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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**From:** Terrence Woods, State Chief Information Officer

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**Subject:** SB 1602 (2020) – EIS Public Notice re: Implementation of a Pesticide Reporting System by the Oregon Department of Forestry

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Pursuant to SB 1602 (2020) SECTION 12(2), Enterprise Information Services (EIS) is providing public notice regarding the implementation of a pesticide “Reporting System” by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

By way of background, SB1602 requires ODF to establish a “Reporting System” that will notify nearby residents and affected water users of proposed or planned pesticide applications by helicopter to forestlands near their residence or adjacent property. Such notifications will also include documentation on how the operator, timber, or owner proposing the application of pesticides will mitigate potential impacts to identified protected resources. Protected resources can include protected fish and wildlife species, streams, or structures, and residences.

Since the passage of SB 1602, ODF has determined that their current Forest Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System (FERNS) system can be updated to meet the legislative requirements. The FERNS system can send notifications to interested parties and enables the attachment of the required documentation. Originally implemented in 2014 by the Timmons Group, ODF has maintained an Operations and Maintenance contract with this original vendor, who will also be responsible for implementing the required system enhancements.

The FERNS project received its Stage Gate 1 endorsement on November 23, 2020, and its Stage Gate 3 endorsement with conditions on May 3, 2021. Based on the project documentation and regular monthly status reports provided to our Office, ODF is well-positioned to implement the FERNS enhancements within the timeframe established in SB 1602.