

**Approved Board of Forestry Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals Statements  
for the Public Review Draft of the 2011 *Forestry Program for Oregon*.**

**Oregon Board of Forestry Mission Statement**

The Board of Forestry's mission is to lead Oregon in implementing policies and programs that promote environmentally, economically, and socially integrated and sustainable management of Oregon's public and private forests.

**Oregon Board of Forestry Vision Statements**

If the *Forestry Program for Oregon* is implemented successfully, Oregon will have:

1. Healthy forests providing an integrated, sustainable flow of environmental, economic, and social outputs and benefits.
2. Public and private landowners willingly making investments to create and maintain healthy forests.
3. Statewide forest resource policies that are coordinated among natural resource agencies.
4. The Board of Forestry recognized as an impartial deliberative body operating openly to achieve the Board's mission.
5. Citizens who understand, accept, and support sustainable forestry and who make informed decisions that contribute to achievement of the vision of the *Forestry Program for Oregon*.
6. Adequate funding for the Department of Forestry to efficiently and effectively accomplish the mission and strategies of the Board of Forestry, and department personnel policies that encourage and recognize employees, allowing them to meet their full potential in providing excellent public service.

## Oregon Board of Forestry Value Statements

The Board of Forestry values:

- 1. A global context.** We believe Oregon's forests are important to the global environment, economy, and society, and that forest managers, government agencies, interest groups, and all other Oregonians should consider the impact of their decisions at local, state, national, and international levels.
- 2. The dynamic nature of Oregon's forests.** We recognize that Oregon's forests are diverse, dynamic, and resilient ecosystems at a landscape scale. A broad range of forest conditions exists naturally, and various forest values, in proper proportion, are mutually compatible over time.
- 3. The intrinsic value of Oregon forest resources.** We believe that while Oregon's native forest plants, animals, and ecosystems provide economic, scientific, cultural, recreational, and aesthetic values, their existence alone warrants their stewardship and enhancement.
- 4. Active management.** We believe Oregon's forests should be actively managed to maintain forest health, to conserve native plant and animal species, and to produce the products and benefits people value. In this context, we define "active management" as the application of practices through planning and design, over time and across the landscape, to achieve site-specific forest resource goals. Active management uses an integrated, science-based approach that promotes the compatibility of most forest uses and resources over time and across the landscape.
- 5. Meeting current and future needs.** We believe forest resources should be used, developed, and protected at a rate and in a manner that enables people to meet their current environmental, economic, and social needs, and also provides that future generations can meet their own needs.
- 6. Landowners and the public sharing responsibility for sustainable forests.** We believe forest sustainability depends on the contributions of both landowners and the public. We support the private landowner's right to practice forest management in a manner that meets or exceeds Oregon's Forest Practices Act. The public must also play an active role by supporting incentives and other non-regulatory methods that encourage continued investment in Oregon's forests to maintain and enhance the public values provided by private forests.
- 7. Forests that contribute to quality of life.** Oregon's forests and the state's rural and urban populations are interdependent. We believe Oregon's forests play a significant role in providing all Oregonian's a high quality of life, including

products, jobs, water and other ecosystem services, recreation, tax revenues for purposes such as education and public safety, and a quality environment.

8. **Healthy rural Oregon.** We believe a healthy rural Oregon, which relies on working landscapes, is vital to the quality of life enjoyed by all Oregonians.

9. **Different landowners playing different roles.** We believe different land ownerships play different roles in achieving the full suite of environmental, economic, and social needs met by the forested landscape. Family forest landowners play unique and valuable roles in Oregon's forest landscape, and their continued vitality must be assured in the face of threats by development, regulation, and economic challenges.

10. **Informed public participation.** We value broad-based, informed public participation and consensus-based decision-making whenever possible.<sup>1</sup>

11. **Continuous learning.** We are committed to continuous learning. The results of forest management policies and programs should be evaluated and appropriately adjusted based upon ongoing monitoring, assessment, and research.

### ***Forestry Program for Oregon Goal Statements***

**Goal A:** Promote a sound legal system, effective and adequately funded government, leading-edge research, and sound economic policies.

**Goal B:** Ensure that Oregon's forests provide diverse social and economic outputs and benefits valued by the public in a fair, balanced, and efficient manner.

**Goal C:** Maintain and enhance the productive capacity of Oregon's forests.

**Goal D:** Protect, maintain, and enhance the soil and water resources of Oregon's forests.

**Goal E:** Contribute to the conservation of diverse native plant and animal populations and their habitats in Oregon's forests.

**Goal F:** Protect, maintain, and enhance the health and resiliency of Oregon's dynamic forest ecosystems, watersheds, and airsheds.

**Goal G:** Enhance carbon storage in Oregon's forests and forest products.

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<sup>1</sup> The Board's decision-making processes are informed by the *Principles for Environmental Management in the West* adopted as a policy resolution by the Western Governors' Association in 1999, 2002, and 2005. See <http://www.westgov.org/wga/policy/08/enlibra8-15.pdf>.