

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No.:	B
Work Plan Title & #:	State Forests Management – Issue 2
Objective # & Title	Objective 4 – Land Acquisitions, Exchanges, and Decertifications
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SUMMARY

The Department of State Lands (DSL) is requesting conditional decertification of 15 Common School Forest Land parcels from the 2005 Land Board/DSL/Oregon Department of Forestry management agreement so that they can proceed with the sale or exchange of the parcels.

Prior to disposing of Common School Forest Lands subject to the management agreement, the State Land Board (SLB) and the Department have typically decertified the land from management by the Department. ORS 530.480 allows this process to be carried out by separate resolutions of the SLB and the Board. The SLB approved the conditional decertification of the 15 parcels at its June 10, 2008 meeting.

CONTEXT

DSL has identified these parcels for disposal in accordance with the criteria listed in the Land Board's Asset Management Plan (AMP). The principal factors influencing disposal are:

- Low income generating potential from timber management
- Low appreciation potential
- Limited or no access

The SLB has authorized DSL to sell the parcels through an open and competitive bid process, or dispose of the parcels through a land exchange.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The 15 parcels (approximately 3,221.4 acres) are located in Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lane Counties and are shown on the Vicinity Map (Attachment 1) and described in Attachment 2,

Exhibit A. These scattered forestland parcels range in size from 20 to 642 acres; most are between 100 and 300 acres (5) with the smallest being 30 to 40 acres (4). The AMP estimated the value of these parcels at about \$15.4 million; timber market conditions and logging costs will greatly affect the valuation of these parcels.

The 15 parcels are currently certified for management by the Department under the 2005 Common School Forest Land Agreement and will need to be decertified at the time of sale or exchange. The decertification process requires action by both the SLB and the Board. The most expedient method is to obtain conditional decertification of these parcels that would become effective at the time each parcel is sold or exchanged. The SLB approved this conditional decertification at their June 10, 2008 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Board approve the conditional decertification of the parcels described in Attachment 2, Exhibit A and remove the Common School Forest Land designation when the parcels are sold or exchanged by executing the attached Resolution and Order (Attachment 2).

NEXT STEPS

Upon decertification of the parcels, no further action is required of the Board.

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Vicinity Map
- (2) Resolution and Order

CERTIFICATION

I, Marvin Brown, State Forester of the Oregon State Department of Forestry and Secretary of the Oregon State Board of Forestry do certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Resolution and Order of the Oregon State Board of Forestry made at its regular meeting held on _____, which pertains to the decertification of certain state-owned forest lands under provisions of ORS 530.470.

Marvin Brown, Secretary

STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
County of Marion)

Signed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__ by Marvin Brown.

Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission expires: _____

**BEFORE THE OREGON
BOARD OF FORESTRY**

In the Matter of the Decertification)	ORDER
of 3,221.4 Acres on 15 Parcels of)	RECLASSIFYING
Common School Forest Lands in)	COMMON SCHOOL
Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lane Counties)	FOREST LANDS

WHEREAS, ORS 530.460, 530.470 and 530.480 provide a process for identifying, certifying and decertifying Common School Forest Lands, which are primarily suited for growing timber and other forest products, provided the lands are defined by ORS 530.460; and

WHEREAS, by separate resolution each board is required to so designate and set aside such lands;

WHEREAS, ORS 530.470(2) states that any lands so designated and set aside may, at any time, be returned to their original status by similar actions of said agencies, if said lands are to be used for higher and better use for the general public, including the sale of said lands where lawful;

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Department of State Lands in accordance with the Land Board's Asset Management Plan, that fifteen (15) scattered forestland parcels (approximately 3,221.4 acres) in Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lane Counties as described in the attached Exhibit A are no longer suitable for management for Common School Fund purposes due to their isolated location and access. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the Common School Fund to dispose of these parcels by sale or exchange.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Forestry that fifteen (15) scattered forestland parcels described in Exhibit A be decertified pursuant to ORS 530.470(2) and removed from management for the State Land Board by the State Forester at the time of their disposal by sale or exchange.

The State Forester, as Secretary of this board, is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution and Order to the Director of the Department of State Lands and the Secretary of State.

Adopted by the Board of Forestry at its meeting on _____.

State Board of Forestry

Marvin Brown, Secretary

Date