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| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining and restoring canopy closure to provide suffic | 1a | 1 |
| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining and restoring stream water temperature? | 1b | 2 |
| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | retaining predominant conifers in WLPZs and large woody | 1c | 1 |
| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | d | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | retaining conifer and deciduous species to maintain or res | 1d | 0 |
| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | e | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining and restoring input of organic matter to main | 1e | 0 |
| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | f | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining and restoring riparian function of Class II-L wa | 1f | 0 |
| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | g | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining and restoring riparian function of Class II-L wa | 1g | 1 |
| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | h | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | managing WLPZs to reduce or minimize potential fire beha | 1h | 6 |
| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | i | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | filtering sediment that reaches WLPZs? | 1i | 3 |
| 2 | Watercourse Channel Sediment | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in minir** | at the watershed and sub-watershed level in managed wa | 2a | 5 |
| 2 | Watercourse Channel Sediment | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in minir** | for individual Plans at the project level? | 2b | 1 |
| 3 | Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sedimen | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | reducing or minimizing management-related generation o | 3a | 5 |
| 3 | Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sedimen | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | reducing generation and sediment delivery to watercourse | 3b | 3 |
| 3 | Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sedimen | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | reducing the effects of large storms on landslides as relate | 3c | 1 |
| 3 | Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sedimen | d | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining or improving fish passage through watercours | 3d | 0 |
| 4 | Mass Wasting Sediment | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in minir** | existing chronic unstable geologic features? | 4a | 1 |
| 4 | Mass Wasting Sediment | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in minir** | mass wasting during episodic stochastic events and/or larg | 4b | 3 |
| 4 | Mass Wasting Sediment | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in minir** | mass wasting from high-risk geologic features? | 4c | 1 |
| 5 | Fish Habitat | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining and restoring the distribution and quality of fo | 5a | 6 |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | treating post-harvest slash and slash piles to modify fire be | 6a | 2 |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | treating post-harvest slash and retaining wildlife habitat st | 6b | 2 |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | managing fuel loads, vegetation patterns and fuel breaks f | 6c | 6 |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | d | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | managing forest structure and stocking standards to prom | 6d | 6 |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | e | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | achieving post-fire recovery and restoration? | 6e | 2 |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | f | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | mitigating or reducing the cumulative impacts of post-fire | 6f | 4 |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | g | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining timberland productivity, including wood quali | 6g | 0 |
| 7 | Wildlife Habitat - Species and Nest Sites | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in prote** | following general protection measures in 14 CCR § 919.2 [9 | 7a | 0 |
| 7 | Wildlife Habitat - Species and Nest Sites | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in prote** | following species specific habitat and disturbance measure | 7b | 1 |
| 7 | Wildlife Habitat - Species and Nest Sites | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective for the** | ensuring take avoidance following 14 CCR § 919.9 [939.9] a | 7a | 1 |
| 7 | Wildlife Habitat - Species and Nest Sites | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective for the** | ensuring take avoidance following 14 CCR § 919.9 [939.9](a | 7b | 0 |
| 7 | Wildlife Habitat - Species and Nest Sites | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective for the** | maintaining adequate amounts of suitable habitat to prote | 7c | 1 |
| 8 | Wildlife Habitat - Seral Stages | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | retaining and recruiting late and diverse seral stage habita | 8a | 2 |
| 8 | Wildlife Habitat - Seral Stages | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining or increasing the amount and distribution of l | 8b | 4 |
| 8 | Wildlife Habitat - Seral Stages | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining or recruiting adequate amounts of early- and | 8c | 1 |
| 9 | Wildlife Habitat - Cumulative Impacts | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | protecting wildlife habitat and associated ecological proce | 9a | 2 |
| 9 | Wildlife Habitat - Cumulative Impacts | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | avoiding significant adverse impacts to wildlife species? | 9b | 1 |
| 9 | Wildlife Habitat - Cumulative Impacts | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | Protecting rare, threatened, or endangered plants? | 9c | 0 |
| 10 | Wildlife Habitat - Structures | a | **Is Variable Retention silviculture effective in meeting …** | ecological objectives including co-benefits? | 10a | 1 |
| 10 | Wildlife Habitat - Structures | b | **Is Variable Retention silviculture effective in meeting …** | social objectives? | 10b | 1 |
| 10 | Wildlife Habitat - Structures | c | **Is Variable Retention silviculture effective in meeting …** | geomorphic objectives? | 10c | 2 |
| 10 | Wildlife Habitat - Structures | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai** | a mix of stages of snag development that maintain proper | 10a | 1 |
| 10 | Wildlife Habitat - Structures | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai** | native oaks where required to maintain wildlife habitat (14 | 10b | 0 |
| 11 | Hardwood Values | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai** | diverse forests with a mixture of tree species that includes | 11a | 3 |
| 11 | Hardwood Values | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai** | native oaks where required to maintain wildlife habitat (14 | 11b | 2 |
| 11 | Hardwood Values | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai** | aspen stands (14 CCR § 913.4 [933.4, 953.4] (e))? | 11c | 0 |
| 11 | Hardwood Values | d | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai** | California black oak (*Quercus kelloggii* ) and Oregon white | 11d | 1 |
| 12 | Resilience to Disturbance in a Changing Climate | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | improving overall forest wildfire resilience and the ability o | 12a | 4 |
| 12 | Resilience to Disturbance in a Changing Climate | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining conifer and broadleaf stands which are well a | 12b | 1 |
| 12 | Resilience to Disturbance in a Changing Climate | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | meeting ecological objectives and adaptation to future clir | 12c | 4 |
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| 5 | Fish Habitat | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining and restoring the distribution and quality of f | 5a | 6 |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | managing fuel loads, vegetation patterns and fuel breaks f | 6c | 6 |
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| 2 | Watercourse Channel Sediment | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in minir** | at the watershed and sub-watershed level in managed wa | 2a | 5 |
| 3 | Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sedimen | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | reducing or minimizing management-related generation o | 3a | 5 |
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| 8 | Wildlife Habitat - Seral Stages | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining or increasing the amount and distribution of l | 8b | 4 |
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| 10 | Wildlife Habitat - Structures | c | **Is Variable Retention silviculture effective in meeting …** | geomorphic objectives? | 10c | 2 |
| 11 | Hardwood Values | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai** | native oaks where required to maintain wildlife habitat (14 | 11b | 2 |
| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | maintaining and restoring stream water temperature? | 1b | 2 |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | a | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in …** | treating post-harvest slash and slash piles to modify fire b | 6a | 2 |
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| 2 | Watercourse Channel Sediment | b | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in minir** | for individual Plans at the project level? | 2b | 1 |
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| 11 | Hardwood Values | c | **Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai** | aspen stands (14 CCR § 913.4 [933.4, 953.4] (e))? | 11c | 0 |
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Live Reported Results and Corrected Post-Meeting Results

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| 1 | Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function | h | Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in … | managing WLPZs to reduce or minimize potential fire behavior and rate of spread? | 1h | 6 | 4 | Priority Question in 2025/26 Request for Proposals |
| 5 | Fish Habitat | a | Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in … | maintaining and restoring the distribution and quality of foraging, rearing and spawning habitat for anadromous salmonids? | 5a | 6 | 6 | Priority Question in 2025/26 Request for Proposals |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | c | Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in … | managing fuel loads, vegetation patterns and fuel breaks for fire hazard reduction? | 6c | 6 | 4 | Priority Question in 2025/26 Request for Proposals |
| 6 | Wildfire Hazard | d | Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in … | managing forest structure and stocking standards to promote wildfire resilience? | 6d | 6 | Not reported at meeting | Priority Question in 2025/26 Request for Proposals |
| 2 | Watercourse Channel Sediment | a | Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in minimizing management-related sediment delivery from forest management activities to watercourse channels … | at the watershed and sub-watershed level in managed watersheds? | 2a | 5 | 4 | Priority Question in 2025/26 Request for Proposals |
| 3 | Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sediment | a | Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in … | reducing or minimizing management-related generation of sediment and delivery to watercourse channels? | 3a | 5 | 6 | Priority Question in 2025/26 Request for Proposals |
| 12 | Resilience to Disturbance in a Changing Climate | a | Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in … | improving overall forest wildfire resilience and the ability of forests to respond to climate change (e.g., in response to drought or bark beetle; reducing plant water stress) and variability, and extreme weather events (evaluate ecosystem functional response to fuel reduction and forest health treatments)? | 12a | 4 | 4 | NOT a Priority Question |
| **All other CMQs had vote counts of 4 or less; the top six questions with 5 or more votes will be prioritized for the 2025/26 RFP** | | | | | | | | |