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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the second performance measure report, the first report submitted under the established biennial reporting standard. The document reports outcomes from implementing the current forest management plans. Board input will inform the development of the Board’s 2009 work plan with the Division.

CONTEXT

The Board is operating under a “continuous improvement” approach for the State Forests Division. This approach includes regular and planned evaluations of forest management information. Performance measures are a key tool for the Board to regularly evaluate whether or not outcomes of the forest management plans are achieving “greatest permanent value” (GPV) on its forestlands and to assist the Board in policy discussions related to managing them. The nine performance measures span the breadth of the economic, environmental and social outcomes to be provided under GPV.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The development of performance measures began in 2006. Following a few iterations, nine Board of Forestry performance measures were adopted on March 7, 2007. At the time of adoption, the performance measures and associated metrics varied in their readiness; some took advantage of existing data that could be reported on, while others required new data sources. During performance measure development, the Department identified 33 metrics to support the nine performance measures.

A performance measure report that summarized key results from an initial performance measure assessment was presented to the Board in June, 2007. The Department reported on 21 of the 33 metrics. The Department recommended dropping three of the metrics, one due to a lack of good data and two because they were redundant to other metrics. Board discussion led to the exclusion of one additional metric.

At the November 2007 meeting, the Board established targets for the performance measures specific to the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests. For six of the performance measures, targets were established that were either general in nature, or identified the need for future work before more specific targets could be considered. These qualitative measures include: *Net Return on Asset Value* (#1); *Financial Contributions to Communities* (#2); *Forest Health* (#4); *Recreation* (#7); *Public & Stakeholder and Involvement* (#8); and *Oregonian’s Awareness & Support* (#9).

The remaining three performance measures had more quantitative targets. These quantitative measures include: *Financial Contributions to Government Services* (#3); *Forest Road Risks and Fish Habitat* (#5); and *Wildlife Habitat* (#6).

This performance measure report covers as many of the performance measure metrics as possible. However, some of the metrics remain under development or without consistent data sources to support them. Attachment 1 includes the approved performance measures and the targets for the Clatsop and Tillamook State Forests. Attachment 2 provides a summary of the information presented in the performance measure report (Attachment 3).

NEXT STEPS

A revised Board 2009 work plan will be developed and presented to the Board for consideration early in 2009. This work plan will include a context for the performance measure work, describe current issues related to the performance measures, establish expected board outcomes and articulate an anticipated timeline for accomplishing this work. Initial scoping has identified the following possible topics for inclusion in the proposed work plan: 1) the utility of these nine performance measures in informing the Board on forest management outcomes and the achievement of GPV; 2) improving these nine measures and the metrics that support them, and/or defining new or revised measures; 3) clarify on which of the forestlands outside the North Coast area these nine measures could apply; and 4) if needed, begin to identify performance measures relevant to the other forestlands.

ATTACHMENT

- (1) Performance Measures, and the targets for the Clatsop and Tillamook State Forests
- (2) Summary of Reported data for Performance Measures
- (3) *Board of Forestry State Forests Performance Report*, November 2008 (printed copies will be available at the Board meeting).