

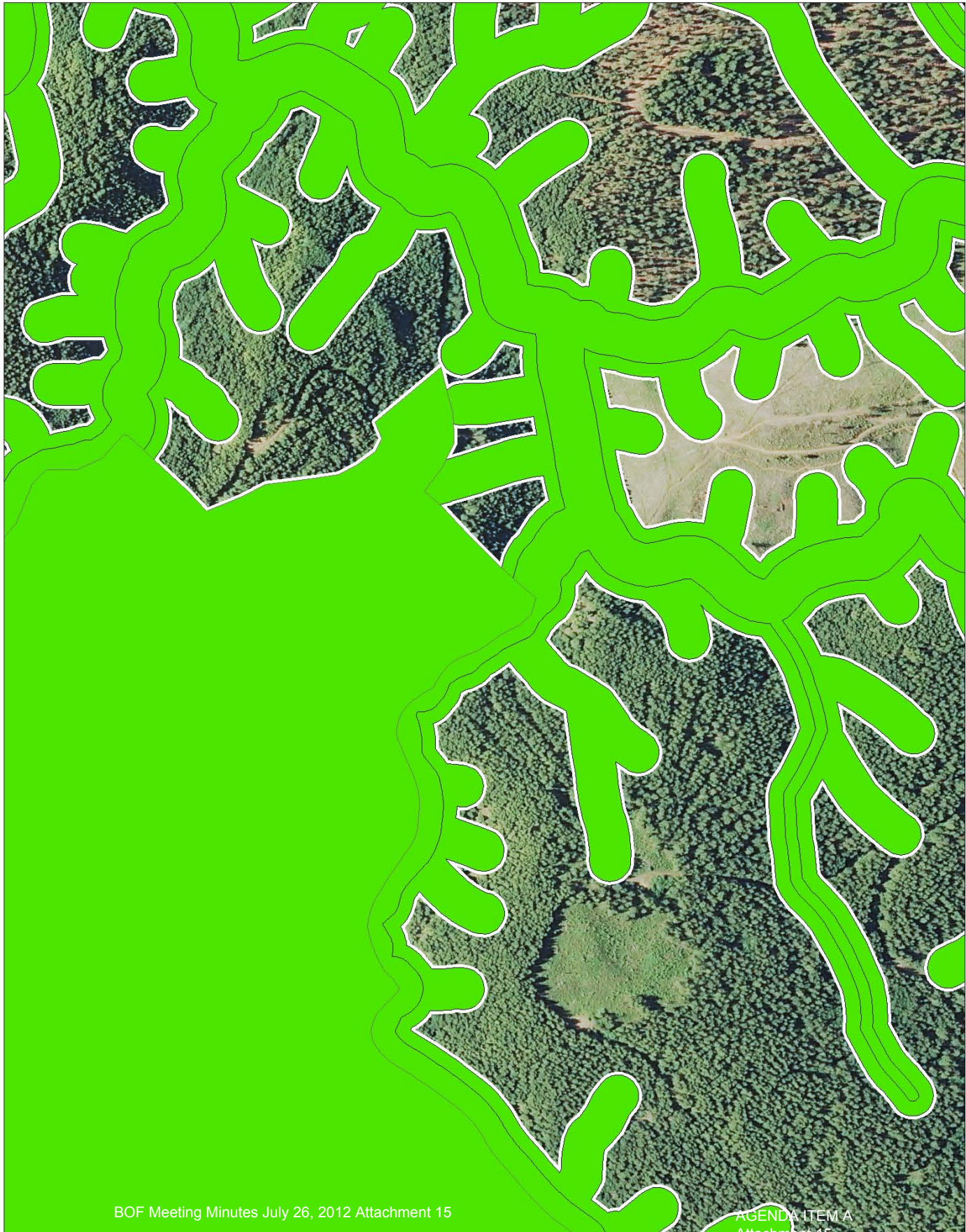
Conservation Areas on State Forests: Options for Visibility and Durability

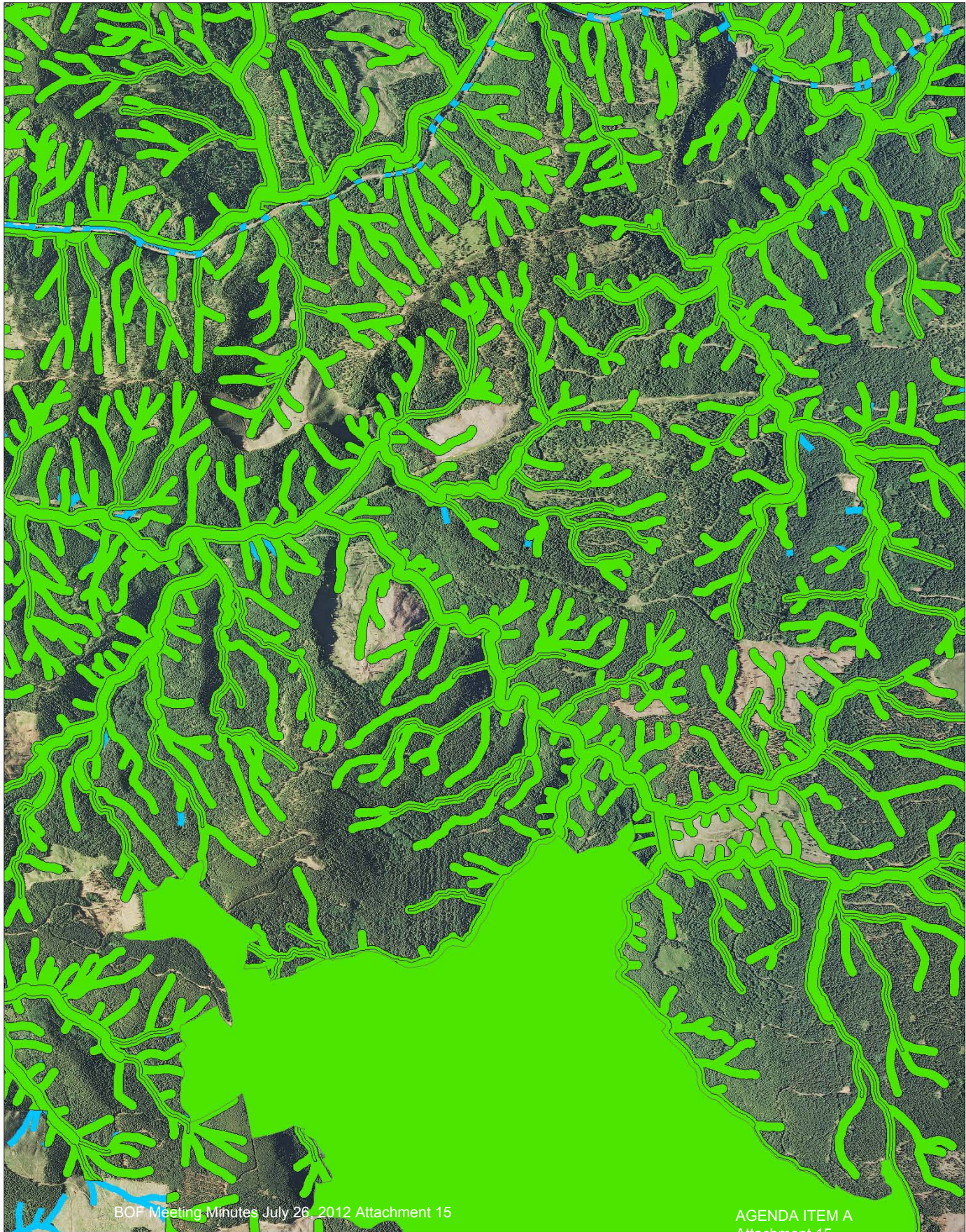
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Conservation Areas

- Areas of the forest where natural resources are present which require a level of protection that precludes the integrated management of all forest resources.
- Lands are committed to a specific use and management activities are limited to those that are compatible with the specific use

*Recommended changes
will better recognize the
conservation areas on the
forest*



Option 1:

General

Focused:

- **Aquatic**
- **Recreation**

Special

- **Recreation**
- **Cultural**
- **Conservation Areas
(Former Aquatic,
wildlife, and plants)**
- **Transmission**

Option 2:

General

Conservation Areas

- Focused
- Special

Recreation

- Focused
- Special

Cultural

- Special

Transmission

- Special

Focused Stewardship

- Natural resources, social values, or administrative areas are present so that it is necessary to carry out supplemental planning or modified management practices in order to conserve those resources.

Option 3:

General

Focused:

- **Aquatic**
- **Recreation**

Special Use

Cultural

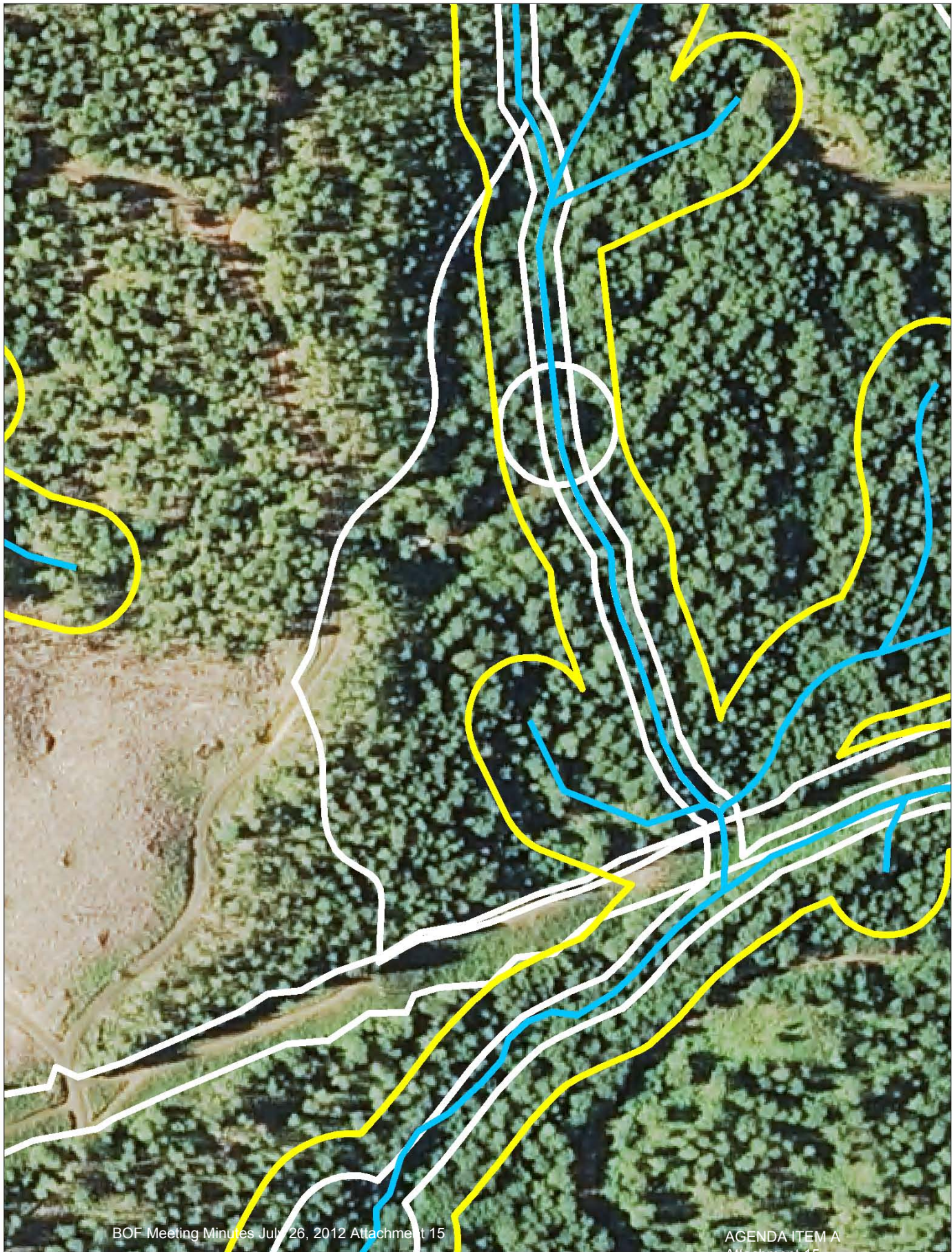
Transmission

Recreation

High Value Conservation Areas:

- **Aquatic, Wildlife, Plants**







All three options have a label that better describes intent – and adds visibility



Option 4

- **Board direction to make current conservation areas and efforts more visible through agency work.**
 - Annual plans
 - 10 year plans
 - Public outreach
 - Check –ins at Board meetings.



Durability Options

Current durability comes from:

- Oregon Administrative Rules in Forest Management Plans
- Processes with public comment
- Agency policy
- Federal ESA

Option a – within Land Management Classification

- **Be more clear (in administrative rule) about what goes into each classification.**

- **For these purposes, lands within 100' of a fish-bearing stream, XX acres around active spotted owls sites, and... are high value conservation areas.**

Option b and c

- **Elevate the approval level of lands put into conservation area classifications.**

“ the State Forester shall forward the recommended designations to the Board for approval or modification”

Natural Heritage Program



Recommendation to increase visibility:

- Option 3 - Direct the agency to initiate an administrative rule process to amend OAR 629-035-055 to provide for a separate classification for “high value conservation areas”.
- Continue to explore options for durability, through alternative management plan discussion.

Next Steps

Draft Rule Language

Nov 2012 BOF meeting

Board Decision

July 2013 BOF meeting



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