State Land Board draws protest over Elliott forest sale

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SALEM — Nearly one month before acquisition proposals for a major parcel of the Elliott State Forest are due, more than 30 members of the public gave comments at the State Land Board's meeting Tuesday.

The sale of approximately 82,500 acres of the Elliott State Forest, which has proven controversial, particularly among environmental groups, wasn't an item that board members were scheduled make any decisions on.

Nevertheless, an hourlong comment period on the subject was scheduled for the end of Tuesday's meeting — though protesters had to check their signs at the door under the watchful eyes of state troopers.

Under the state constitution, the State Land Board is required to maximize revenue from the Elliott State Forest and other natural resources the state received from the federal government at statehood. The board is required to put that revenue toward the state's K-12 public schools.

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Environmental groups oppose the sale of the Elliott State Forest organized a protest at Tuesday's State Land Board meeting in Salem.

Common School Fund

The Elliott Forest land at issue has, for years, been an asset of the Common School Fund. In recent years it has become a financial liability and the state wants to "decouple" the fund from the forest.

In July, the Department of State Lands estimated that the Common School Fund lost $4 million since 2013 due to new timber harvest limitations on the Elliott State Forest land.

Those limitations were sparked by a lawsuit challenging the state's logging in areas that are home to the marbled murrelet, which is protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

The proceeds from the planned sale of the parcel will be invested in the Common School Fund, according to the department.

The buyer must ensure 40 direct and indirect jobs in connection for the forest for 10 years, and in perpetuity do the following: conserve public access on 50 percent of the area's acreage, protect at least 25 percent of the trees from harvest and maintain riparian areas of 120 feet or more on either side of fish-bearing streams.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, one of three members of the board, said during Tuesday's meeting that bidders can exceed these requirements. However, prospective buyers cannot offer more than the state's price of $220.8 million, determined earlier this year to be the forest's fair market value.

Speakers during the public comment period, of whom there were about 35, spoke in favor of keeping the forest public.

Several commentors, including children, said they lived in the area and that they feared the potential effect of new ownership on the forest's rivers, trees and fish.

In Land Board's hands

The Land Board, however, bears ultimate responsibility for the acquisition decision.

Several dozen entities have expressed interest in buying the land, according to the Department of State Lands. These include public agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

According to State Lands Spokeswoman Julie Curtis, public entities who submitted expressions of interest in accordance with the state deadline can partner with private entities to submit acquisition plans, as long as those who formally expressed interest on deadline are the lead entity on any acquisition plan.

Acquisition plans are due Nov. 15, one week after the general election. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown is the only board member seeking reelection.

Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins plans to retire when her term concludes at the end of this year, while Treasurer Ted Wheeler has been elected to serve as mayor of Portland starting in January.

At Tuesday's meeting, State Lands Director Jim Paul said the sale was on track to meet the projected timeline for the sale of the Elliott State Forest property.

After the Nov. 15 deadline, it may take the department up to a week to evaluate all of the proposals for how well they meet the criteria, Paul said, and public comment will again be taken at the board's next meeting Dec. 13.

In other business, on Tuesday the board also received the department's annual aquatic resource management report and approved the sale of two state-owned trust parcels — one in Marion County and another in Lincoln County.

The Marion County parcel, approximately 0.68 acres, is being sold to the city of Salem, as it is surrounded by city property in Minto Brown Park. The Lincoln County Parcel, approximately 70.6 acres, is being sold to the Wetlands Conservancy, a conservation nonprofit.

The board also approved "clarifying" changes to administrative rules governing state-owned submerged and submersible land.

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A		L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	2	KATU News at 6	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Designated Survivor "The Enemy" (N)		KATU News at 11	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel
-	KOMO	4	KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Designated Survivor "The Enemy" (N)		KOMO 4 News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel
-	KING	5	NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Blind "Condone Untidiest Thefts" (N)		Law&O: SVU "Heightened Emotions" (N)		Chicago "Big Friends, Big Enemies" (N)		KING 5 News	(:35) Tonight (N)
6	KOIN	-	KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X (N)		Criminal Minds "Taboo" (N)		Code Black "Corporeal Form" (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(:35) S. Colbert
-	KIRO	7	KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X (N)		Criminal Minds "Taboo" (N)		Code Black "Corporeal Form" (N)		KIRO News	(:35) S. Colbert
8	KGW	-	KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	Blind "Condone Untidiest Thefts" (N)		Law&O: SVU "Heightened Emotions" (N)		Chicago "Big Friends, Big Enemies" (N)		KGW News at 11	(:35) Tonight (N)
9	KRCW	3	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Arrow "The Recruits" (N)		Frequency "Signal and Noise" (N)		KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
10	KOPB	10	Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Super Hummingbirds" (N)		Nova "Super Tunnel" (N)		Weapons "The Tunnels of Okinawa" (N)		Sight: The Story of Vision	
12	KPTV	12	6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon (N)		Empire "Cupid Kills" (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
13	KPDX	-	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show
-	KCPQ	13	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon (N)		Empire "Cupid Kills" (N)		Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons
20	TBS	20	(5:00) MLB Baseball Division Series					MLB Game	Seinfeld Pt. 1 of 2	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Conan	
-	KZJO	22	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Pre-match	MLS Soccer Houston Dynamo at Seattle Sounders FC (L)				Post-match	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	29	ESPN Films "Sports Shorts" (N)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	30	(5:00) NCAA Football Appalachian State at Louisiana-Lafayette (L)				E:60		Baseball Tonight	Fantasy Football	Jalen & Jacoby	E:60 Pictures	NCAA Football App. St./L-Laf.	
31	NICK	31	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Game Shakers	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	32	Liv and Maddie	Girl Meets World	Adventures in Babysitting ('16) Sabrina Carpenter.		(:45) Walk Prank		(:10) Cali Style	(:40) Stuck Middle	(:10) Babysitter	(:40) K.C. Underc.	(:05) Cali Style	Stuck in Middle
34	FAM	34	★★ Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time ('10, Action) Gemma Arterton, Ben Kingsley, Jake Gyllenhaal.				★★ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005, Adventure) Freddie Highmore, David Kelly, Johnny Depp.						The 700 Club	
35	FMC	35	Movie	(:50) ★★★★ American Hustle (2013, Drama) Amy Adams, Jennifer Lawrence, Christian Bale.						(:35) FXM Presents	★★ The Tourist (2010, Action) Angelina Jolie, Johnny Depp.		(:55) FXM Presents	
36	LIFE	36	LW Atlanta "Say Yes to the Mess"		Little Women: LA "Belly Dance Battle"		Women "Terra's Growing Family" (N)		Little Women: LA "Name Game" (N)		LW Atlanta "Little Women, Big Hair" (N)		LW Atlanta "Little Women, Big Hair"	
38	ROOT	38	Wild Places	In Depth (N)	NCAA Volleyball	MLS Soccer Houston Dynamo at Seattle Sounders FC (L)				In Depth	Fight Sports MMA		Sounders Access	MLS Soccer
39	FS1	39	Ultimate Fighter 24 "Let it Loose"		Ultimate Fighter 24 (N)		TUF Talk (N)	Garbage Time (N)	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Ultimate Fighter 24		TUF Talk	Garbage Time
43	SPIKE	43	(4:00) The Longest Yard Adam Sandler.		★★ The Waterboy (1998, Comedy) Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler, Adam Sandler.				Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	That Awkward Game Show		That Awkward Game Show	
44	COM	44	(:25) South Park		(:55) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park (N)	L.C. Heights (N)	The Daily Show (N)	@midnight (N)
45	HIST	45	American Pickers "Cammy Camaro"		American Pickers "Space Oddities"		American Pickers "Museum Man"		American Pickers "A Colonel of Truth"		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	(:05) Pawn Stars	(:35) Pawn Stars
46	A&E	46	(5:30) ★★ Training Day ('01, Thril) Ethan Hawke, Scott Glenn, Denzel Washington.				★★★ Taken (2008, Thriller) Famke Janssen, Leland Orser, Liam Neeson.				Criss Angel: Trick'd Up		(:05) Criss Angel	(:35) Criss Angel
47	TLC	47	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Toddlers & Tiaras "Just Hit Somebody!"		Toddlers & Tiaras: Game On (N)		Tiaras "Here Come the Animals!" (N)		Little Miss "Leave it on the Floor" (N)		Tots/Tiara "Here Come the Animals!"	
48	DISC	48	Naked&Afraid "40 Days Falling Apart"		Naked&Afraid "40 Days Filth and Fury"		Dual Survival "Tracking Lions"		Survival "Attack of the Elephants" (N)		Still Alive "Dead in the Water" (N)		(:05) Survival "Attack of the Elephants"	
49	NGEO	49	Alaska State Troopers "Too Much Pot"		Alaska State Troopers "Fatal Inferno"		Alaska State Troopers "Arctic Force"		Border Wars "Canine Alert"		Cocaine Crackdown		Border Wars "Canine Alert"	
50	TNT	50	Bones "The Geek in the Guck"		Bones "The Corpse and the Convention"		Bones		Bones		Bones "The Puzzler in the Pit"		Bones	
51	AMC	51	(5:00) Men in Black ('97) Will Smith.		★★★ The Mummy (1999, Adventure) Rachel Weisz, John Hannah, Brendan Fraser.						★★ The Mummy Returns ('01, Adv) Rachel Weisz, John Hannah, Brendan Fraser.			
52	USA	52	NCIS "Heartland"		NCIS "Nine Lives"		NCIS "Double Trouble"		NCIS "Viral"		NCIS "16 Years"		Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	53	Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen		WorstCooks "Celebrity: Boooot Camp!"		Worst Cooks in America (N)		To Be Announced		Cutthroat Kitchen (N)	
54	HGTV	54	Property "Independent and Ambitious"		Property Bros. "100th Episode Special"		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		Hunt Vintage (N)	House Hunters (N)	Property Brothers	
56	FX	56	(4:00) Captain America: The Winter S...		Noah (2014, Drama) Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson, Russell Crowe.						AHS: Roanoke "Chapter 5" (N)		AHS: Roanoke "Chapter 5"	
57	CNN	57	We Will Rise (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		We Will Rise		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	58	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record	
61	CNBC	61	Shark Tank		Cleveland "Open for Business!" (N)		The Profit "Tea2Go"		The Profit "The Soup Market"		Cleveland Hustles "Open for Business!"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	63	The Real Housewives		H.Wives "Shamrocks and Shockwaves"		Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Tardy 1/2	Don't Tardy 2/2 (N)	Don't Tardy 1/2	WatchWhat (N)	Don't Tardy 2/2
64	TCM	64	(5:00) ★★★ The Young Philadelphians ('59) Paul Newman.			★★★ Hombre (1967, Western) Fredric March, Richard Boone, Paul Newman.				We Go to Monte Carlo ('53) Jules Munshin, Audrey Hepburn.			The Monte Carlo Story	
65	SYFY	65	(5:00) Sorority Row ('09) Briana Evigan.		★★ Jeepers Creepers 2 (2003, Horror) Jonathan Breck, Nicki Aycox, Ray Wise.				Ghost "Haunting of the Garde" (N)		Paranormal Witness "The Hotel" (N)		Ghost Hunters "Haunting of the Garde"	
162	RFD	162	Cowboy TV	Noble Outfitters	HS Rodeo Tour	Equestrian Nation	RW Horsemanship	Rural Eve. News	Racer's Edge	WesternSport	Cowboy TV	Noble Outfitters	Product Showcase	

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