



## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



### **36.11.448 MANAGEMENT OF THE STATE FOREST LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- (1) Beginning in the year 2005 and every five years thereafter, the forest management bureau chief shall make a written report to the director of the department and the trust land management DIVISION administrator on the current status of state forest land management plan implementation and effectiveness, including a recommendation on the need for significant changes to the plan.
- (2) Upon review, the department shall consider changing the plan for one or more of the following reasons:
  - (a) new legislation is adopted that is not compatible with the selected alternative;
  - (b) the state board of land commissioners provides new direction; or
  - (c) the forest management bureau chief judges that the original assumptions supporting the plan no longer apply.
- (3) The department may make minor changes or additions to the plan without a programmatic review of the entire plan as long as those changes are compatible with the overall plan, as determined at the sole discretion of the department.
  - (a) Cumulative minor changes could result in a programmatic review of the SFLMP.
- (4) Changes that result in a departure from the fundamental intent of the plan as determined by the department shall require an environmental review of affected portions of the plan.
- (5) The department shall monitor individual RESOURCES pursuant to ARM 36.11.404 through 36.11.445.
  - (a) The department shall compile the results of monitoring into a report for the state board of land commissioners by October 2005 and every five years thereafter.
  - (b) The department shall include monitoring mechanisms for applicable elements of ARM 36.11.404 through 36.11.445 and project environmental analyses in forest management activity contracts.
  - (c) Contract administrators shall monitor compliance with all requirements specified in contracts for forest management activities. If contract requirements are not being met, the contractor shall correct them, under department supervision.

**Implementing statute(s):** 77-5-116, 77-5-204, 77-5-206, 77-5-207, MCA

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