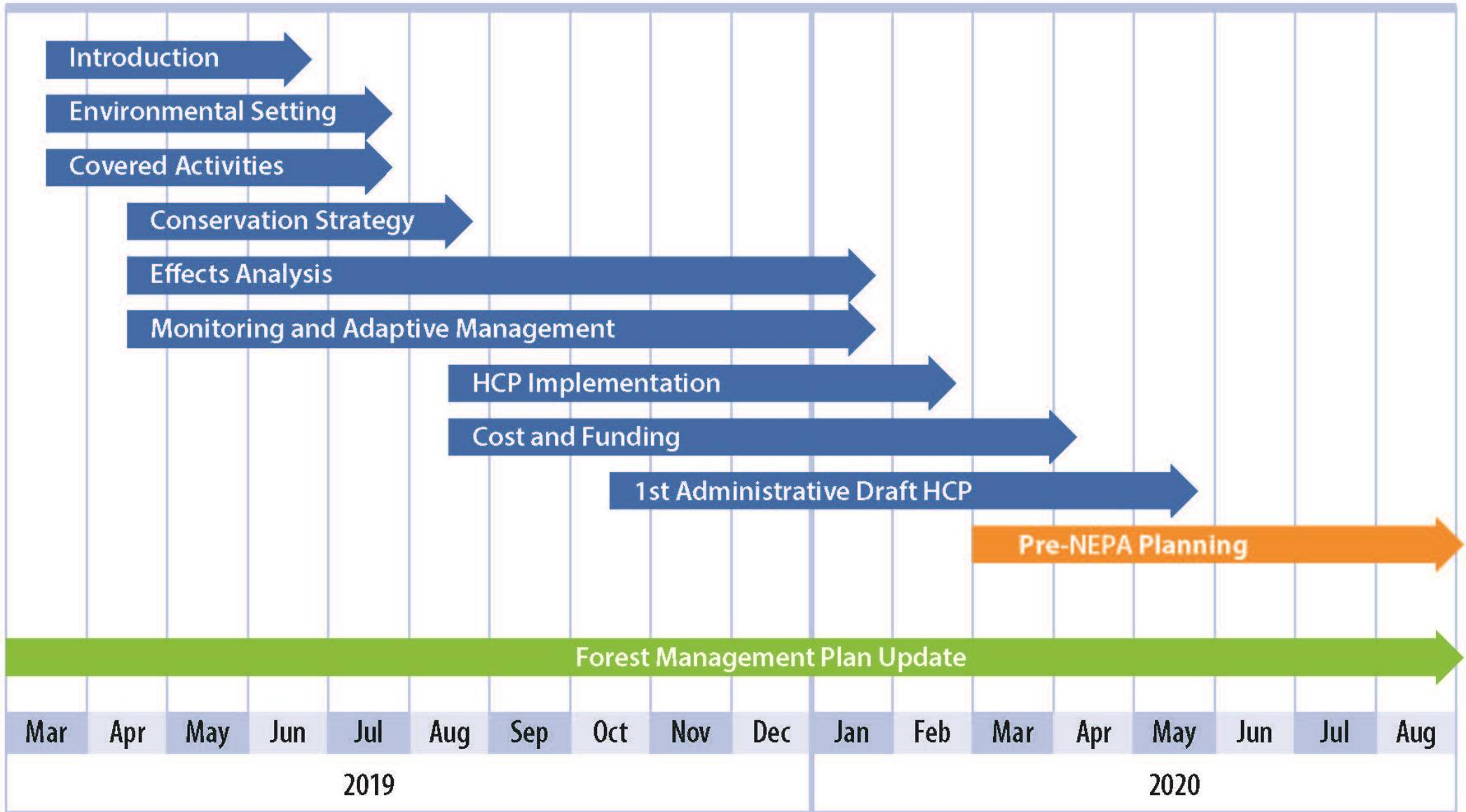
HCP Process



HCP Process Timeline



Draft HCP Development Timeline





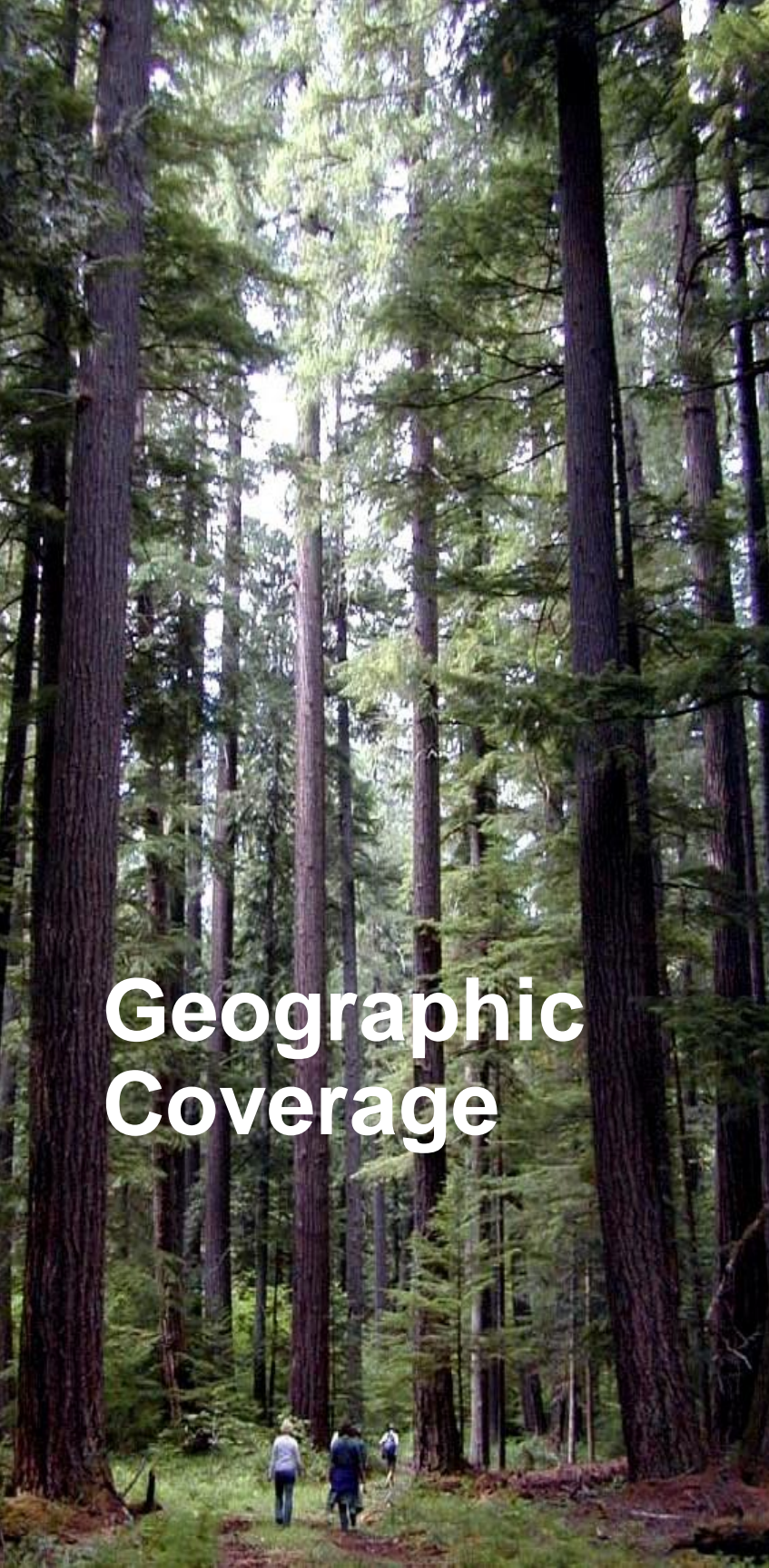
Scope and Scale of the HCP

- **Geographic Coverage**
- **Permit Term**
- **Covered Activities**
- **Covered Species**

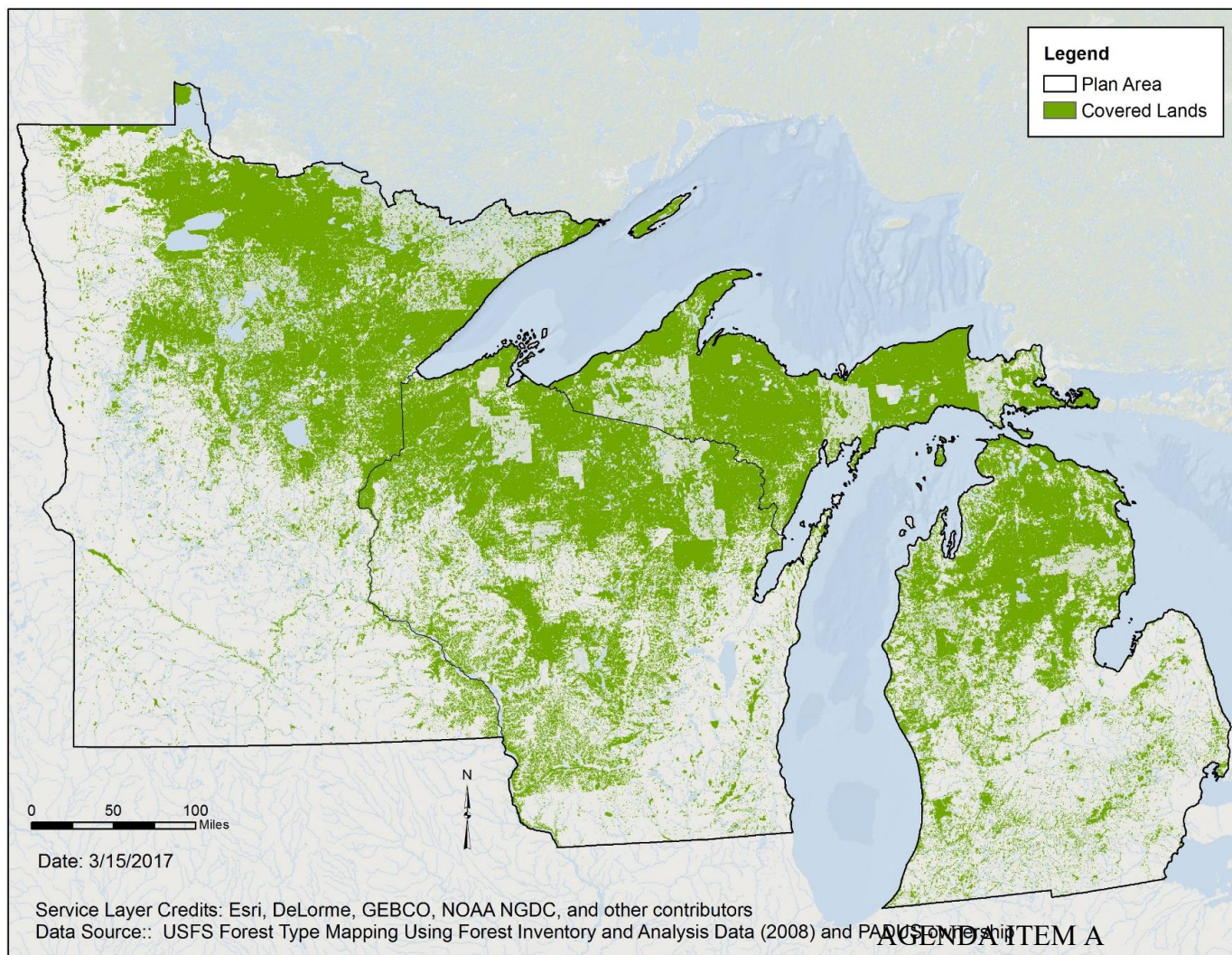


Geographic Coverage

- **Balance economies of scale with manageable size**
- **Consider:**
 - Political or administrative boundaries
 - Ecological boundaries
 - Physical boundaries (e.g., watersheds)
 - Regulatory agency jurisdictions
- **Consider different boundaries:**
 - Permit area: *where covered activities occur*
 - Plan area (area of analysis)
 - Shifting land ownership during permit term
 - Mitigation or conservation area



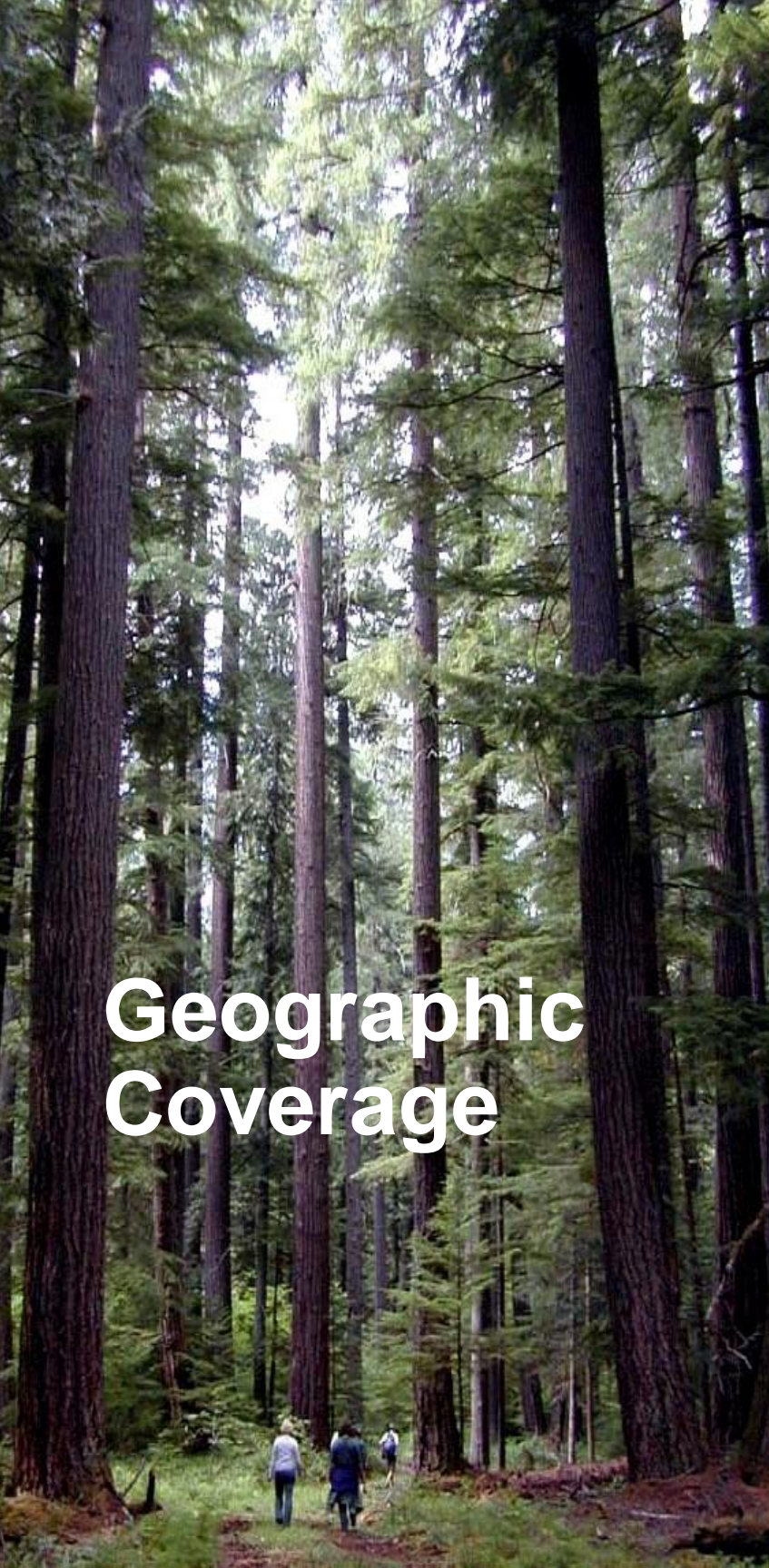
Lake States Forest Management Bat HCP (47.3 million acres)



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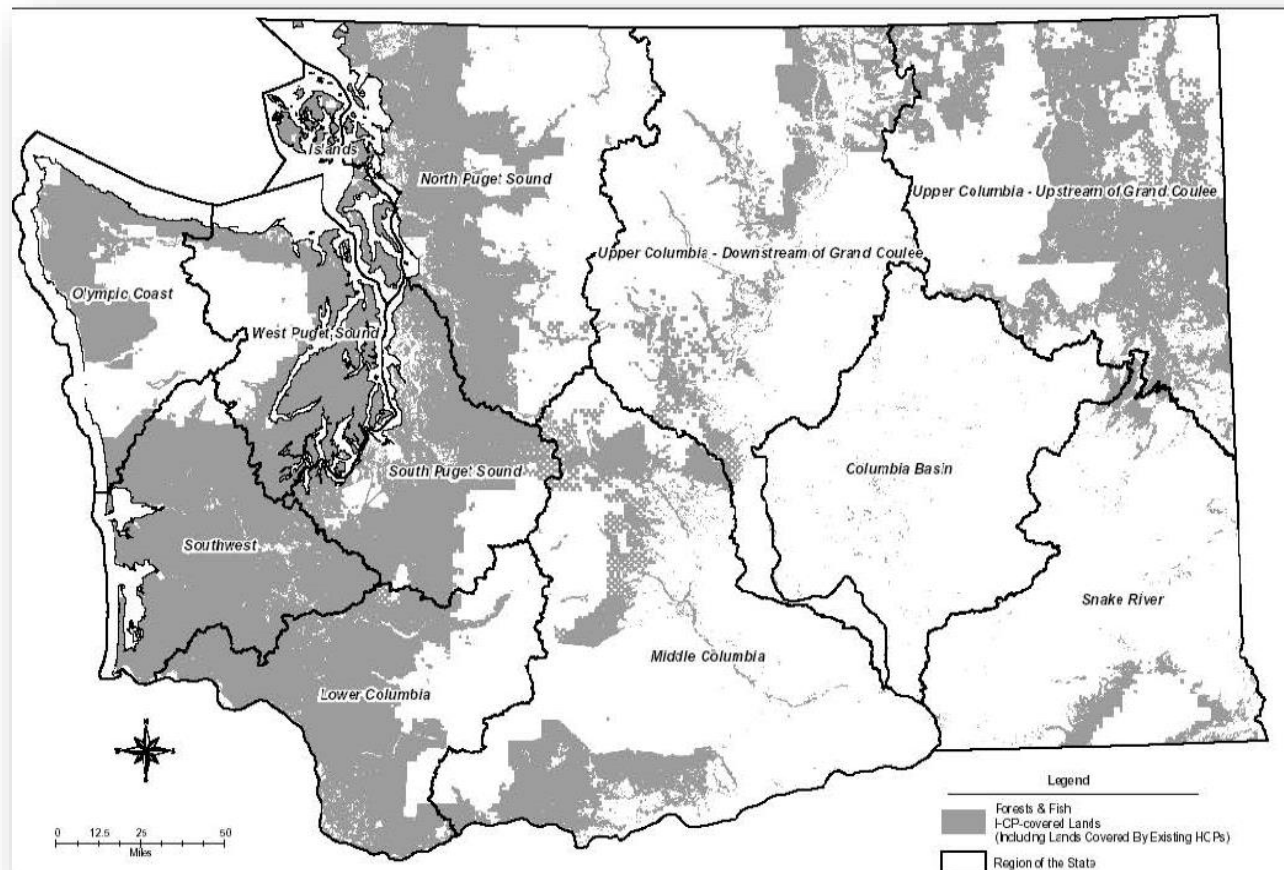
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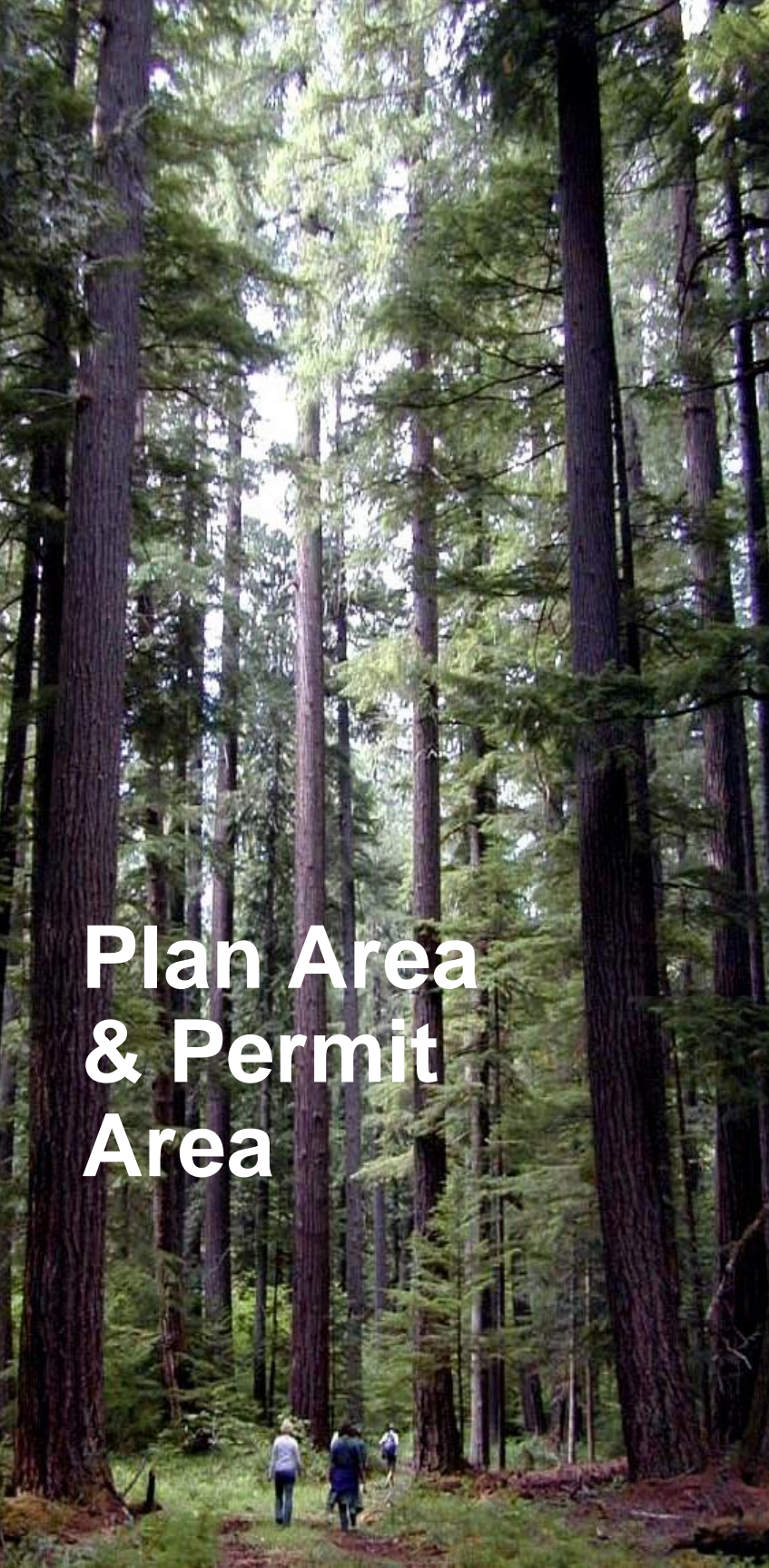
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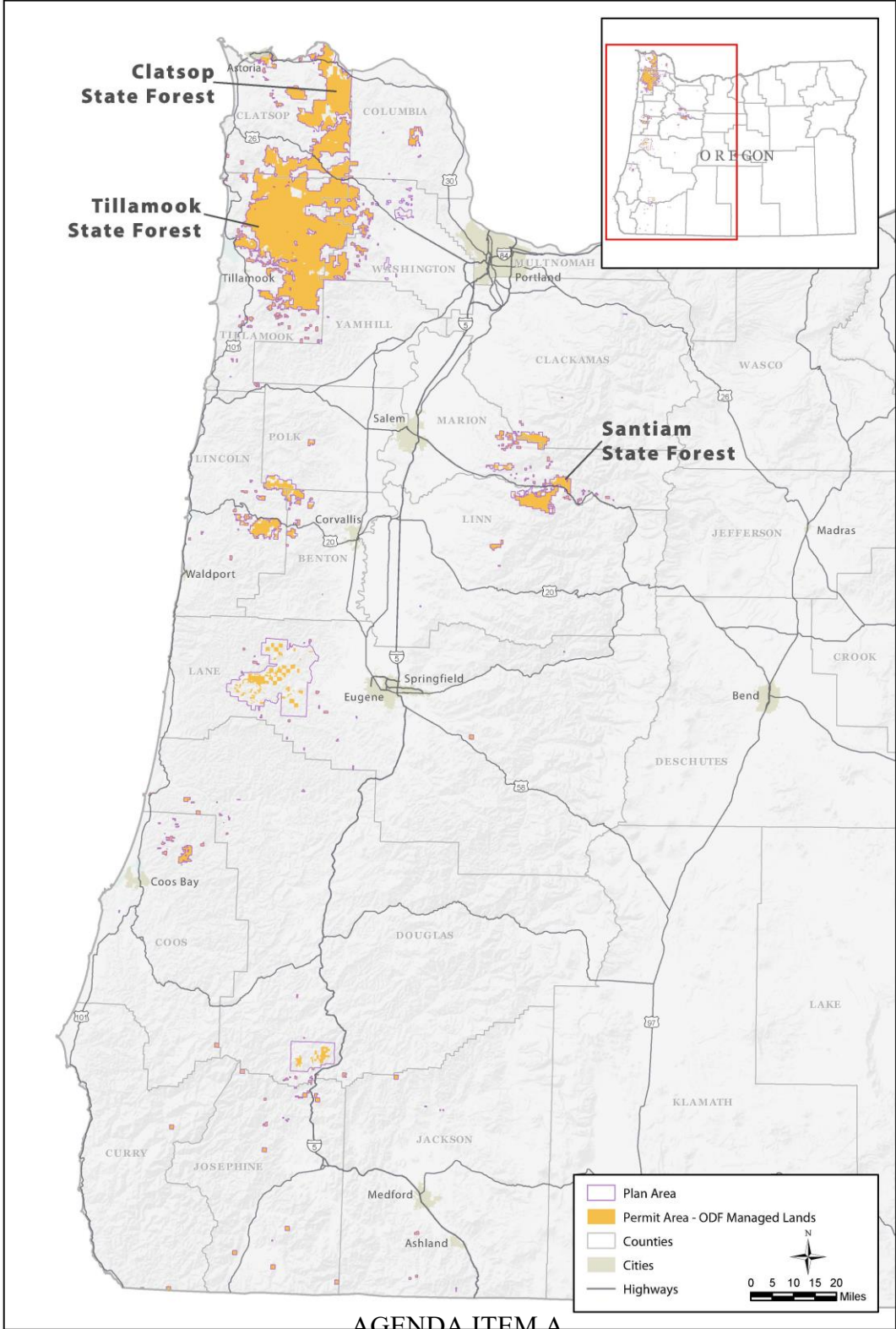
Washington State Department of Natural Resources HCP (9.3 million acres)

Geographic Coverage





Plan Area & Permit Area



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Permit Term

- **Permit term proposed to be at least 50 years**
- **Key considerations**
 - Are covered activities predictable?
 - How long will the conservation take?
 - How uncertain is the ecological future?



Covered Activities

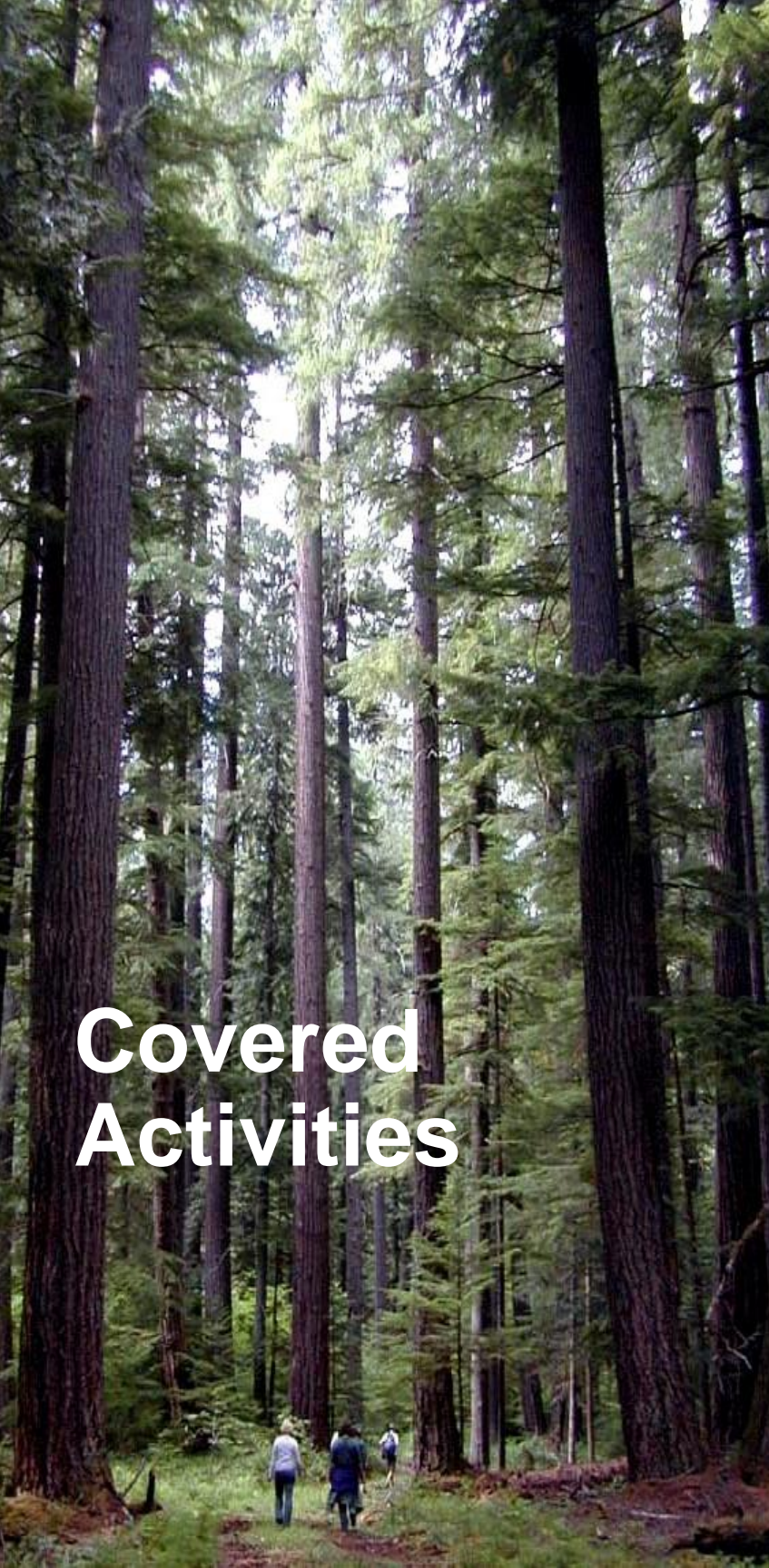
Consider criteria:

Location: In plan area?

Impact: Take of covered species likely?

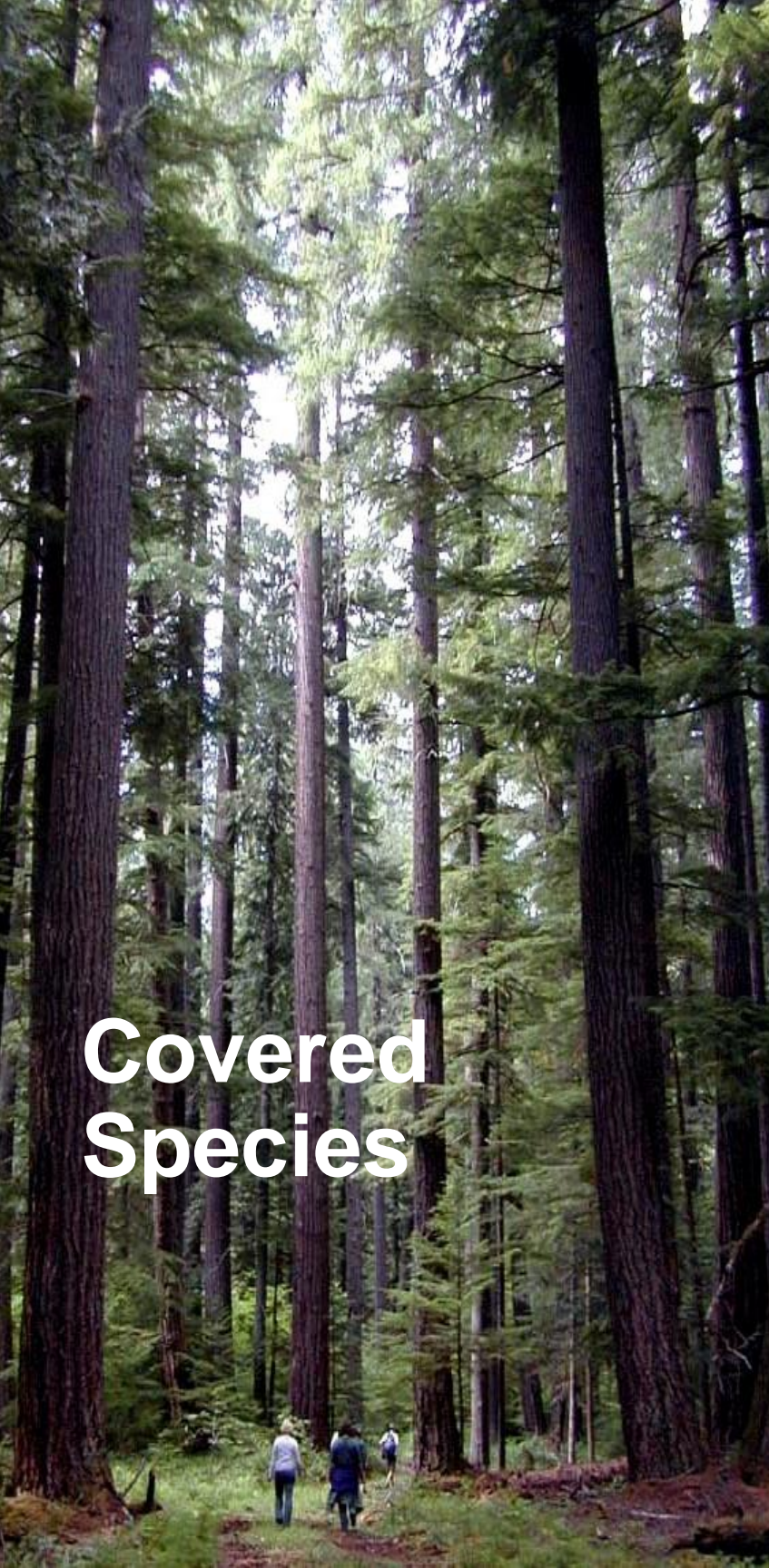
Data: Know enough to describe and quantify activities and impacts?

Control: In control of permit applicants?



Covered Activities

- **Timber Harvest**
- **Stand Management Activities**
- **Road System Management**
- **Recreation Facilities**
- **Conservation Action Implementation**



Covered Species

Species Selection Criteria

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?

Proposed Covered Species

Species	Status ^a	
	State	Federal
Oregon Coast coho (<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>)	--	FT
Lower Columbia River coho (<i>O. kisutch</i>)	SE	FT
Upper Willamette River spring chinook (<i>O. tshawytscha</i>)	--	FT
Upper Willamette River winter steelhead (<i>O. mykiss</i>)	--	FT
Columbia River chum (<i>O. keta</i>)	--	FT
Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho (<i>O. kisutch</i>)	--	FT
Lower Columbia River chinook (<i>O. tshawytscha</i>)	--	FT
Eulachon (<i>Thaleichthys pacificus</i>)	--	FT
Northern spotted owl (<i>Strix occidentalis</i>)	ST	FT
Marbled murrelet (<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>)	ST	FT
Oregon slender salamander (<i>Batrachoseps wrighti</i>)		
Columbia torrent salamander (<i>Rhyacotriton kezeri</i>)		
Cascade torrent salamander (<i>R. cascadae</i>)		
Coastal marten (<i>Martes caurina</i>)	--	PT
Red tree vole (<i>Arborimus longicaudus</i>)	--	FC

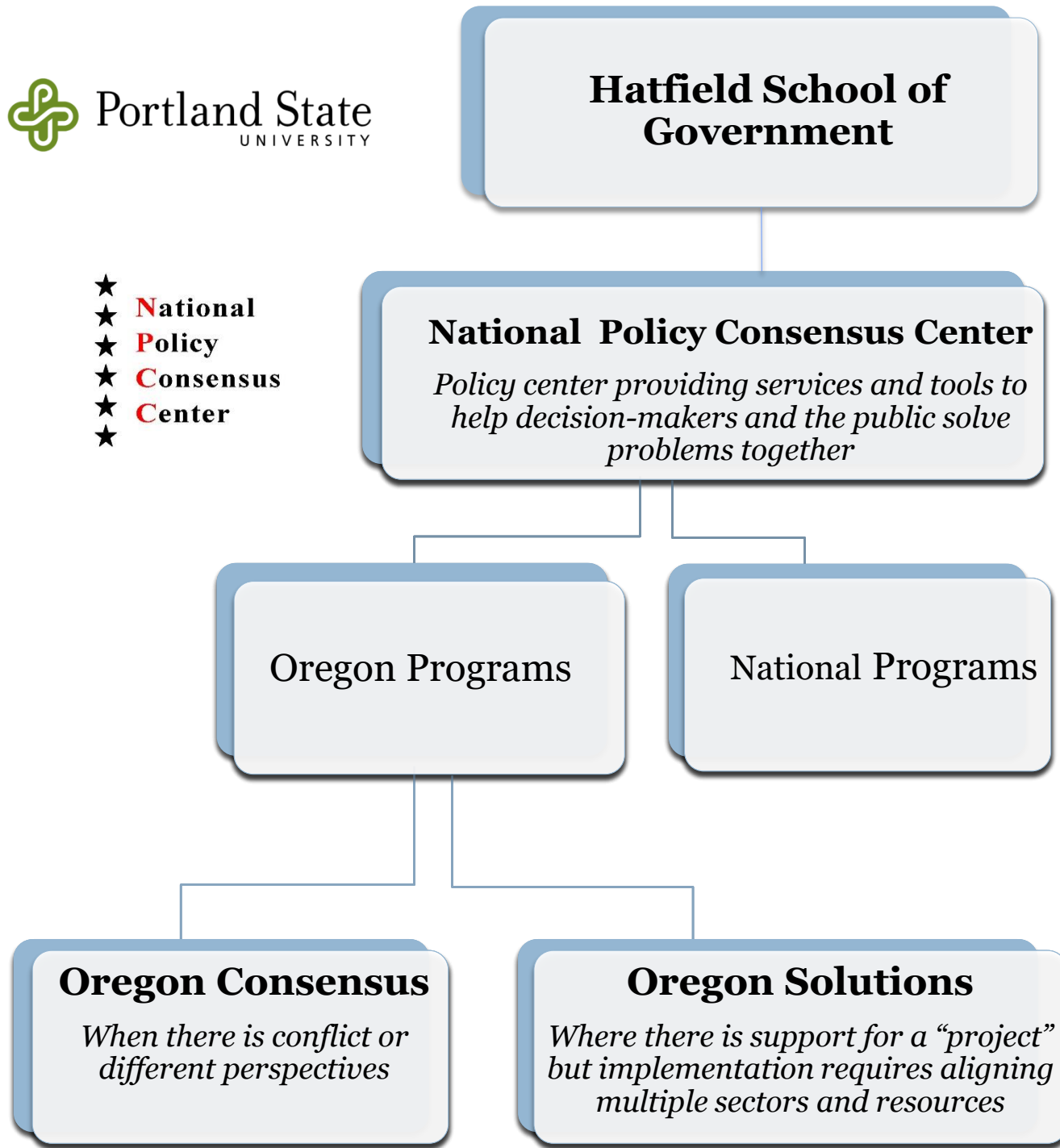


Western Oregon HCP as an
Oregon Consensus project:

What does that mean?



- ★ National
- ★ Policy
- ★ Consensus
- ★ Center





- In existence since 1990.
- Part of the Oregon University System's broader program for Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Legislatively established program for conflict resolution.
 - *Provide mediation and other alternative dispute resolution services to public bodies. (ORS 36.179)*
 - *Increase the use of alternative dispute resolution to resolve disputes involving the State of Oregon. (ORS 183.502(5))*
- A neutral forum and expert facilitation/mediation helps parties reach agreement on contentious public issues.



Common Principles

Joint Ownership: Operating as a neutral forum for joint responsibility and ownership

Community Supported: Convening the people most impacted by a problem as the best ones to solve it.

Inclusive: Increasing access to and assuring meaningful participation in decision making leading to the development of more equitable solutions.

Consensus Seeking: Seeking solutions that are mutually supported to address all interests to the greatest extent possible so they are more durable.

Results Oriented: Employing catalytic processes to help people take action together on things that matter.

Leaders as Conveners: Engaging elected officials to use their unique authority to bring people together to solve public issues.

Distinct Approaches



Western Oregon HCP Process

Board of Forestry

- Ultimate decision-maker

Oregon Department of Forestry

- Convener of the HCP process

Steering Committee

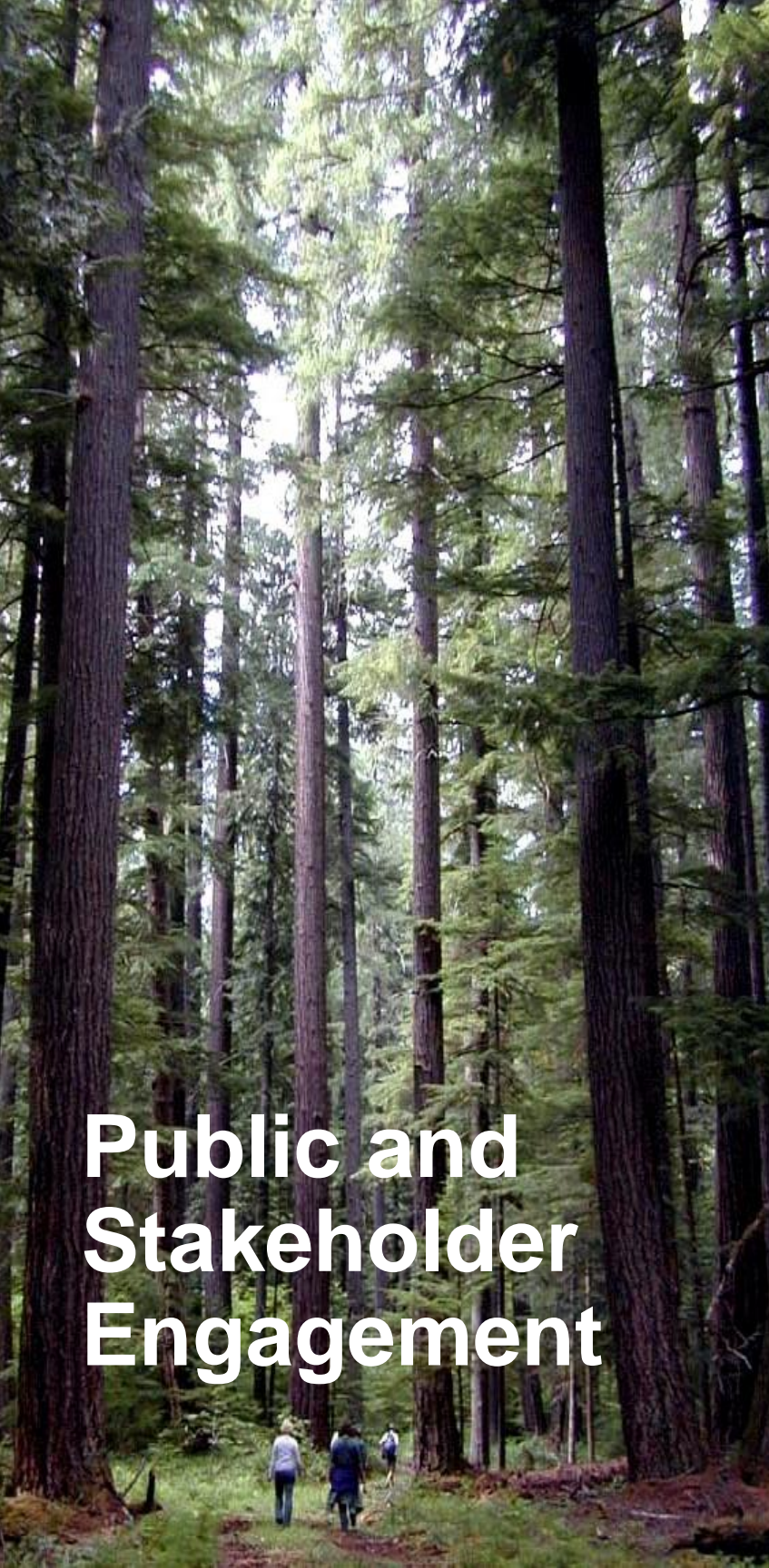
- Direction to guide Scoping Team
- State and federal regulatory agencies

Scoping Team

- Scientific & technical expertise and recommendations
- State and federal agency reps

FTLAC, Public, and Stakeholders

- Input and feedback throughout process



Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Outreach Activities

Completed:

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Public Kick-off Meeting March 21st

Anticipated:

- **Public meetings:** updates on progress and opportunity for broad discussion
- **Informational Updates:** email and website updates
- **Stakeholder engagement:** deeper-level discussions at key milestones

Public and stakeholder engagement strategy is still under development.



Next Steps



Questions



Public Comment



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