

## Summary of Proposed Resource Management Plan Highlights Readers Guide

AOCC has fully participated in the BLM planning process as a Cooperating Agency in the technical working groups, public meetings, and providing comments and suggestions at every opportunity that was afforded. Van Manning, retired Salem District Manager, and Chris Cadwell, retired forester/resource analyst, represented AOCC in the Cooperating agency forum. The BLM's Proposed RMP Summary – Issues and Uncertainties was prepared by Mr. Cadwell to extract facts on key issues from the 2,000+ page four volume Final EIS and presents them in summary form. Mr. Cadwell has served as lead analyst on every major planning effort on the O&C forest since before the Northwest Forest Plan. He has extensive understanding of capabilities of the O&C forest to provide a full spectrum of forest values which Oregonians expect from these lands.

The PRMP Summary provides basic information on the western Oregon forest lands, how the forest is allocated, managed, and the anticipated economic outputs. AOCC obtained the BLM analytical data through FOIA which provides information that was not revealed in the FEIS.

The PRMP fails to meet the O&C Act by reserving 78% of forest which precludes sustained yield management. On the 22% of the forest that is managed for sustained yield it falls well short of the capabilities of these lands to produce timber and economic benefits for the rural economy. This results in revenues to Counties which are only 19% of historic levels if ever fully implemented. As a result critical County services will be deeply affected. Under the PRMP there would be dramatic changes in the regional distribution of where the harvest occurs. The coastal zone in particular would suffer steep declines in timber harvested, and thus jobs and other economic activity.

The summary reveals a number of uncertainties which are not revealed in the FEIS and have high potential to affect the reported outcomes. (Pages 21-27) The PRMP cannot and did not resolve the multiple layers of regulatory constraint that will likely cause further reductions in harvest despite this very conservative management approach. The duplicity of layers of the spotted owl recovery plan, critical habitat on top of new constraints from the PRMP goes far beyond a reasonable management approach given the unique sustained yield mandate for these lands. Existing regulatory policies, as reflected in the PRMP, are far more constraining than compliance with existing environmental laws.

AOCC would like to meet with Congressional staff to step through the Summary and share the knowledge and expertise of our staff. We have analytical capabilities which may be useful to you. AOCC believes the O&C forest can simultaneously provide for recovery for species, clean water, high and increasing levels of carbon sequestration, recreational opportunities, and economic benefits from a forest managed under the principles of sustained yield. Action by Congress is the most direct path towards a long needed direction for management of the O&C forest. **More is possible!**