



# Western Oregon State Forests HCP

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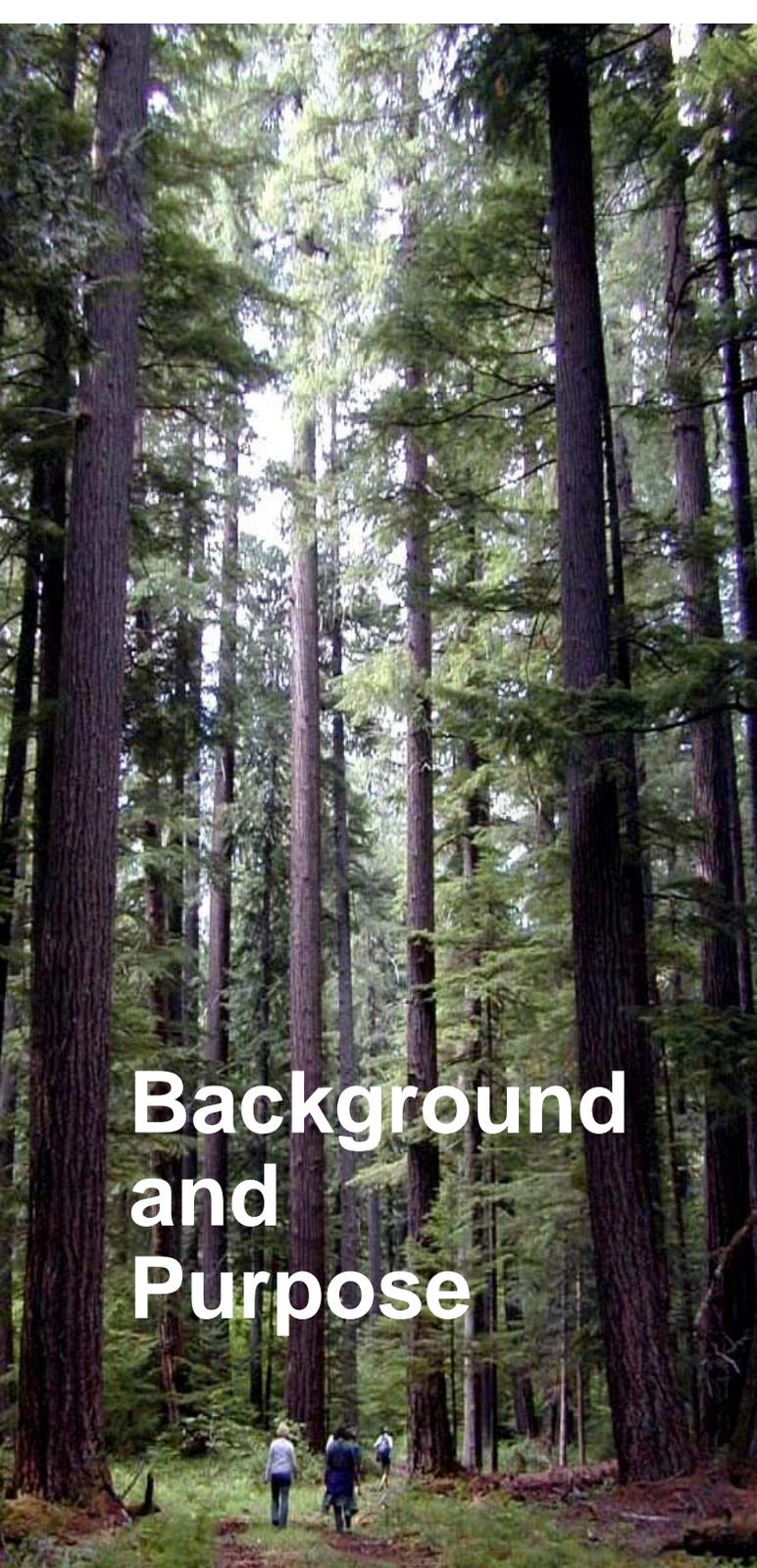
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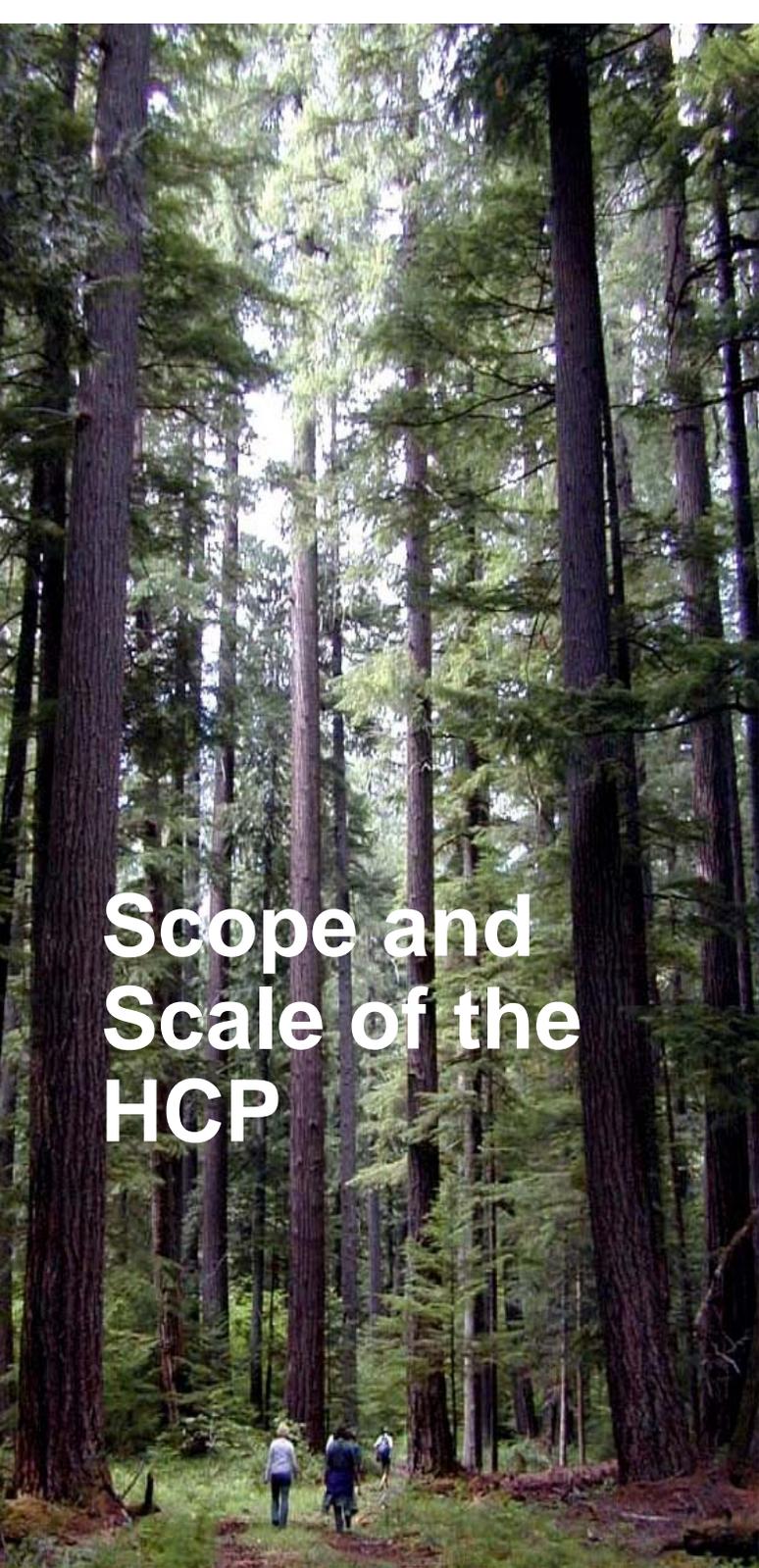
# Agenda

- HCP Background and Purpose
- Scope and Scale of the HCP
- Process and Timeline



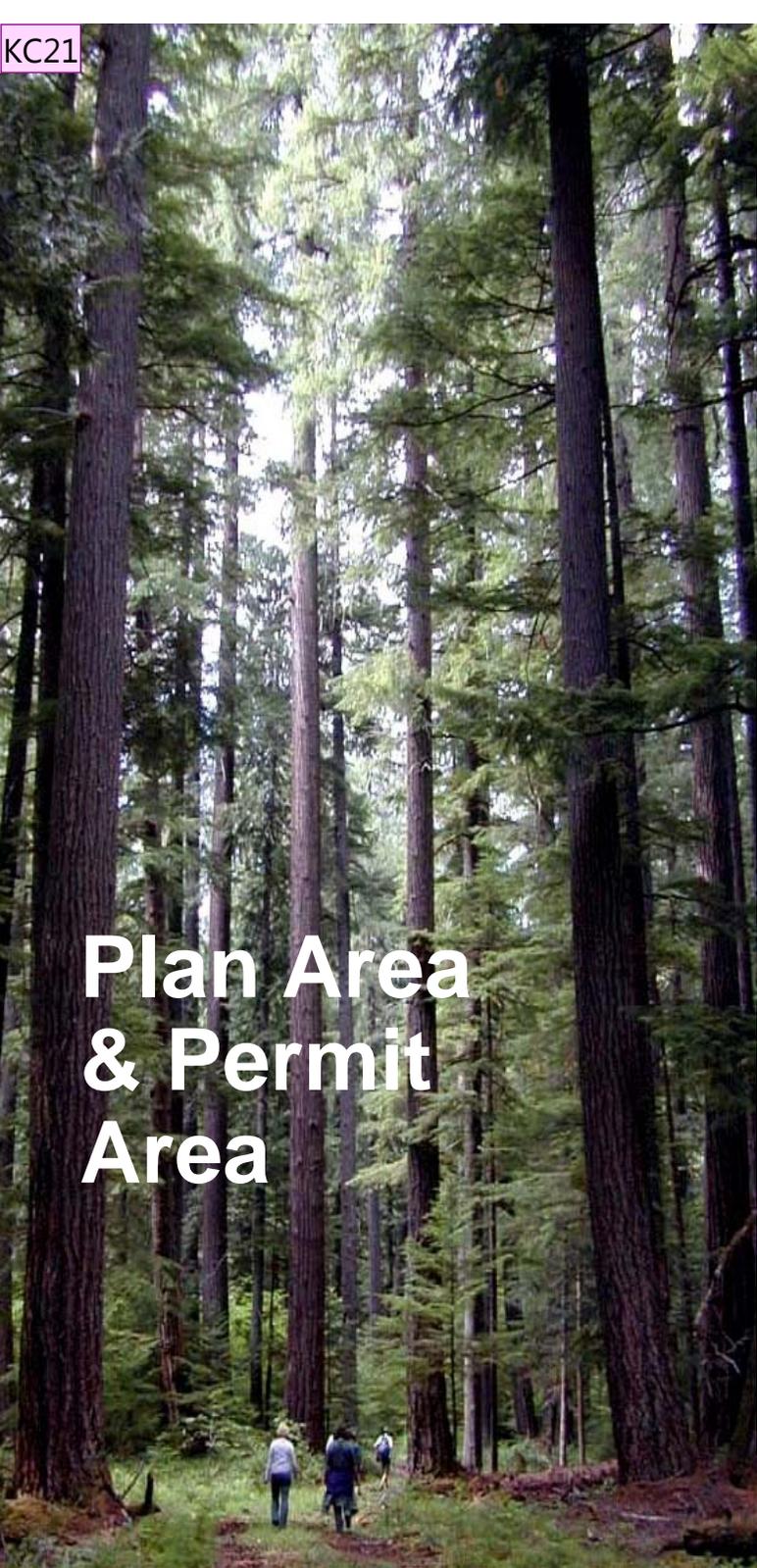
## Background and Purpose

- Oregon Department of Forestry manages **over 750,000 acres** of forest in western Oregon
- State Forests **harvest timber** to generate revenue for Oregon counties (2/3 of revenue goes to counties)
- The state currently manages forest lands to **avoid take** of listed species
- 2018: Business Case determined take avoidance strategy **not economically sustainable**
- HCP would allow money used for avoidance surveys to be invested in conservation and allow increased timber harvest revenue
- HCP prepared in context of long history of ESA battles over listed species and timber industry



## Scope and Scale of the HCP

- **Plan Area**
- **Permit Term**
- **Covered Activities**
- **Covered Species**



# Plan Area & Permit Area



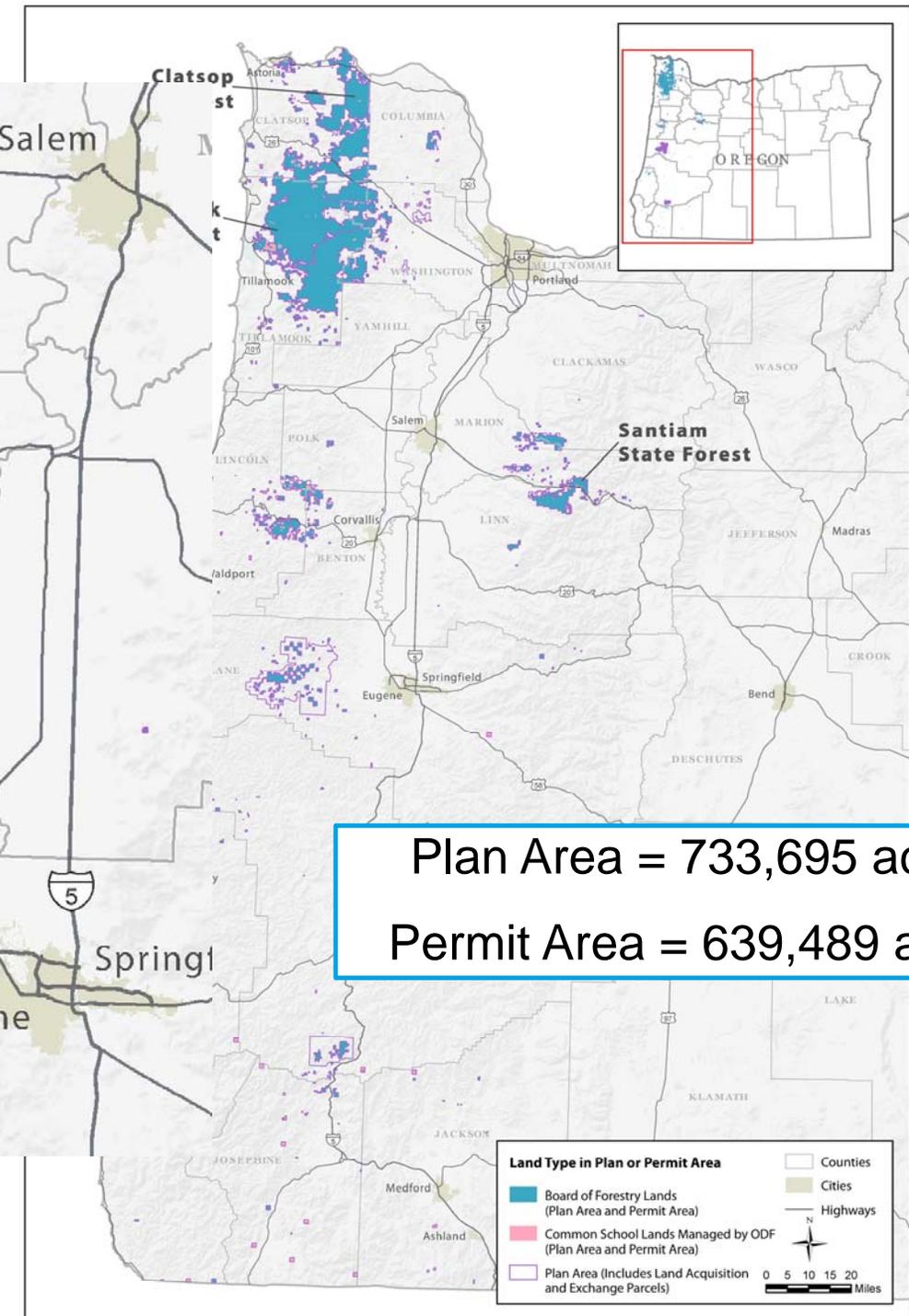
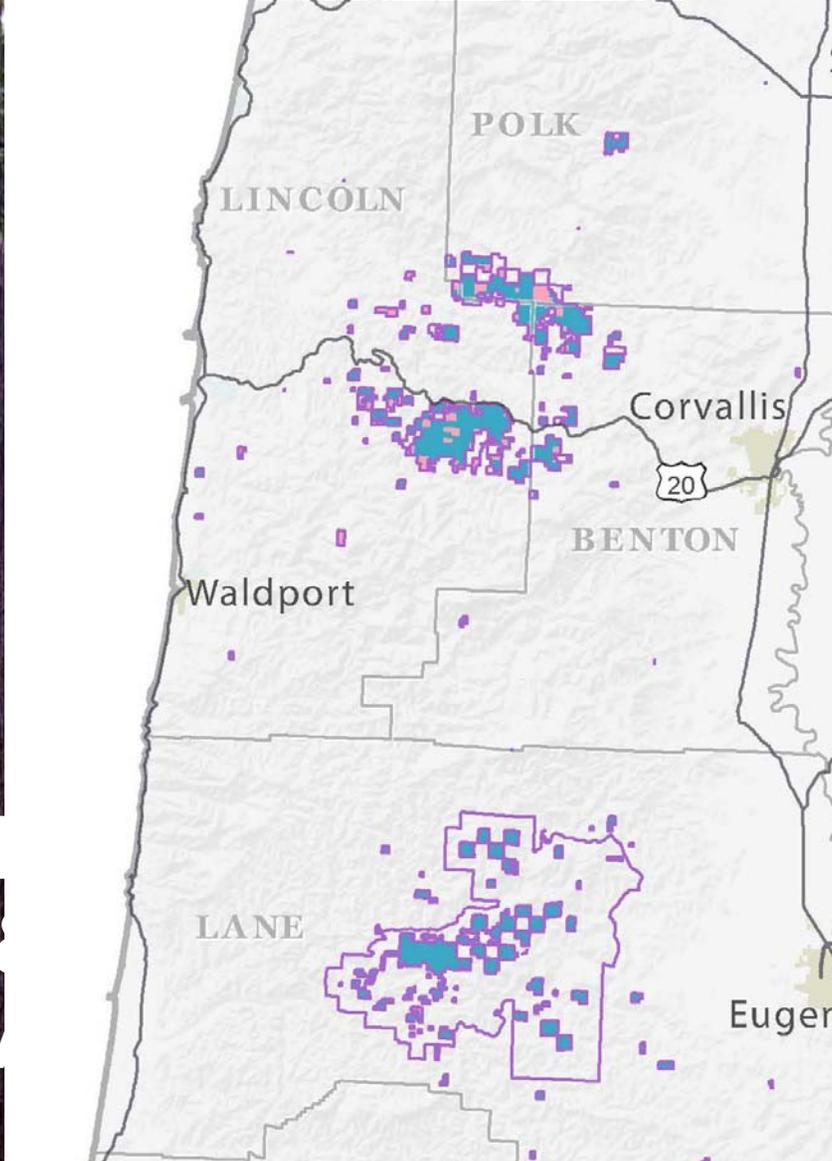
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This may be the place where you note that Elliott State Forest is owned by DSL and is currently also pursuing an HCP...yet another complexity.

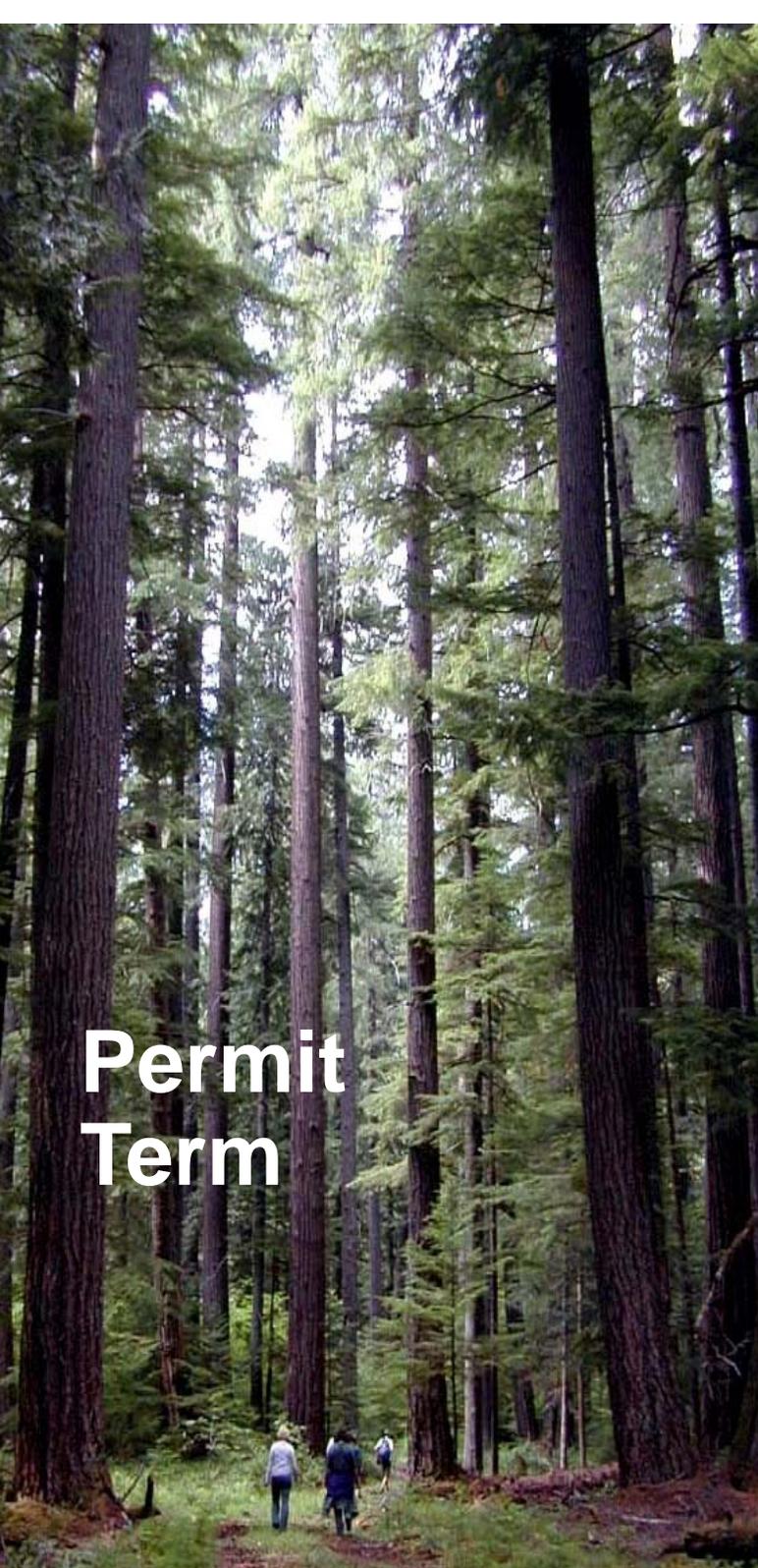
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Plan Area = 733,695 acres  
Permit Area = 639,489 acres

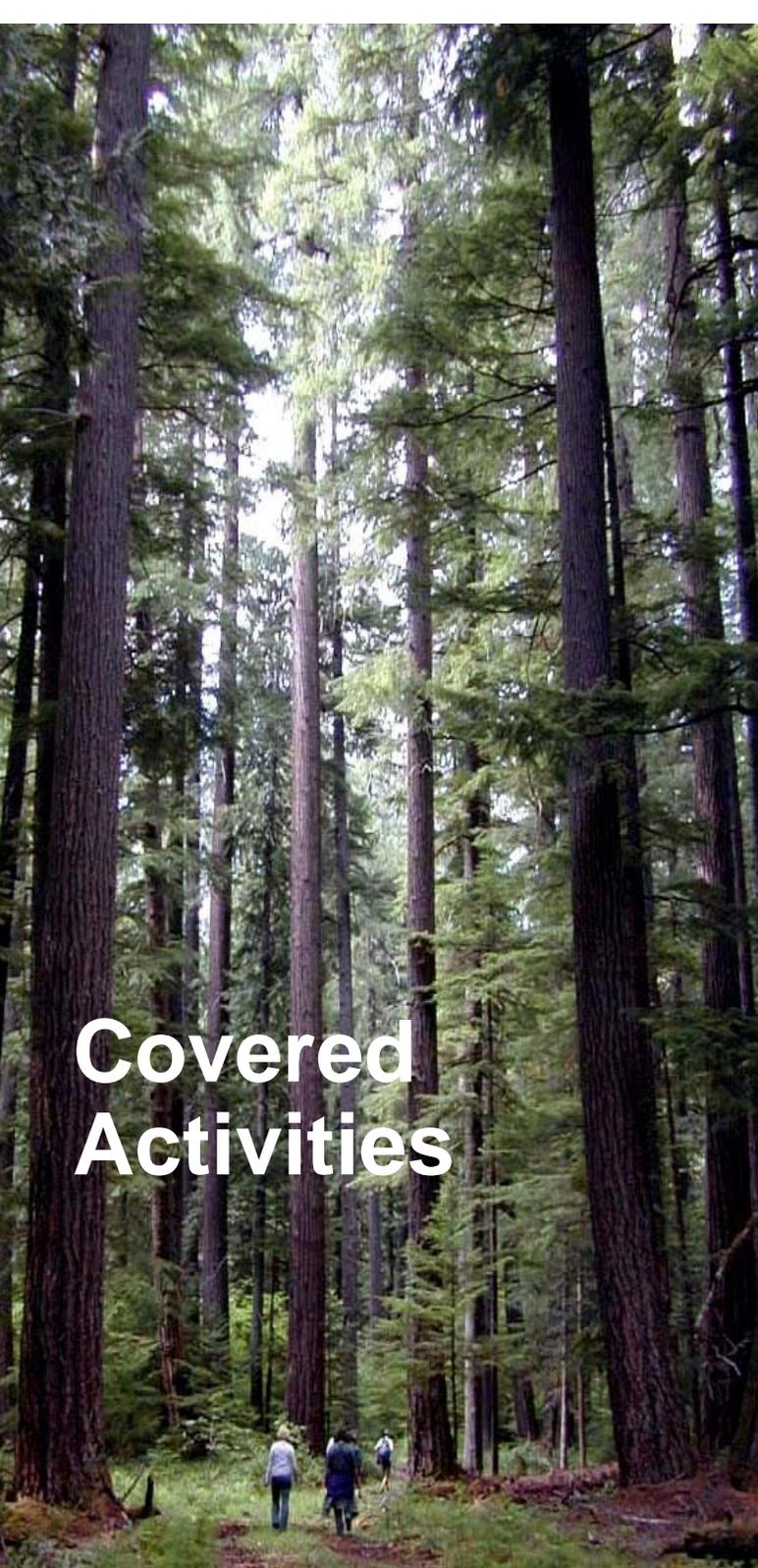


Figure 1-1: Western Oregon State Forests HCP Plan and Permit Area



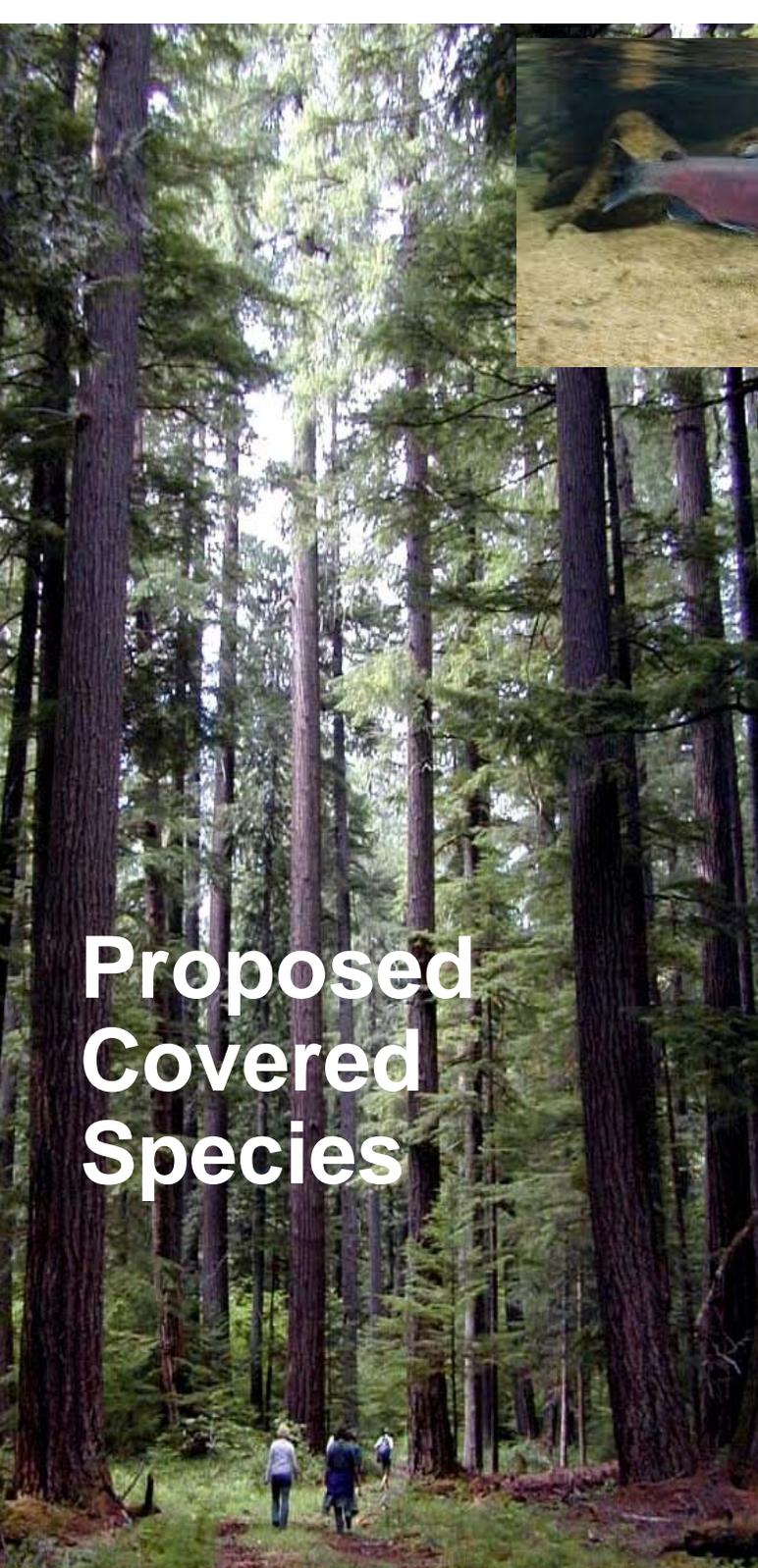
## Permit Term

- **Permit term proposed to be 50-80 years**
- **Key considerations**
  - Timber harvest rotations
  - How long will the conservation take?
  - How uncertain is the ecological future?



## Covered Activities

- Timber Harvest
- Stand Management Activities
- Road System Management
- Recreation Facilities
- Conservation Action Implementation



Species	Status <sup>a</sup>	
	State	Federal
Oregon Coast coho ( <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> )	--	FT
Oregon Coast Spring Chinook ( <i>O. tshawytscha</i> )	--	--
Lower Columbia River coho ( <i>O. kisutch</i> )	SE	FT
Upper Willamette River spring chinook ( <i>O. tshawytscha</i> )	--	FT
Upper Willamette River winter steelhead ( <i>O. mykiss</i> )	--	FT
Columbia River chum ( <i>O. keta</i> )	--	FT
S Oregon/N California Coast coho ( <i>O. kisutch</i> )	--	FT
Lower Columbia River chinook ( <i>O. tshawytscha</i> )	--	FT
Eulachon ( <i>Thaleichthys pacificus</i> )	--	FT
Northern spotted owl ( <i>Strix occidentalis</i> )	ST	FT
Marbled murrelet ( <i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i> )	ST	FT
Oregon slender salamander ( <i>Batrachoseps wrighti</i> )	--	--
Columbia torrent salamander ( <i>Rhyacotriton kezeri</i> )	--	--
Cascade torrent salamander ( <i>R. cascadae</i> )	--	--
Coastal marten ( <i>Martes caurina</i> )	--	PT
Red tree vole ( <i>Arborimus longicaudus</i> )	--	--



# Project Phases

## HCP Project Phases

### Phase 1: HCP initiation/scoping (2018)

- Develop HCP governance structure
- Refine covered species list
- Business Case Analysis

### Phase 2: Strategy development (2019-2020)

- Develop 1<sup>st</sup> administrative Draft HCP
- Stakeholder engagement

### Phase 3: NEPA Analysis and Public Draft (2020-2021)

- Prepare EIS
- Release public draft HCP and EIS
- Finalize documents
- Obtain an Incidental Take Permit

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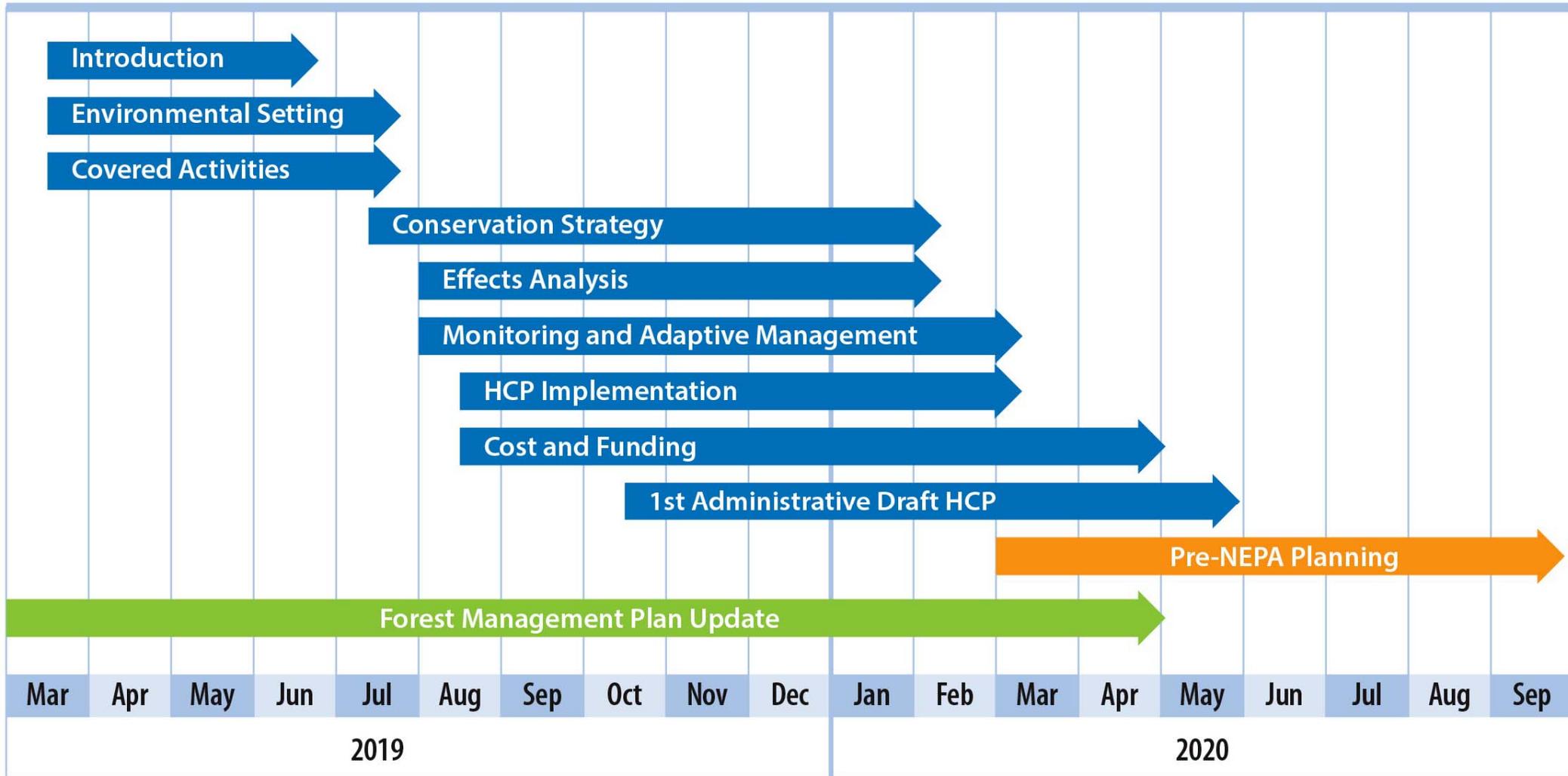
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I think that the important thing for other applicants is to understand that we have tried this in the past and were unsuccessful...in negotiations for over a decade. We lost faith and trust. This phased approach and the planning structure were developed to address lessons learned; it is important to engage decision makers early and often to ensure that we will not waste years of time & resources. Also allows BOF an off ramp at the end of each phase if it is not going well. The BCA you mentioned at the beginning was a key piece of Phase 1 to assist our Board with making the decision to pursue an HCP that failed in the past and was riddled with assumptions about potential economic outcomes.

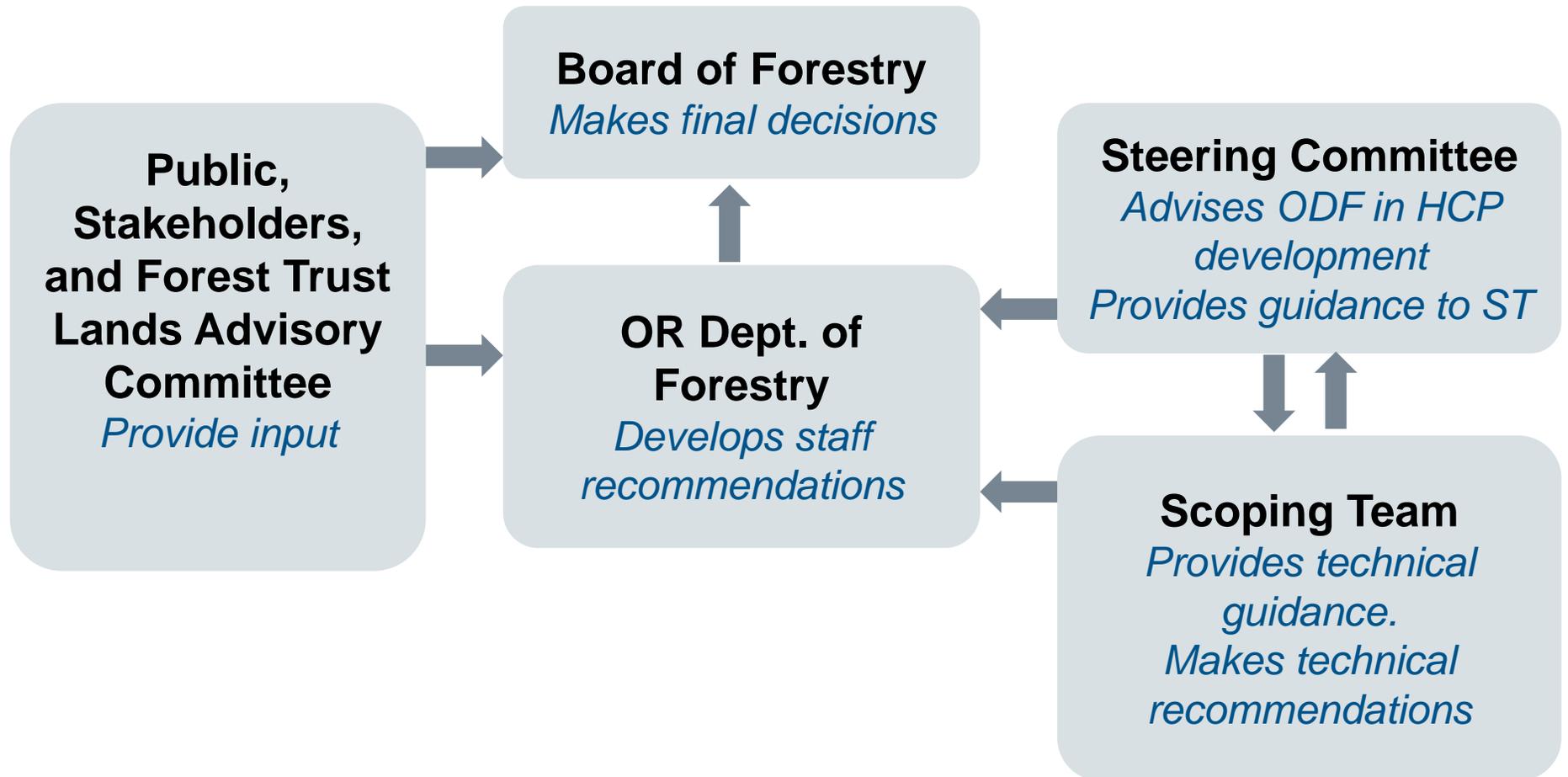
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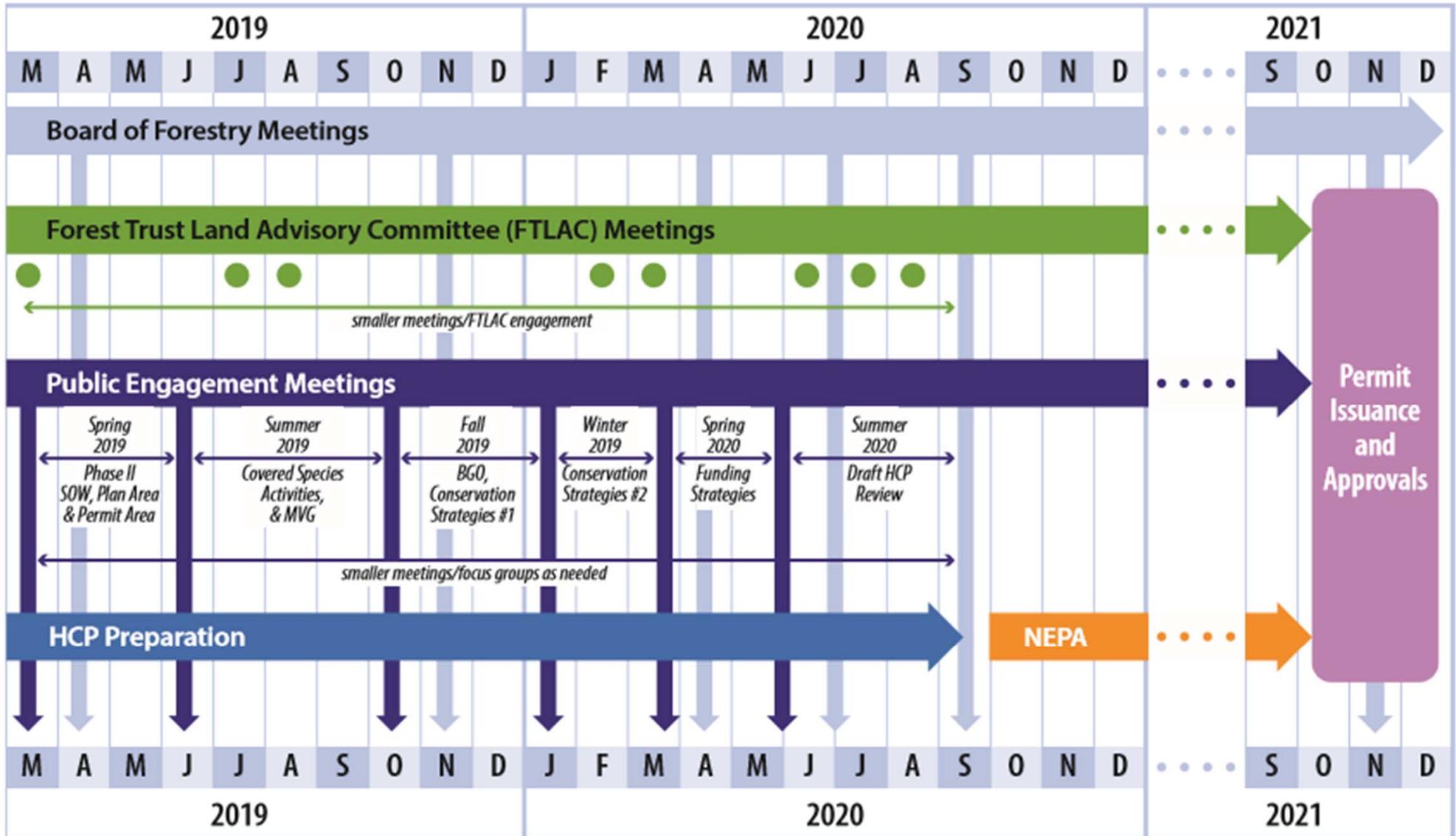
# Draft HCP Development Timeline



# HCP Process



# Western Oregon State Forests HCP Stakeholder Engagement



Western Oregon State Forests HCP Initiative



**Q&A and  
Discussion**



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