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SUMMARY

The Board will be presented with analyses of additional runs of the Harvest and Habitat (H&H) Model.

CONTEXT

The Board requested additional model runs to better support its decision making.

BACKGROUND

In July 2006, the Board requested seven additional H&H Model runs and analyses to help it address issues related to the Northwest State Forest Management Plan. Staff reported on analyses of the first three questions at the November 3, 2006, Board meeting with the intention of reporting on the remaining analyses at the January 3, 2007 Board meeting.

In mid-November, the Department conducted a conference call with two Board members to ensure that the assumptions for the planned model runs were correct and that the analyses would meet the Board's needs. During the conference call, it was determined that a hands-on model tutorial would be a useful way to provide clarity on what the model can and cannot do. This tutorial session was held in Salem on December 1, 2006. The additional analyses will help the Board assess potential tradeoffs between Structure-Based Management and rotation based management practices.

Information on the additional runs of the H&H model will be presented and distributed at the January 3, 2007 Board meeting.

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SUMMARY

At the November 2006 Board meeting, staff presented an issue paper that explored key issues that have been raised throughout the recent Board discussions on the FMPs. The issue paper included a description of potential performance measures to be used to assess whether or not the greatest permanent value (GPV) is being achieved on State Forestlands.

Staff conducted a feasibility analysis on the suggested performance measures from the Board. At this meeting, the Board will review the next iteration of the measures and the feasibility analysis completed by the Department for each of the measures. The Board will provide staff with additional direction on the development of the performance measures, working toward finalizing and initial adoption of the measures at the March 2007 Board meeting.

CONTEXT, BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The development of State Forest's performance measures (PM) has the potential to provide a tool to assist the Board in evaluating over time whether or not GPV is being achieved. By adopting a range of measures that span the breadth of what is to be provided under GPV, these can inform the Board on a periodic basis of what environmental, social, and economic outputs are occurring on state forest lands, and whether or not that suite of outputs is judged by the Board to achieve the GPV.

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS REQUESTED

The Board will be asked to review the staff feasibility analysis of proposed performance measures and provide additional guidance and direction for staff to produce the next iteration of measures.

NEXT STEPS

The Department will use the guidance and direction they receive from the Board at this meeting to develop the final initial set of measures that will be presented at the March Board meeting for adoption. At the June 2007 Board meeting the first assessment of the measures will be presented, and the Board will have an opportunity to make a determination on whether or not GPV is being achieved on State forestlands.

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Draft State Forests Performance Measures
- (2) Draft State Forests Performance Measures Matrix