

**SUBJECT:** Information Item: Statewide Forest Assessment and Strategy

**FOR:** MAY 26, 2010 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Rebecca Gass and Paul DeLong

**SUMMARY:**

The 2008 federal Farm Bill requires each state to submit a Statewide Forest Resource Assessment & Strategy to the Secretary of the USDA by June 18, 2010. The Statewide Forest Assessment analyzes the state of the forest resource and identifies issues and threats to our forests. The Statewide Forest Strategy includes a range of ideas regarding how the forestry community as a whole can address major issues and priority topics over the next ten years.

These documents are not specific to DNR; rather, the Department facilitated discussion amongst the diverse set of partners within the diverse forestry community. These documents meet the federal requirements and will be used as a springboard for additional work and dialogue to develop a strategic direction that outlines priority actions for DNR's Division of Forestry over the next 5-10 years.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required                              | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Background Memo                                       | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

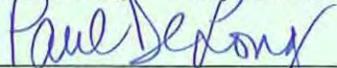
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Bureau Director, Wendy McCown

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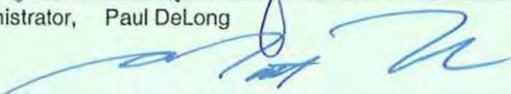
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