

Discussion Questions
Board of Forestry/FFAC Workshop
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Questions for the Board of Forestry:

- 1) What do we want the Governor to be spending his time and resources on relative to these problems(i.e., shifting legal landscape, lack of trust, process to coordinate policy decisions, funding, forest health, reduced timber harvest, desired amount of older forests)?
 - a) Host a high-level summit to increase visibility and generate action.
 - b) Work with the Western Governor's Association to build support for proposals with other states.
 - c) Direct State Agencies to commit resources.
 - d) Work with congressional delegation on national legislation.

- 2) What roles should ODF have on achieving desired future conditions on federal forestlands (i.e., property functioning ecosystems and natural processes that support healthy forests and human communities)?
 - a) Participate in federal legislation and National Policy Changes.
 - b) Conduct statewide assessment of fuel reduction priorities and propose projects on federal lands
 - c) Review and comment on Land Management Plans and project Environmental Impact Statement's.
 - d) Act as general contractor for stewardship contracts.

- 3) Why is there a lack of trust in federal land management decisions?
 - a) Lack of public consensus on management goals.
 - b) Conflicting values on natural resource outputs.
 - c) Harvest levels.
 - d) Resorting to litigation to solve disputes.

- 4) How should trust between the various interest groups be increased?
 - a) "National Sustainable Forests Act" to set policy goals and expectations.
 - b) Local Collaborative Processes.
 - c) Pilot projects.
 - d) Address the scientific uncertainties of dual-purpose (e.g., economic and wildlife) management practices.

- 5) What are the broadest areas of agreement between the environmental community & the forest industry?
 - a) Fuels reduction projects.
 - b) Stream enhancement projects.
 - c) Road system maintenance and improvement.

- 6) What is the State role in maintaining and enhancing hydrologic function in a changing climate as it pertains to federal lands? How can the management of federal forestlands stabilize water supply?
 - a) Restore natural processes
 - b) Treat forests to avoid stand replacement fire
 - c) Restore shrub-step habitat (juniper woodlands)
 - d) Fire protection

- 7) This year the Forest Service budget to fight fires is almost half of the total budget. What can be done to turn this around (i.e., reduce the percent going to firefighting)?
 - a) Take fire budget off line
 - b) Fuel budget
 - c) Governor build a coalition

- 8) Where should the State look for support to have greater influence over the management of federal lands?
 - a) Western Governors' Association
 - b) Oregon Congressional Delegation
 - c) Other states (i.e., Washington)

- 9) How can we come to closure on defining older forests and how much there should be?
 - a) Federal legislation.
 - b) Local collaborative processes.
 - c) Regional collaborative processes.
 - d) Regional scientific assessments of wildlife species needs.
 - e) Forest planning process.

- 10) How should older forests be managed and/or protected?
 - a) Create reserves on all remaining older forests.
 - b) Create reserves on old-growth and manage mature forest for replacement.
 - c) Allow late successional reserves to grow into an old-growth condition.
 - d) Manage across the full landscape based upon dynamic ecosystem concepts.

- 11) How should well-being in rural communities be restored?
 - a) Engage communities as active participants in designing forest health treatments
 - b) Infrastructure retained in place
 - c) Increased jobs on public forest lands
 - d) Communities having a predictable and sustainable supply of products from public lands