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Board members,

I will bring a hard copy of the June 3 draft minutes to the meeting. I will also bring a hard copy of the Attachment 1 for Agenda Item 5, the most current legislatively adopted budget report (attached).

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The minutes for June 3, 2009 (Consent Agenda Item B) have been changed to reflect the below. Hard copies will be distributed at the meeting.

Following the Board's vote, Chair Blackwell ordered:

1. Remove reliance on the draft Western Oregon Habitat Conservation Plan for development of strategies for species of concern in both the Northwest and Southwest Forest Management Plans; maintain HCPs as a potential future tool for federal Endangered Species Act compliance.
2. Approve use of the Draft Species of Concern (SOC) strategies as the Department's approach for managing SOC, with the acknowledgment that several planning steps still need to take place before the SOC strategies are final; replace existing habitat conservation language with policy-level principles of these strategies in the plan, develop SOC plans for districts outside the north coast districts, and place specific management standards in policy at the Division level.
 Conduct peer reviews and adaptive management as necessary to achieve policy-level principles in the FMPs.
3. Revise the Northwest Oregon Forest Management Plan to allow a different balance of economic, environmental, and social benefits that better reflect those considered in performance measure development discussions; specifically, modify the complex forest structure range from 40 to 60 percent of the forest to 30 to 50 percent of the forest.
4. The Board recognizes that Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 629-035-0020(5) directs a 10-year review of Chapter 629-035-0020(2). This Section 0020(2) of Chapter 629, Division 035, defines the "management focus" required of the State Forester to secure "Greatest Permanent Value." This review was to have been completed before March 1, 2008.

Pursuant to that requirement, staff will begin development of recommendations to revise not only 629-035-0020 (2), but also any other portions of Chapter 629, Division 035, necessary for the development of a new plan (or plans) for the Board's Northwest and Southwest State Forests.

5. The Board finds that the existing Division 035 administrative rules and subsequent Forest Management Plan are founded on assumptions that have not born true. For that reason the fundamental policy framework that defines "Greatest Permanent Value" in administrative rule should be questioned and revised appropriately. Also, if new plans are to be developed, a more efficient planning process, as spelled out in OAR, is also in order. Staff should present draft concepts of the OAR revisions to the Board no later than April 2010.
6. While this work is being completed, the Board directs that staff proceed with the Recommendations 1 through 3 in the staff report as interim measure for improving outputs in a way that still follows the principles of the current Forest Management Plan.