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| Work Plan: | Emerging & Overarching Issues |
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OVERVIEW

The Planning Branch serves the Board of Forestry, ODF Divisions, coordinates policy analysis and input to the Governor’s Office and other state agencies, and partners with federal land management agencies to achieve cross-boundary restoration work. As it relates to policy development, the Planning Branch houses agency expertise in forest ecology, forest economics, and economic development.

The Emerging & Overarching Issues work plan cover the following topics:

- Elements pertaining to the Forestry Program for Oregon (FPFO). The Forestry Program for Oregon describes the Board’s mission, values, vision, goals, objectives, and indicators of sustainable forest management and is a central element for informing and directing the Board of Forestry’s framework for strategic planning.
- Emerging topics not yet ready for decision making or inclusion in one of the Division work plans. Planning Branch staff will conduct background research on topics of interest to the Board, identify timelines for discussion, and provide the foundation for division work plan items or allow items to sunset if action will not be taken on the topic.

WORK PLAN ITEMS

TOPIC: Revise the Forestry Program for Oregon (FPFO)

The *Forestry Program for Oregon* (FPFO) serves as the strategic plan for the Board of Forestry. The purpose of the Board’s Strategic Plan is to institute a comprehensive sustainable forest management policy vision and framework for guiding the agency, informing actions, and discussing and measuring performance on all Oregon public and private forest ownerships. The Board’s Strategic Plan was last updated in 2011 and is due for review and consideration for revision by the Board. In addition, the revision will permit further clarity on board policy interests, direction, and alignment between the board and agency values.

The 2011 version relied heavily on the 2003 edition for its foundation. The Board updated its mission, vision, and value statements in 2011, though the seven strategies identified in the 2003 document were relabeled as goals and largely remained unchanged. The Board’s Strategic Plan adopted in 2011 is a highly layered document with five vision statements, eleven values, and seven goals, each with no less than seven objectives.

The most significant change was the inclusion of rating information for the 19 Oregon indicators of sustainable forest management, based on the Oregon Roundtable on Sustainable Forest's input. These indicators were intended as a metric to inform the Board on pertinent issues, to measure performance, and inform policy, regulatory, and management decisions. To ensure that Board members had up-to-date information in a timely fashion, the indicators were intended to be updated and reported on a regular basis. In 2015, the Board de-emphasized this set of indicators acknowledging that the indicators framework when reported on in lump sum had multiple missing pieces and multiple points of redundancy. In November 2014, the Board moved away from the indicators as a single framework. The Board recognized the importance of maintaining these data sets and in building relationships with partners to help maintain and provide data. Instead of annual Indicator reports, the Board asked that Department staff bring forward similar information on pertinent issues as they arise.

At present, an initial FPFO revision discussion with the Board in October 2019 indicated an interest in revising the current Board Strategic Plan and in January 2020 the Board confirmed this interest. Emergence and prioritization of the Climate Change and Carbon Plan along with capacity challenges and changes in Board membership and leadership have slowed the initiation of the FPFO revision process. With the completion of the Climate Change and Carbon Plan, explicit deliberation of an FPFO revision will be able to proceed. Within this determination, the Board must decide the nature and extent of the FPFO revision and determine a process. This effort along with a revision of the Board's Strategic Plan will require significant time and potentially extend beyond a two-year timeframe to fully develop. These aspects were further acknowledged and agreed to at the October 2021 Board Retreat.

There are three primary deliverables in this work plan. The work plan matrix includes more specific steps for each of the deliverables summarized here.

1. Determine scope and process of the Forestry Program for Oregon Revision
2. Revision of the Forestry Program for Oregon consistent with scope and process
3. Development of Indicators for the Forestry Program for Oregon

Specific elements for the Board timeline will be determined once the scope and process have been decided. The Board will also need to determine a process for including a public comment in its revision to the FPFO.

TOPIC: Senate Bill 762 Implementation

Provisions in the bill will be implemented by the Protection Division, Forest Resources Division, and the Planning Branch, which are outlined in the issue-based Senate Bill (SB) 762 Implementation Board work plan. The Planning Branch specifically has been tasked with developing a 20-year strategic plan, and the milestones as it relates to the Board are noted in the SB 762 Implementation work plan matrix.

| Emerging & Overarching Issues | 2022 | | | | | | | 2023 | | | | | | 2024 | | |
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| Revise the Forestry Program for Oregon (FPFO) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Revise FPFO – Scope and Process | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Adopt a plan for revision scope and process | | i | D | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Revise FPFO – To be determined (TBD) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Full revision TBD based on Scope and Process decision | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Revise FPFO Indicators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Review past indicators | | TBD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Develop current indicators | | TBD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Matrix Key:

TBD – **To be decided**

i – **Informational item**

d – **Preceding Decision item**

D – **Final Decision item**