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## Motions from the Oct. 23, 2023 AMPC meeting

*The Adaptive Management Program Committee (AMPC) approves the 3 Forest Roads Research Questions as edited at their Oct. 23, 2023 meeting.*

*9 for, one abstention*

### **Roads Research questions**

1. **Baseline Report.**
  - a. What are the baseline levels of hydrologic connectivity<sup>1</sup> of roads prior to the implementation of the Oregon Forest Practices Act (OFPA) road rules<sup>2</sup> effective Jan 1, 2024?
  - b. How do these levels vary based on landowner type and East/West region?
  - c. What other factors or variables within the regulatory framework of the FPA might be relevant?
2. **Trend Monitoring.** What are the trends in these levels of hydrologic connectivity of roads over 5-year intervals? These trends should be assessed for the same variables in question 1.
3. **Determination of rule effectiveness.** In the long term, to what extent are road rules associated with hydrologic disconnection effective at achieving biological goals and objectives?

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<sup>1</sup> Note: “hydrologic connectivity” is not defined in rule. This term refers to the degree to which a road is hydrologically connected to a stream, where as the definition in rule (“hydrologic disconnection” [OAR 629-600-0100(71)]) focuses on the *process* for removing this connectivity.

<sup>2</sup> For the FPA rules effective starting Jan. 1, 2024.