

Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan and Habitat Conservation Plan

FTLAC and Public Engagement

ODF is working to improve how state forests are managed to provide social, economic, environmental benefits to the people of Oregon. To better achieve long-term conservation and financial outcomes, the agency is considering changes to our current Forest Management Plan (FMP) including work on a potential Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The combination of an HCP and a revised FMP are being considered to ensure the State Forests Division can consistently achieve its mission to manage state forests for greatest permanent value to Oregonians. We welcome and are actively seeking public and stakeholder involvement and input throughout these processes.

The State Forests Division (Division) has been engaging with the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee, State Forests Advisory Committee and a variety of stakeholders on the development of a revised FMP and development of an HCP. Presentations were given to various civic clubs and organizations over the spring and summer of 2019 to raise awareness of State Forests and the current policy work. As part of this process moving forward, the State Forests Division is hosting a series of workshops and public engagement events relating to a revised FMP and development of an HCP (See attached table for schedule of events and milestones).

FMP Measurable Outcomes Workshop

The Division is currently drafting a set of “Measurable Outcomes” that will be included in the revised FMP. Measurable Outcomes are discrete, measurable conditions with quantifiable units that will be used to determine if the goals of the FMP are being met. At the measurable outcomes workshop, the Division will present the Draft measurable outcomes and seek feedback. The first Measurable Outcomes workshop is with the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee (FTLAC) and the second is a public and stakeholder workshop.

Draft FMP Workshop

In December, the Division will engage with FTLAC, State Forests Advisory Committee, and stakeholders with a completed Draft FMP. The goal of these engagement workshops is to receive meaningful input to the FMP prior to taking it to the Board in the spring of 2020. This will serve to ensure the best possible Draft FMP goes before the Board, and in a manner that allows FTLAC and stakeholders to weigh-in on the elements that matter the most to them.

This initial FMP public engagement will conclude at the beginning of 2020 to allow the Division to adjust the Draft FMP in light of the comments received. This revised Draft will go to the Board in the spring of 2020 at a special meeting of the Board. The Board will be provided a summary of the comment received, how the FMP was adjusted to account for those comments, and which comments did not result in changes to the FMP. As usual, stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment directly to the Board at this meeting and to submit written comments prior to the meeting. Should the Board direct the Division to begin rulemaking, there will be the opportunity to provide comment during the rulemaking process as well.

Key Dates and Milestones for FTLAC & Public Engagement on the Draft Western Oregon FMP and HCP

Timeframe	Draft Western Oregon FMP	Draft Western Oregon HCP
September 2019 <i>Early September: DRAFT Measurable Outcomes available</i>	Draft <i>FMP</i> Measurable Outcomes Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>September 19</u>: FTLAC Workshop (Tillamook) • <u>September 25</u>: Public and Stakeholders Workshop 	
October 2019		<i>HCP</i> Public Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>October 15</u>: Conservation Strategies #1: Biological Goals and Objectives
December 2019 <i>Late November: DRAFT FMP available</i>	Draft <i>FMP</i> Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>December 4</u>: Public and Stakeholders Workshop • <u>December 5</u>: State Forests Advisory Committee Workshop • <u>December 13</u>: FTLAC Workshop 	
January 2020	FMP Public Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>January 1, 2020</u> Final public input on Draft FMP 	<i>HCP</i> : FTLAC and Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Strategies #2
Spring 2020	<i>FMP</i> Reviews and Decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTLAC review • BOF review and decision 	<i>HCP</i> : FTLAC and Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCP Funding Strategies
Summer 2020		<i>HCP</i> : FTLAC and Public Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft HCP
Summer 2020		<i>HCP</i> : Review and Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOF review and decision