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From: Roy Woo, Acting State Forester

CC: NWOA and SOA District Foresters

Date: 03/10/03

Re: District Implementation Plan and Forest Land Management Classification
Approval

The Board of Forestry adopted the *Northwest Oregon and Southwest Oregon State Forests Management Plans (FMPs)* in January 2001. Each plan included direction for the development of "implementation plans that describe the management approaches and activities each district in the planning area will pursue in order to carry out" the plans.

Districts developed draft Implementation Plans (IPs) and made them available for a 90-day public comment period from June 12 to September 14, 2001. Jim Brown reviewed the initial recommended IPs and the *Resolution Team Report for Implementation Plan Comments*. Jim Brown required the recommended implementation plans (dated May 2001) be modified before receiving final State Forester approval.

The final IPs I am approving incorporate the State Foresters recommended modifications outlined in the memo in July 2002, "Direction to Modify IPs1.doc", and the following modifications resulting from public comment and Board of Forestry discussion on March 5, 2003. The "Current Stand Structure" chart on page 14 of the Astoria District IP has been modified to reflect updated data. The West Oregon District and Western Lane District IPs have been modified to include the projected timeline for reaching the desired future condition. This is consistent with the FMPs requirement that states "The State Forester shall approve, modify, or deny the recommended implementation plans. If the State Forester modifies a recommended plan, the modifications will be incorporated into the original plan and appropriate revisions made to land management classifications."

My approval of this document individually approves the district implementation plans included in this document. As such, revisions to individual IPs will not require review and re-approval of other IPs included in this package.

Forest Land Management Classification (FLMC)

The districts' initial draft of the forest land management classification was completed and subject to public review in accordance with OAR 629-035-0050. The final FLMC district maps I am approving have incorporated public comment where appropriate and the previous State Forester's recommended modifications.

I am approving the final IPs for Astoria, Forest Grove, Tillamook, Clackamas-Marion (Cascades), West Oregon, Western Lane and Southwest Oregon Districts, and the final FLMC maps for those districts. I am directing the State Forests Program Director and the Area Directors for Northwest and Southern Oregon Area to carry out the projects and plans described in the later sections of the IP notebook.

Roy Woo, Acting State Forester

Date