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Memo to: Participants in the FY2018 Fish and Wildlife Habitat in Managed Forests Research Program Meeting

From: Anthony S. Davis, Program Manager

Subject: Meeting Notes, with New Project Funding Allocations

Thank you all for participating in the meeting on 31 January – I really appreciate the commitment you have to guiding our research priorities and am pleased that we had a successful meeting! The faculty, students, and collaborators prepared another relevant and timely slate of new project proposals and presented them effectively to the Advisory Committee. Lots of good discussion throughout the day!

The net funding available for new projects in FY2018 is \$171,599. This is based on the current 10-year rolling average harvest of 3.66 billion board feet that yields an initial gross budget of \$366,000, of which \$290,476 is spendable after 26% overhead. \$15,421 was already allocated from FY2017, and there was \$103,456 for projects continuing from FY2017. The funded projects total \$154,683, leaving a small surplus that can be allocated next year.

The Technical Advisory Committee evaluated 14 proposals and prioritized them for recommended funding. Dean Maness has accepted the recommendation to fund the four highest priority projects, and declined the option to fund any additional projects beyond those due to the budget implications in FY2018 and beyond. The projects funded/investigative teams are:

- Experimental Evaluation of Plethodontid Salamander Response to Forest Harvest -- Tiffany Garcia, AJ Kroll, Jessica Homyack, Claudine Reynolds, David Shaw
- Does a Lack of Structures for Nest Building Limit Red Tree Vole Occupancy of Actively Managed Forest? -- Damon Lesmeister, John Bailey, Mark Linnell
- Identifying distribution boundaries at the upper extent of fish in streams using eDNA -- Brooke Penaluna, Ivan Arismendi, Tiffany Garcia, Jessica Homyack, Taal Levi, Dana Warren
- Quantifying fish response to management creating riparian forest canopy gaps – Dana Warren, Maryanne Reiter

I would like to extend sincere thanks to Chair Jake Gibbs, past-Chair Jeff Light, and the Technical Advisory Committee for their time and effort in guiding this program. It is an important link between the College of Forestry and our stakeholders that helps us to conduct research that is relevant to the forests and people of Oregon. I also want to extend my thanks to Melora Park, Brett Morrissette, Nathalie Gitt, and Steve Tesch for their continuing efforts to ensuring that the program and proposal solicitation functioned so well. As we move forward with completing and initiating research projects, I will be in touch soon with our plans for the fall, and of course you can always see what is new at the [program website](#).