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1	Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function	b	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	maintaining and restoring stream water temperature?	1b	
1	Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function	С	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	retaining predominant conifers in WLPZs and large woody	1c	
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	
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	Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function	-	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	managing WLPZs to reduce or minimize potential fire beha	-	
	Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Riparian Function		Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	filtering sediment that reaches WLPZs?	1i	
	Watercourse Channel Sediment	а		r at the watershed and sub-watershed level in managed wa	2a	
	Watercourse Channel Sediment	b	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in mini		2b	
	Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sedimen	а	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	reducing or minimizing management-related generation o	3a	
	Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sedimen		Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	reducing generation and sediment delivery to watercourse		
	Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sedimen		Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	reducing the effects of large storms on landslides as relate		
	Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sedimen		Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	maintaining or improving fish passage through watercours		
	Mass Wasting Sediment	a	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in mini		4a	
		b		r mass wasting during episodic stochastic events and/or lar		
		с С	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in mini		4c	
		a	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	maintaining and restoring the distribution and quality of f	-	
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		a b	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	treating post-harvest slash and retaining wildlife habitat si		
			Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	managing fuel loads, vegetation patterns and fuel breaks		
		c d	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in			
		u o	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	managing forest structure and stocking standards to prom		
	Wildfire Hazard	e r	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	achieving post-fire recovery and restoration?	6e	
	Wildfire Hazard	T	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	mitigating or reducing the cumulative impacts of post-fire		
	Wildfire Hazard	g	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	maintaining timberland productivity, including wood quali	-	
		a		e following general protection measures in 14 CCR § 919.2 [
		b		e following species specific habitat and disturbance measure		
	•	a	-	ensuring take avoidance following 14 CCR § 919.9 [939.9]		
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	Wildlife Habitat - Species and Nest Sites	С		maintaining adequate amounts of suitable habitat to prot		
	Wildlife Habitat - Seral Stages	a		retaining and recruiting late and diverse seral stage habita		
	Wildlife Habitat - Seral Stages	b	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	maintaining or increasing the amount and distribution of I		
		С	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	maintaining or recruiting adequate amounts of early- and		
		a	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	protecting wildlife habitat and associated ecological proce		
		b	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in		9b	
		С	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	Protecting rare, threatened, or endangered plants?	9c	
		а	Is Variable Retention silviculture effective in meeting	ecological objectives including co-benefits?	10a	
		b	Is Variable Retention silviculture effective in meeting	social objectives?	10b	
	Wildlife Habitat - Structures	С	Is Variable Retention silviculture effective in meeting	geomorphic objectives?	10c	
10	Wildlife Habitat - Structures	a		a mix of stages of snag development that maintain proper		
		b		native oaks where required to maintain wildlife habitat (1		
11	Hardwood Values	a		diverse forests with a mixture of tree species that includes		
11	Hardwood Values	b	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai	native oaks where required to maintain wildlife habitat (1	11b	
11	Hardwood Values	С	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai		11c	
11	Hardwood Values	d	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai	California black oak (Quercus kelloggii) and Oregon white	11d	
12	Resilience to Disturbance in a Changing Climate	а	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	improving overall forest wildfire resilience and the ability		
		b	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	maintaining conifer and broadleaf stands which are well a		
		с	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	meeting ecological objectives and adaptation to future cli		
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6	Wildfire Hazard	с	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	managing fuel loads, vegetation patterns and fuel breaks	6c	
6	Wildfire Hazard		Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	managing forest structure and stocking standards to prom	6d	
2	Watercourse Channel Sediment	а	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in mini	at the watershed and sub-watershed level in managed wa	2a	
3	Road and Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone Sedimen		Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	reducing or minimizing management-related generation of		
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	Wildlife Habitat - Cumulative Impacts		Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	protecting wildlife habitat and associated ecological proce		
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	Wildlife Habitat - Seral Stages		Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	maintaining or recruiting adequate amounts of early- and		
	Wildlife Habitat - Cumulative Impacts		Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	avoiding significant adverse impacts to wildlife species?		
	Wildlife Habitat - Structures			native oaks where required to maintain wildlife habitat (1		
11	Hardwood Values	С	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in retai	aspen stands (14 CCR § 913.4 [933.4, 953.4] (e))?	11c	
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7	Wildlife Habitat - Species and Nest Sites		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	following general protection measures in 14 CCR § 919.2 [7a	
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](7b	
	Wildlife Habitat - Cumulative Impacts		Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	Protecting rare, threatened, or endangered plants?	9c	-

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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	а	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	С	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	а	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	а	Are the FPRs and associated regulations effective in	reducing or minimizing management- related generation of sediment and delivery to watercourse channels?	За	5	6	Priority Question in 2025/26 Request for Proposals
12	Resilience to Disturbance in a Changing Climate	а	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