

Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon

June 30, 2015

Public/Elected Officials Meeting



Meeting Overview

- Timeline
- **Part 1: High level summary and feedback from public**
- Part 2: Q&A
- Part 3: Barbecue and discussion



Key Partners

- Cooperating Agencies (and subgroups)
 - State agencies, all counties within the planning area, tribes and federal agencies
- ESA Consultation Team
- Owl Working Group
- ESA Riparian Tech Team
- Tribal Work Group and Consultation
- Social Economics Work Group and External Analysis Team
- Impartial Facilitation Team/Oregon Consensus



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Purpose & Need

The purpose of this proposed action is to make land use plan decisions to guide the management of BLM-administered lands to:

- Provide a sustained-yield of timber,
- Contribute to the conservation and recovery of threatened and endangered species,
- Provide clean water in watersheds,
- Restore fire-adapted ecosystems,
- Provide for recreation opportunities, and
- Coordinate management of lands surrounding the Coquille Forest with the Coquille Tribe.

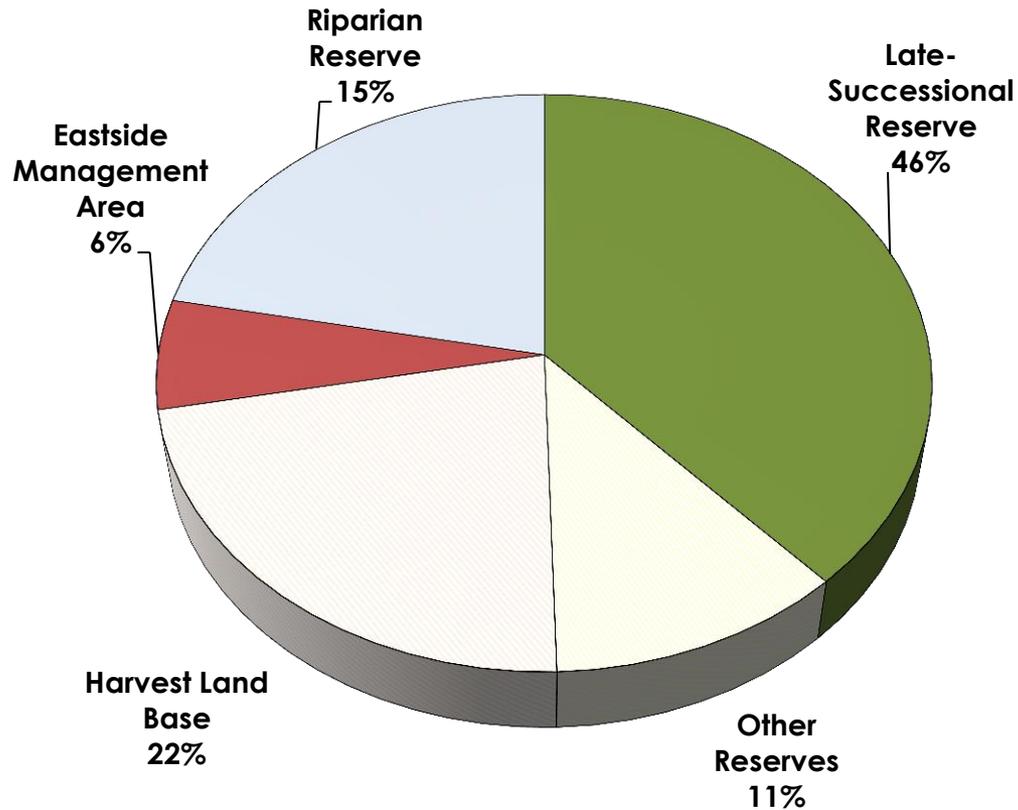


Comparison of Alternatives

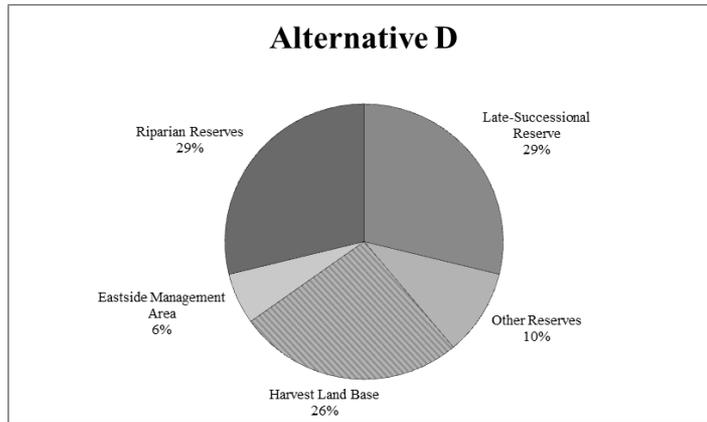
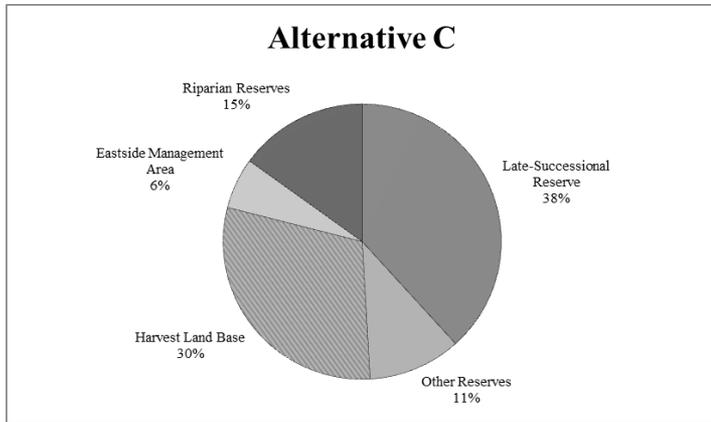
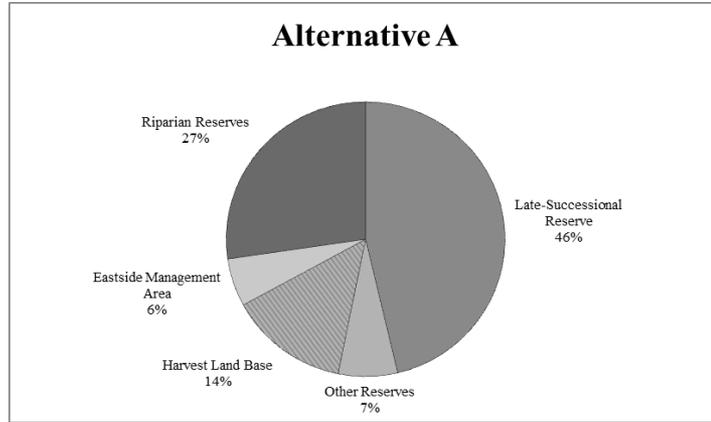
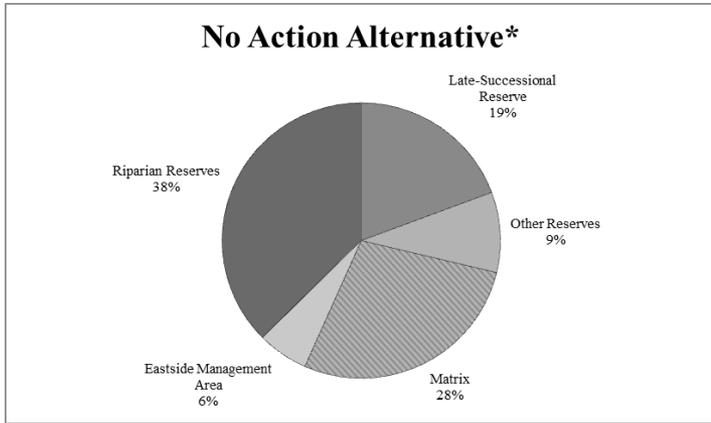
	Current	No Action	Alt A	Alt B	Alt C	Alt D
ASQ/Total volume	203/203	277/400	235/250	234/331	486/555	176/180
Receipts (in \$ millions, 2012)	\$11 (\$38 in SRS)	\$47	\$28	\$36	\$67	\$19
Harvest prescription	Moderate intensity, with tree retention	Moderate intensity, with tree retention	Intensive man., including clear-cuts	Uneven-aged man., maintain early seral	Intensive man., including clear-cuts	Variable retention
Riparian	2 SPTH on fish bearing streams, 1 SPTH on non-fish bearing streams	2 SPTH on fish bearing streams, 1 SPTH on non-fish bearing streams	1 SPTH, non-commercial activities	1 SPTH on fish bearing streams, variable on non-fish bearing streams	150' on fish bearing streams, 50' on non-fish bearing streams	1 SPTH
% Late Successional Reserve	19%	19%	46%	46%	38%	29%
% Harvest Land Base	28%	28%	14%	22%	30%	26%
% Riparian Reserve	38%	38%	27%	15%	15%	29%



Alternative B- Preferred



Alternatives Land Use Allocations

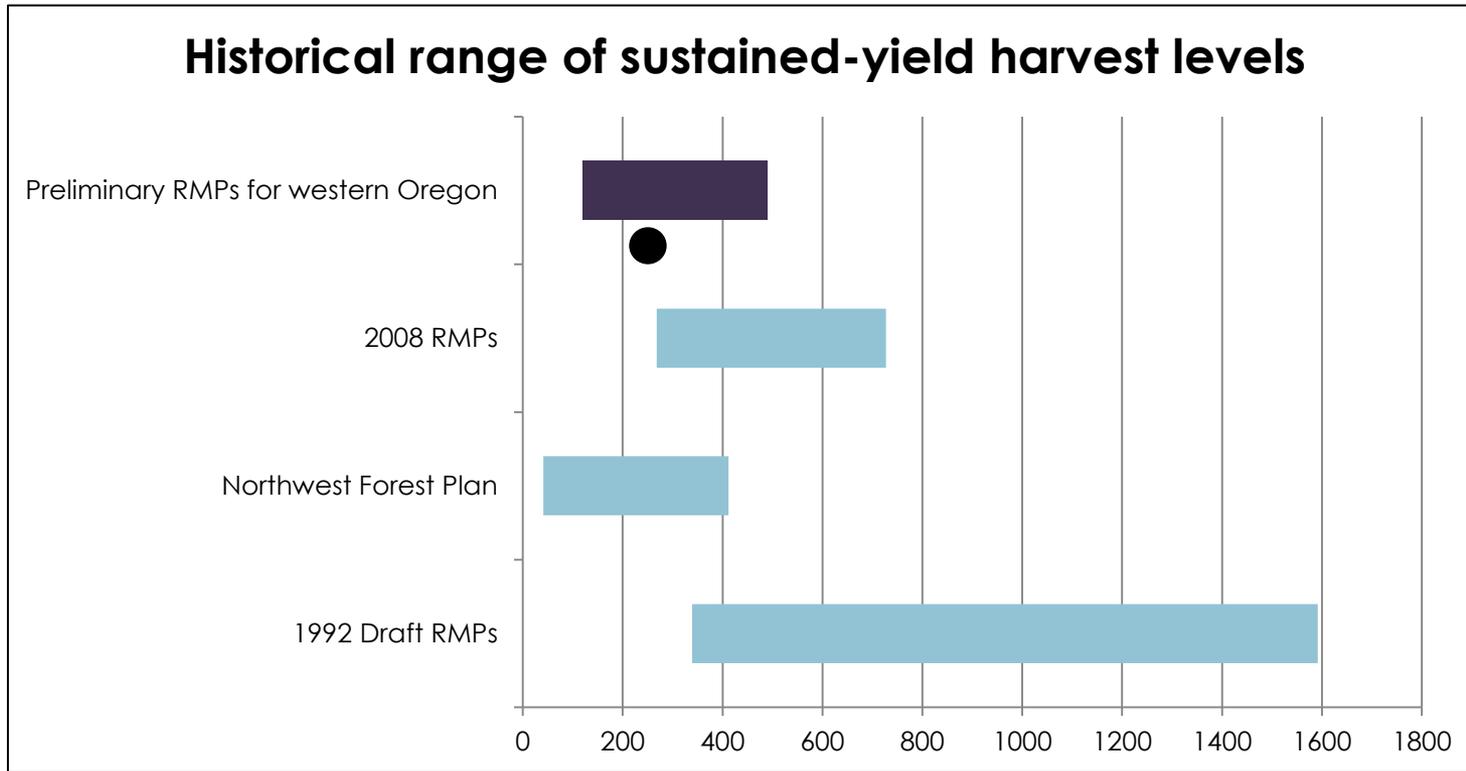


What is the Preferred Alternative?

- The identification of the preferred alternative B is a short-term decision for the purpose of meeting BLM planning regulations.
- It is a useful starting point from which to construct a Proposed RMP.
- False perception: Some may think this means BLM has made up it's mind.



ASQ (Allowable Sale Quantity)



● = 203, current ASQ



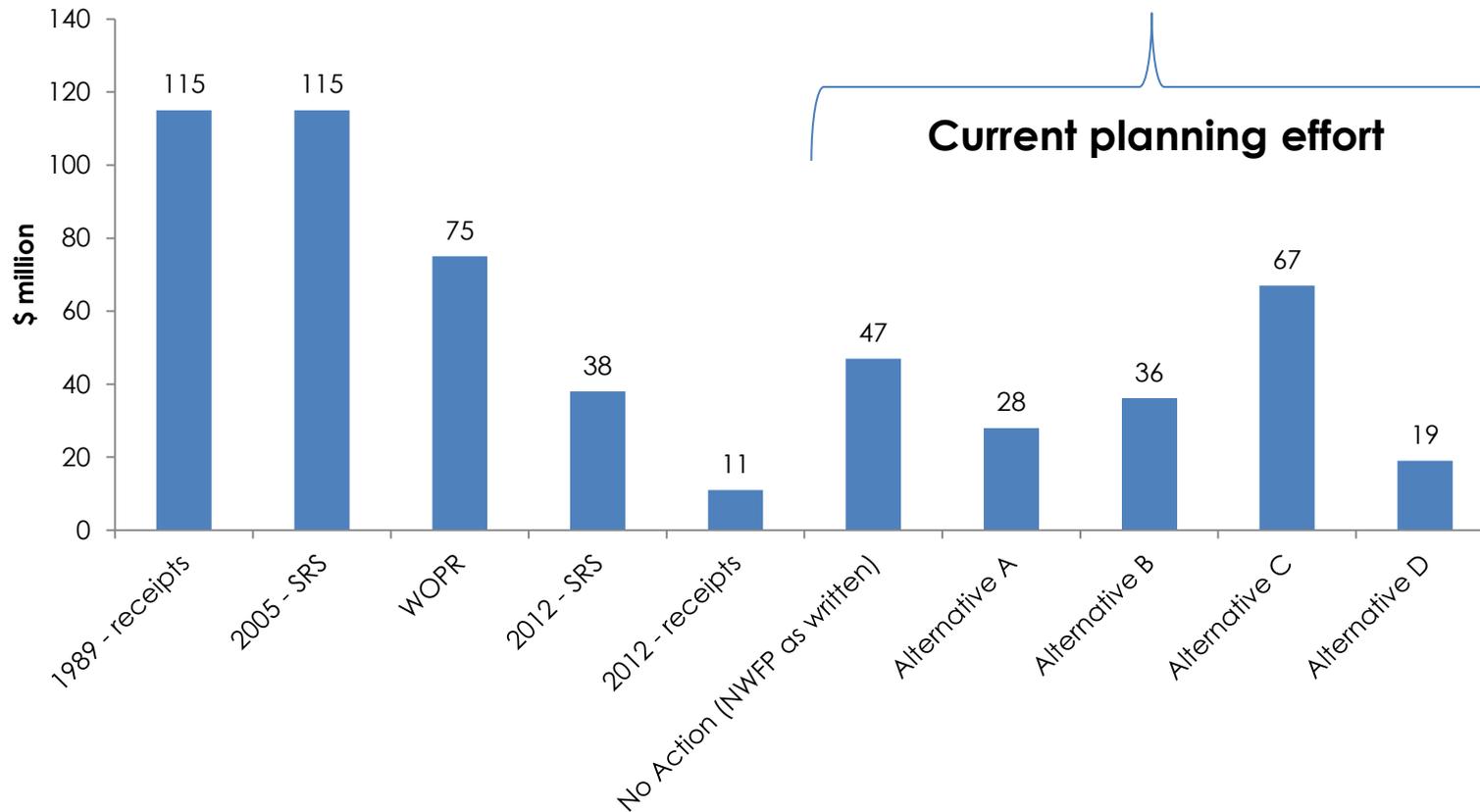
ASQ and Total Volume

Alternative	Preliminary ASQ	1 st decade non-ASQ annual volume	Total 1 st decade annual volume
Current	203	--	203
No Action	277	123	400
A	235	15	250
B	234	97	331
Sub-B	119	97	216
C	486	69	555
Sub-C	332	67	399
D	176	4	180



Timber Receipts

Payments and Receipts to Counties



Riparian Management

Important variables:

- Riparian Reserve widths
- Inner Zone widths
- Riparian Reserve management (when, why, and how to thin)



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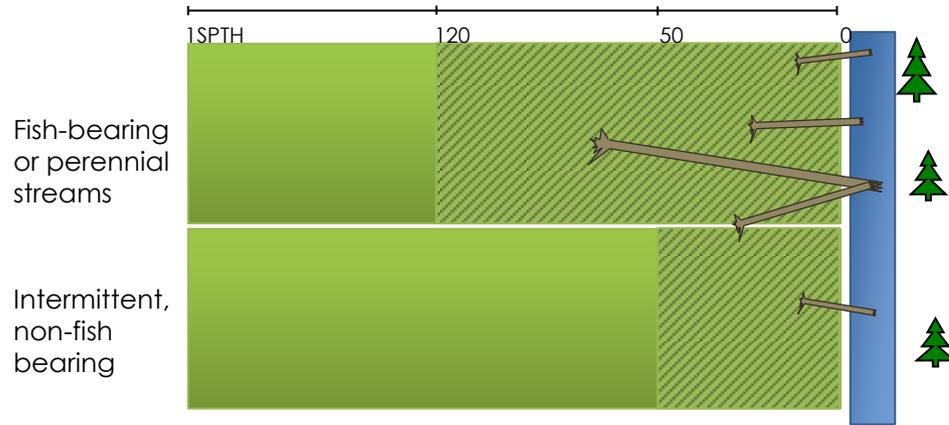
- All alternatives would protect fish habitat and water quality
- Key ecological processes that affect fish habitat:
 - stream temperature
 - wood to streams
 - sediment delivery to streams



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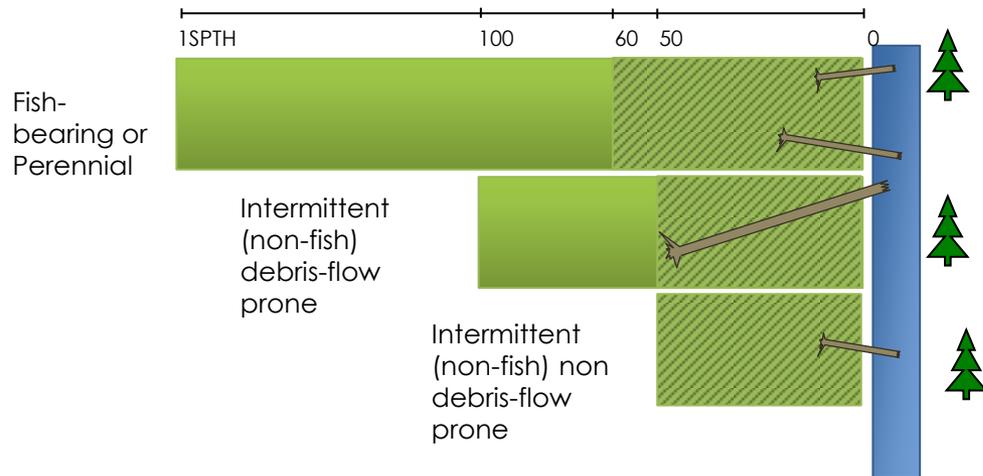
Alternative A

Riparian Reserve –
One site potential tree height with a 120 and 50 foot inner no-thin zones



Alternative B

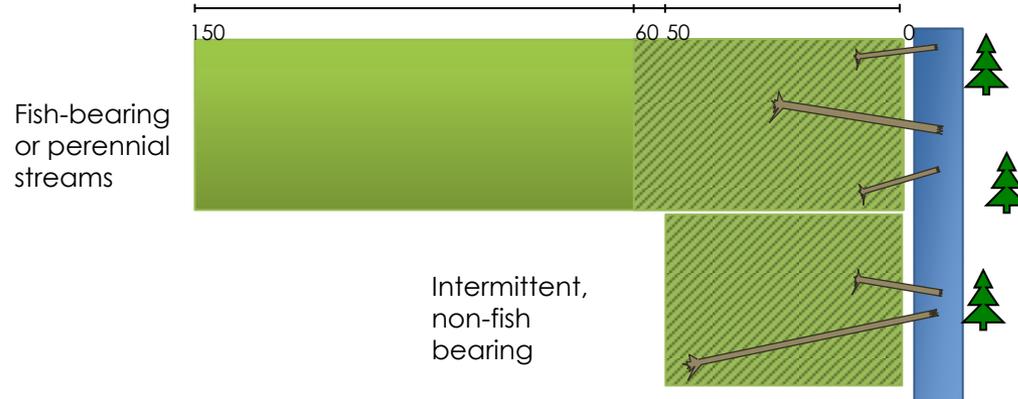
Riparian Reserve –
Fish-bearing or perennial - one site-potential tree height with a 60 foot inner no-thin zone; debris flow intermittent streams - 100 foot with a 50 foot inner zone; non debris flow prone intermittent - 50 foot



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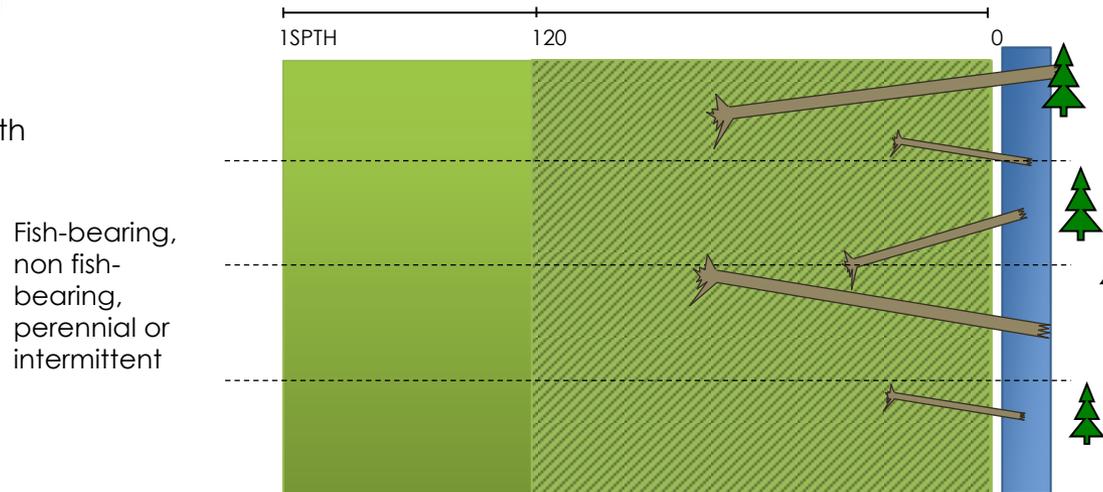
Alternative C

Riparian Reserve –
Fish bearing or perennial
streams - 150 foot with a 60
foot inner no-thin zone; all
intermittent streams - 50 foot
riparian zone



Alternative D

Riparian Reserve –
One site-potential tree height with
a 120 foot inner no-thin zone



Northwest Forest Plan

- **The BLM remains committed to the principles of the Northwest Forest Plan**
- Principles that will remain:
 - Protecting health of forests
 - Rigorous scientific analysis
 - Predictable and sustained yield of timber
 - Consideration of human and economic dimensions
 - Collaborating with other federal agencies



Northern Spotted Owl

- Analysis shows the NSO population is under severe biological stress over major portions of its western Oregon range.
- Northern spotted owl populations are already at risk of extirpation in the Coast Range and habitat protection alone will not change that trend.
- Consistent with FWS modeling for Critical Habitat designation and Recovery Plan:
“... it is becoming more evident that securing habitat alone will not recover the spotted owl.”



LSR- Large Block Reserves

- **P&N: Conservation and recovery of threatened and endangered species**
 - Large, contiguous blocks of late successional forests
 - Older and more structurally complex multi-layered conifer forests
- Where do we go from here?



Fire Resiliency & “Dry” Forests

- **P&N: Restore fire-adapted ecosystems**
- This plan recognizes“ dry “and “wet” forests need to be managed differently
- Increase fire resiliency in the dry forest landscape of southern Oregon
- BLM must account for potential loss of this timber to fire
- Managing for fire resiliency is a necessary part of maintaining a sustained yield of timber



Recreation

- **P&N: Provide for Recreation Opportunities**
- Key Points
 - 19% of recreation use occurs on BLM
 - 5.5 million annual visitors
- Outreach continuum
 - Recreation Workshops/Demand Study
- Where do we go from here?



Outreach

- Seven Open House Public Meetings + One Elected Officials Meeting
- Nine Issue-Specific Workshops
 - Social-Economic, Forest Management & Wildlife, Recreation, and Riparian
 - Interactive maps



Outreach

- What happens to public comments?
- Where do we go from here?



What We Heard

- **Some Key points we heard repeatedly from the public:**
 - Support community stability with increased funds
 - From harvest OR other sources
 - Balance land management and harvest with protecting habitats that support endangered species, game species, clean water and fish
 - Recreation is important
 - equestrian, mountain bikes, hunting, OHV, hiking etc.



What We Heard

- **Some Key points we heard repeatedly from the public:**
 - Fire is a concern for everyone –this year and into the future
 - Get creative with jobs: more/broader
- Outreach Summary report will be publicly released



Next Steps: Proposed RMP

- Evaluate Public Comments and feedback
- Develop the Proposed RMP based on public comments and feedback
- Analyze Proposed RMP
- **Coordination:**
 - Cooperating agency process
 - ESA consultation
 - Government-to-government tribal consultation

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