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- (2) Burnt River Rangeland Fire Protection Budget, Agenda Item F
- (3) Handout – Smoke Management Funding Plan Alternatives, Agenda Item 2
- (4) Public Comment – Mike Dykzeul, Agenda Item 2
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OREGON STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY
June 6, 2007 Meeting Minutes

In accordance with the provisions of ORS 526.016, a meeting of the Oregon Board of Forestry was held at the State Forester's Headquarters, 2600 State Street, Salem, Oregon. Chair Hobbs called the public meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Steve Hobbs, Chair Larry Giustina Bill Hutchison
Jennifer Phillippi Barbara Craig Chris Heffernan

Absent:

Diane Snyder

Others Present:

Dale Baer, WolfTree
Josh Balloch, Aide to Senator Johnson
Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Columbia County Commissioner
Mike Beyerle, ODF retired
John Charles, Cascade Policy
Mike Dykzeul, Oregon Forest Industries Council
John Gettman, Bay City
Wayne Giesy
Andy Ginsburg, Department of Environmental Quality
Craig Hanneman, Oregon Forest Industries Council
Steve Harbert, Bureau of Land Management
Tony Hyde, Columbia County
Dave Ivanoff, Hampton Affiliates
Chris Jarmer, Oregon Forest Industries Council
State Senator Betsy Johnson
Commissioner Tim Josi, Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee
Rod Krahmer, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Commissioner Mark Labhart, Tillamook County
Ron Larson, Oregon Small Woodlands Association
Commissioner Richard Lee, Clatsop County
Leslie Lehmann, Oregon Forest Resources Institute
Commissioner John Lindsey, Linn County
Bob Manning, OPB Radio
M. W. McArthur, Association of Oregon Counties
Michael Milstein, The Oregonian
Dick Posekany, Frank Lumber Co.
Commissioner Mike Propes, Polk County
Gil Riddell, Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee
State Representative Arnie Roblan
Jim Russell, U.S. Forest Service
Commissioner Ann Samuelson, Clatsop County
Ralph Saperstein, Boise Cascade
Susan Sahnaw, Oregon State University
Eric Schmidt, Association of Oregon Counties
Gary Springer, Starker Forests
Rex Storm, Associated Oregon Loggers

Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center
 Ray Wilkeson, Oregon Forest Industries Council
 Jim Williams
 Janet Wright, Columbia County
 Marvin Brown, State Forester
 Clark Seely, Associate State Forester
 Gayle Birch, Board Support
 Dan Postrel, Agency Affairs
 Rob Nichols
 Jeff Foreman
 Clark Seely, Associate State Forester
 Jim Paul, ASF Forest Mgt.
 Nancy Hirsch
 Barbara Lee
 Jeff Brandt
 Pam Overhulser
 Liz Dent
 Rosemary Mannix
 Ted Lorensen, ASF Resources

David Morman, Resources Planning
 Gary Lettman
 Peter Daugherty, Private Forests
 Mike Cafferata
 Marganne Allen
 Rob Flowers
 Allan Kanaskie
 Paul Bell, ASF Protection
 Bill Lafferty, Protection from Fire
 Charlie Stone
 Jim Trost
 Dan Shults, SOA Director
 Mike Bordelon, NWOA Director
 Tom Savage
 Ron Zilli
 Doug Decker

Consent Agenda:

A. **MINUTES – APRIL 26, 2007 BOARD MEETING**

Approved by consent.

The minutes of the April 26, 2007 Board meeting are approved.

B. **FORESTRY PROGRAM FOR OREGON IMPLEMENTATION – ISSUE 1, OBJECTIVE 5 – PERIODIC ISSUE SCAN**

Seeking approval of the Issue Scan Work Group members as proposed (Attachment 1), representing:

Board of Forestry	Jennifer Phillippi and [to be named]
Committee for Family Forestlands	Bill Arsenault
Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee	Tim Josi, Commissioner
Regional Forest Practices Committees	Tally Patton, NW Regional Cmte.
Public member	Bobby Bruno, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Conservation groups	Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center
Forest recreation community	Barrett Brown, Oregon Motorcycle Riders
Urban forestry community	Chris Neamtzu, City of Wilsonville
Forestry academia	Dr. John Bliss, Oregon State University

The 2007 Issue Scan Work Group Membership is approved, by consent.

C. FOREST REGULATION – ISSUE 6, OBJECTIVE 2 – MINIMIZE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF REGULATIONS

Information item - Update on the status of Water Protection Rule Concepts 3, 4 and 8.

D. ANNUAL LETTERS TO THE STATE FORESTER FOR THE NON-OPERATING FOREST PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Information item - annual communications with the State Forester concerning situations, conditions and problems experienced by the nine non-operating forest protective associations.

E. 2007-08 FISCAL YEAR DISTRICT BUDGETS AND ESTIMATED RATES

Seeking approval of the fiscal year district budgets and estimated rates that generally reflect maintenance of the current level of protection.

Approved by consent.

The 2007-08 fiscal year budgets and estimated district rates are approved.

F. ANNUAL BUDGETS OF THE EASTERN OREGON RANGELAND FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS

Seeking approval of the annual budgets of the eastern Oregon Rangeland Fire Protection Associations. The Burnt River Rangeland budget is included as Attachment 2.

Approved by consent.

The annual 2007-08 budgets of the Burnt River, Crane, Fields-Andrews, Ironside, Silver Creek, Post Paulina, Twickenham and Brothers Hampton Rangeland Fire Protection Associations are approved.

G. RANGELAND PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Seeking approval to proceed with a public hearing to provide protection from fire for private rangelands in the area of Vale and Jordan Valley.

Approved by consent.

The landowner's request to hold public hearing on the subject of providing protection from fire for private rangelands in the vicinity of Jordan Valley and Vale is approved.

Action and Information:

1. STATE FORESTER AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

State Forester Marvin Brown reported on the progress of the Department's budget through the Legislative Assembly. He briefly commented on a proposed fund shift to landowners, noting that discussions continue with the committee co-chairs.

Larry Giustina and Chair Hobbs urged the State Forester to continue scheduling joint meetings with the Federal Forestland Advisory Committee as it continues with its work.

1A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Giesy, Hull-Oakes Lumber Company urged the Board to rely on applied science rather than theoretical science when establishing policies that affect timber operators.

2. WILDFIRE RISK MANAGEMENT – ISSUE 7, OBJECTIVE 3 - SMOKE MANAGEMENT

Charlie Stone, Protection from Fire Program reported that work has continued with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to achieve agreement on the criteria for future listing of smoke sensitive receptor areas [SSRA] as directed by the Board.

Board member Barbara Craig attended and participated in a tour and meeting of the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) in Bend on April 19 and 20, 2007, and reported that the EQC understood the issue of management of fire as a tool versus catastrophic fire. She stated it was likely the EQC would approve the plan following completion of the rulemaking process.

Mr. Stone reviewed the substantive changes addressing *Criteria for Future Listing of Smoke Sensitive Receptor Areas* OAR 629-048-0150, and *Fees for Prescribed Burning* OAR 629-048-0310.

SSRA designation has been revised to require a joint recommendation from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Forestry to the Board for additional areas, and the addition of a five-year look-back on verified smoke incidents.

Focusing on the Smoke Management Funding Plan alternatives (Attachment 3), Mr. Stone described the assumptions of revenue sources and acres burned. The Department recommended alternative C1, and requested the Board's indulgence to allow the proposed language to be adjusted to reflect the alternative C1 fee structure.

Alternative C1 uses one rate per acre for units that are broadcast burned or burned in piles throughout the treatment unit, but a different rate per acre for units where only the landings will be burned. This alternative attempts to address the concerns of some burners who less frequently burn the broader areas of their harvest units.

Following the staff presentation, Chair Hobbs called for public comment.

Jim Russell, U. S. Forest Service expressed support for alternative C1 and the field operations specialist.

Mike Dykzeul, Oregon Forest Industries Council offered general support for the recommendations contained in the rule package (Attachment 4). Should HB 3468 pass, support would be for funding alternative B1.

Public comment was received via e-mail from Merlyn Hough, Ben Groesbeck, Mary Jane Hite, Stephanie Oman, and Lee Oman requesting the city of Florence be designated as a smoke-sensitive receptor area (Attachment 5).

Following public comment, and with assistance from Charlie Stone and Jim Trost, Protection from Fire Program, the Board discussed the proposed rule package and asked clarifying questions.

Barbara Craig suggested the Board send a letter of thanks to the EQC and the Department of Environmental Quality for its participation and support of the process.

Public hearings for the rule package are projected to occur in late July and August with a return to the Board requesting approval of the final rules in November 2007. When approved, the majority of the rules would be in effect for the spring 2008 burning season.

Following discussion, and with Board consensus, Chair Hobbs ordered:

The State Forester is directed to follow established procedures and begin the rulemaking process by holding public hearings on the proposed Smoke Management Rule Proposal.

4. FOREST REGULATION – ISSUE 6, OBJECTIVE 4 – PRIVATE FORESTS
2006 FOREST HEALTH UNIT UPDATE and INVASIVE SPECIES –
DEVELOPING WORK PLAN 8

Forest Health Report

Alan Kanaskie and Rob Flowers, Private Forests Program Forest Health and Monitoring Unit provided an overview of the major insect, disease, and other damaging agents affecting Oregon's forests in 2006 (Attachment 6).

Statewide, even with significant local infestations in Central Oregon, overall declines in bark beetle populations were observed in 2006. In contrast, increased damage was observed due to defoliating and conifer needle sap feeding insects, Swiss needle cast, and black bear. Ongoing monitoring for non-native insects found Asian and European Gypsy Moths as well as several exotic wood-boring species. Despite an aggressive eradication program, the number and acreage of Sudden Oak Death-infested tanoak trees in southwest Oregon returned to initial infection levels. The eradication program is still considered effective, maintaining the disease at low levels.

The following is a summary of Forest Health Conditions in Oregon in 2006:

Sudden Oak Death, caused by the invasive pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, expanded in 2006 despite the aggressive eradication effort. Two consecutive years of unusually wet spring weather are thought to have favored spread of the pathogen. The disease is still confined to a small (26 mi²) quarantine area near Brookings in Curry County.

Since 2002, the Department has received over \$400,000 from the USDA Forest Service for surveying and monitoring and over \$1 million for the eradication of Sudden Oak Death. Early detection and rapid response have limited the economic and ecological impact of this pathogen on Oregon's forests and industries so far. Intensification of the disease and delayed federal funding caused by the continuing resolution in the U.S. Congress highlighted the need for a state-funded invasive species eradication program.

Precipitation levels in 2006 reduced moisture stress and resulted in greater resistance to bark beetles. Statewide declines in the total area affected by bark beetles were driven in large part by reduced fir engraver damage. In contrast, mountain pine beetle outbreaks have increased for the seventh consecutive year along the east slope of the Cascades.

Severe winter storms produced high levels of windthrow in western Oregon. Increased stand susceptibility to Douglas fir bark beetle outbreaks is expected over the next 2-3 years.

Damage by defoliating insects increased in 2006, driven primarily by the activity of western spruce budworm in eastern Oregon. Budworm damage increased substantially this year, while the Pandora moth outbreak in south-central Oregon continued to collapse. Increases in pheromone trap catches of Douglas-fir tussock moths also occurred.

Increased detection and damage by a native conifer needle sap feeding insect pest, the black pineleaf scale, also occurred this year, affecting a number of areas in central Oregon.

Pheromone trap catches of European gypsy moths increased in 2006, and a single Asian gypsy moth was also detected. Eradication efforts by the Oregon Department of Agriculture were conducted in St. Helens and Bend during the month of May 2007.

Exotic wood-boring insect monitoring efforts did not detect any of the primary, non-native species of concern including Asian longhorn beetle, emerald ash borer, pine

shoot beetle or “European woodwasp” in 2006; however, there were detections of several other exotic wood-boring species never before trapped in Oregon.

The 2006 Swiss needle cast survey results showed a marked increase in the area of forest with symptoms of Swiss needle cast compared to the previous 3 years. Survey conditions were excellent and the observers considered the 2006 survey to be the most reliable to date.

The Department and the U.S. Forest Service cooperate in a national ozone-monitoring program. Ozone injury to plants has not been detected in any of the 35 Oregon plots.

The aerial survey for black bear damage to trees in western Oregon indicated levels of damage almost double the ten-year average of 27,000 acres.

Invasive Species – Developing Issue Work Plan #8

Marganne Allen, Forest Health and Monitoring Unit noted that recent difficulties in funding the ongoing wildland Sudden Oak Death eradication program being implemented on behalf of the Department of Agriculture (ORS 561.510) has highlighted the need for a state-funded program to execute such efforts. She recommended the Board adopt a conceptual model for the early detection and rapid response to invasive species as an addition to the Invasive Species Work Plan (#8).

Following a brief discussion, and with Board consensus, Chair Hobbs ordered:

The Department will develop a conceptual approach to funding and implementing an Early Detection and Rapid Response Program to Invasive Species, involving key stakeholder groups, to the draft Invasive Species Work Plan Issue 8.

Chair Hobbs presented Alan Kanaskie with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the Sudden Oak Death Eradication Program. Certificates were also prepared for the Insect and Disease field crew members Kevin Nelson, Jon Laine, Michael Thompson, and Harvey Timeus.

3. MARY RELLERGERT FORESTRY EDUCATION AWARD

The award was named to honor Oregon Department of Forestry’s former Tillamook State Forest Education Coordinator, Mary Rellergert, who passed away in February 2004. Rellergert was a founder of the Tillamook State Forest Education Program, which provides high quality forest learning experiences for K-12 students at the Tillamook Forest Center.

The third annual award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the advancement of education and understanding about forestry.

Doug Decker, Northwest Oregon Area Project Leader, Susan Sahnaw, OSU Oregon Forestry Education Program presented the Mary Rellergert Forestry Education Award to **Dale Baer, Wolfree Inc., and Rick Zenn and the World Forestry Center Education Program.**

Dale Baer, Wolfree Inc.

Since 2001, Dale has served as Wolfree's senior science instructor and has been involved in every facet of the non-profit organization's educational programming, from Cascade Streamwatch to International Migratory Bird Day. Mr. Baer worked as a forest scientist with the U.S. Forest Service for more than 30 years and always took a strong interest in education, research and working with kids. After retirement in 2001, he went to work with Wolfree where he has worked with thousands of students. Teachers, students and colleagues all credit Dale with having a special inspirational spark that makes learning fun and that leads to a lifetime of appreciation of the natural world.

Wolfree, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 charitable non-profit corporation that was established in 1994, whose mission is to serve people and their communities through innovative science education in the outdoors.

World Forestry Center Education Program

Students from throughout the Metro area and beyond have benefited from education programs at the World Forestry Center, located across from the Oregon Zoo in Portland, and at the center's demonstration forests near Wilsonville and Silverton. The program reaches more than 600 schools and community groups and 10,000 children each year. The World Forestry Center's museum, camps, lectures, programs, field tours and forest education events have helped connect kids with trees and forests for more than 20 years. Rick Zenn, Education Director for 17 years, has a passion for creating programming that engages people in "hands-on" learning. The World Forestry Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to educate people about the importance of forests and to promote sustainable forestry.

5. *FORESTRY PROGRAM FOR OREGON IMPLEMENTATION – ISSUE 1*
OBJECTIVE 4 – ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT TOOLS

2007 Board Governance Performance – Self Evaluation Initiation

Clark Seely, Associate State Forester provided copies of the staff summary of the 2007 individual Board member self-evaluation responses (Attachment 7). Through self-facilitation, the Board collectively discussed and evaluated each of the sixteen best practices criteria, agreed upon a rating and discussed the four summary questions.

Best Practices Criteria - Discussion:

1. Executive Director's performance expectations are current. Agree
2. Executive Director's performance has been evaluated in the last year. Disagree
[The Governance performance evaluation period was May 2006 through April 2007- the Director's evaluation will be completed in June 2007.]
3. The agency's mission and high-level goals are current and applicable. Agree
4. The Board reviews the Annual Performance Progress Report. Agree
5. The Board is appropriately involved in review of agency's key communications. Agree
6. The Board is appropriately involved in policy-making activities. Agree
[The Board requested rewording of the example to reflect the fulfillment of the statutory policy role rather than geographic emphasis.]
7. The agency's policy option packages are aligned with their mission and goals. Agree
8. The Board reviews all proposed budgets. Agree
9. The Board periodically reviews key financial information and audit findings. Agree
10. The Board is appropriately accounting for resources. Agree
[More strategic discussions about the budget should take place.]
11. The agency adheres to accounting rules and other relevant financial controls. Agree
12. Board members act in accordance with their roles as public representatives. Agree
13. The Board coordinates with others where responsibilities and interests overlap. Agree
14. The Board members identify and attend appropriate training sessions. Agree
15. The Board reviews its management practices to ensure best practices are utilized. Agree
16. The Board values public input and transparency in conducting its work through outreach to and engagement of stakeholders and by using its work plan communication tools. The Board also values input and communications with its standing advisory committees, special ad hoc committees and panels, and external committees with Board interests. Agree
[Transparency of the public participation processes should be improved.]

Summary Questions - Discussion:

1. **How are we doing?**
 - *issue specific, now moving on a clear path*
 - *work plan development was beneficial*

2. **How do we compare to others and/or to our target?**
 - *haven't been following other Boards and Commissions; hard to judge*
 - *consensus based decision-making is good; committed staff*
 - *compare favorably to others*

3. **What factors are affecting our results?**
 - *pending and active legal action; chilling effect*
 - *the lack of adequate budget; adequate funding, i.e., monitoring*

4. **What needs to be done to improve future performance?**
 - *explicit support and assistance*
 - *business systems initiative, i.e. staff reports with e-links*
 - *getting minutes earlier would make the context more apparent*
 - *staff recommendations should contain discussion of other opinions and rationale for the recommendation*

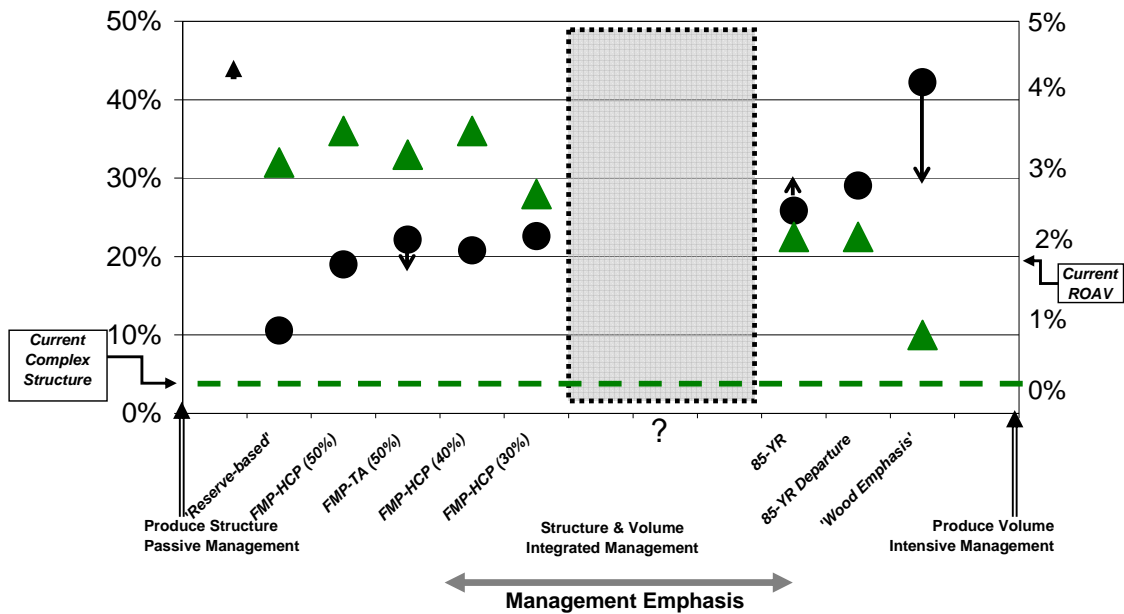
Staff will present the final report to the Board at its September 5, 2007 meeting in Salem.

6. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT – ISSUE 2, OBJECTIVE 1 – ADAPTING FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS

Jim Paul, Assistant State Forester and Nancy Hirsch, Acting State Forests Program Director summarized the performance measures designed to assist the Board's evaluation and determination whether or not improvements to the current forest management plans should be considered to provide adequate assurance that greatest permanent value was being achieved on State Forest lands (Attachment 8).

Focusing on a general analysis of the effects of the interactions of measures 1 and 6 in the northwest Oregon districts, Mr. Paul described the outputs of eight different model scenarios and how the outcomes of those two performance measures might be affected by the range of management approaches considered in those model scenarios. [Chart shown on following page.]

Performance Measures #1 and #6: Astoria, Forest Grove, and Tillamook Districts



Potential modifications or improvements to the forest management plans to be consistent with the following principles:

1. Improvements should seek to maintain or improve outcomes across economic, environmental, and social measures.
2. Improvements to the structure-based management concept should consider the utility of active and passive management, as well as the means to provide greater assurances around the achievement of complex structure in a timely manner.
3. Improvements should explore ways to enhance financial performance.

Bill Hutchison suggested adding an overriding principle stating “improvements must be sustainable.”

Following staff’s presentation, Chair Hobbs called upon Tim Josi, Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee Chair [FTLAC] for his report. Mr. Josi expressed support for the Department’s work on performance measures. Focusing on the return on asset value measure, FTLAC supports increasing and improving the return and offered suggestions (Attachment 9).

State Representative Arnie Roblan, District 9 encouraged the Board to consider voting when the consensus model fails. He stated the Board could meet the goals of the

plan and have much higher timber production. He also encouraged the Board to have conversations with Federal partners.

Bill Hutchison responded that the Board was committed to the consensus-based decision making model which had not hindered the Board's work.

Commissioner Ann Samuelson, Clatsop County stated the Board's decisions affected people's lives, and urged the Board to remember the historic perspective of the county lands.

Commissioner Richard Lee, Clatsop County supported the comments made by Tim Josi, and stated the Board could achieve its goals and have a larger timber harvest.

Jim Williams commented on the economic impact of timber jobs on local communities.

Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center commented on the behalf on the Audubon Society of Portland, Center for Biological Diversity, Coast Range Association, CRAG Law Center, Native Fish Society, Oregon Council Trout Unlimited, Oregon Wild, Pacific Rivers Council, Sierra Club Oregon Chapter, Umpqua Watersheds and the Wild Salmon Center (Attachment 10). Mr. Van Dyk supported the Department's move to consider more passive approaches to management, and a broad and balanced interpretation of greatest permanent value. He urged caution about the emphasis placed on return on asset value, and stated any changes to the forest management plans should enhance habitat for species of concern through permanent and biologically-driven strategies based upon the best available science.

Rex Storm, Associated Oregon Loggers stated the current Forest Management Plan [FMP] was underperforming and urged the Board to amend it for the purpose of improving the greatest permanent value and cited several factors (Attachment 11).

State Senator Betsy Johnson, District 16 urged the Board to balance harvest levels with the protection of the other values, and offered her commitment to continue working on the serious problems of affected counties.

Following public comment, with assistance from Jim Paul and Nancy Hirsch, the Board began its discussion of the Department's recommendation.

Chair Hobbs noted that there were areas of unexplored options. Marvin Brown added that staff could make more specific recommendations. What is learned about structure based management over time, would guide changes. He asked for the opportunity to explore those changes, and propose approaches to improve the objectives and implementation of the FMP. Improvements on the concept of structure based management could also be made. The three principles would provide a framework for the work. The analysis would show how the potential changes interact with the performance measures. He noted that some alternatives could require an amendment to the FMP.

Responding to Jennifer Phillippi's question, Mr. Brown stated performance would be measured by the success of creating wildlife habitat, and how species of concern were addressed.

Larry Giustina commented that monitoring and research was funded by timber harvest, noting all options should be available for discussion.

Summarizing the Board's discussion, Chair Hobbs proposed the following recommendation. With consensus of the Board, Chair Hobbs ordered:

With Board consensus, Chair Hobbs ordered:

The Department is directed to develop suggestions to improve the performance of the Forest Management Plan relative to achieving Greatest Permanent Value, using the three principles provided by the Department to the Board as a basis for the work. The Department should not feel constrained in exploring ways to meet the three principles.

The suggestions will be reported to the Board at its November 2, 2007 meeting. The report shall show the estimated changes in the performance measures, recognizing that those would be estimates with the various suggested alternatives, and describe if and how the current Forest Management Plan might have to be amended.

The Department will provide an update to the Board at its September 5, 2007 meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Hobbs adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

On Thursday, June 5, 2007, the Board met with its Federal Forestland Advisory Committee and discussed the Committee's draft Goals, list of issues and Guidance Document.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Brown, State Forester and
Secretary to the Board

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