



## ELLIOTT STATE RESEARCH FOREST

### Exploratory Committee Research Presentations to Science Advisory Panel

Friday, May 29, 2-4pm

**Participants (via Zoom or phone):** Jennifer Allen (PSU), Katy Kavanagh (OSU), Matt Betts (OSU), Cassandra Moseley (UO), Michael Collins (OSU), Clark Binkley (IWFL), Eric White (USFS), Ryan Haugo (TNC), Gordon Reeves (OSU), Serra Hoagland, Tom DeLuca (OSU), Ben Leshchinsky (OSU), Anthony Davis (OSU), Geoff Huntington (OSU), Gwen Busby, Klaus Peuttmann (OSU), Mark Swanson (WSU), Caitlyn Reilly (OSU)

**Facilitation Team:** Peter Harkema, Jennah Stillman (Oregon Consensus)

#### Meeting Overview:

Peter Harkema welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited members to introduce themselves. He noted that today's meeting was an opportunity for Science Advisory Panel members to hear directly from the OSU Exploratory Committee members about the current research platform and research opportunities presented through a potential Elliott State Research Forest. It was noted that today's presentations and discussions would be fairly high level given timing constraints, however, panel members could anticipate future opportunities to dig more deeply into these and other relevant topics. Exploratory Committee members then provided brief overviews of the following topics:

- Introduction to research on the Elliott and the Conservation Research Watersheds - Matt Betts
- TRIAD design and Management Research Watersheds - Klaus Peuttmann
- Current Allocations - Katy Kavanagh
- Landslides as an example of research opportunities within TRIAD - Ben Leshchinsky, Exploratory
- Integration of Riparian Management Areas and approach in the research design - Gordon Reeves, Exploratory Committee Advisor
- Vision for the Elliott - Tom DeLuca, Incoming College of Forestry Dean

Following these overview presentations, Science Advisory Panel members asked a number of clarifying questions and also inquired about opportunities for additional discussion on topics not covered. Among the questions asked and topics for future discussions were:

- More information about the various prescription types (intensive and extensive) and what assumptions are made related to each. For example, some wondered about assumptions related to steady yields while others were curious to learn more about how extensive management would look on the landscape. It was noted that the Exploratory Committee is currently working to develop descriptions of each of the prescription types and that these would be products that would be helpful products for SAP feedback.
- Additional information about the Conservation Research Watersheds and Management Research Watersheds. What is the definition of "harvest" for various prescriptions and locations (CRW vs MRW)?
- What are the considerations for different approaches to road management, locations, etc?



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- Request to provide information on social science perspective and how it is being considered both in the platform design as well as future research opportunities.

The meeting concluded with SAP members discussing the importance of providing opportunities for the public to provide input and ask questions about the research forest concept. The OSU team noted that it would be sharing information via its Elliott website, developing a mechanism through which the public could share information, and that it anticipated hosting public events during 2020 (as it had done throughout 2019).