

A photograph of a forest at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, starburst effect and casting long shadows. A dirt path leads into the distance through the trees. In the foreground, a large, healthy oak tree with prominent lobed leaves is visible, partially obscuring the text.

Protected Lands: Protected Lands Target

2 Million Acres

- Mirrors the 2014 goal, but to be accomplished over a longer period
 - 15 years instead of 10
- Public does not want to see a reduction in ambition.
- No concerns from jurisdictions about 2M-acre target
- Other partners would like to see a more ambitious goal; 2 million feels like the bare minimum
- Hitting 2M more acres = ~11.3M protected by 2040

1.5 Million Acres

- A reduction from the last agreement
- Preferred by most Jurisdictions
- Seen as more achievable given land prices and availability, capacity, and funding
- Will be seen as a major reduction by the public, who would like to see a more ambitious goal.
- Hitting 1.5M more acres = ~10.7M protected by 2040

Phrasing Edit

- Instead of saying 1.5 or 2 million additional acreage, should we just call out what we want the total acreage to be?
- Could we just say 11 million to cut the difference?
- *By 2040, permanently protect a total of 10.7/11.3/11 million acres of land throughout the watershed at the federal, state, or local level.*

Editing Target Language

- Very clear, no one wants XX in the agreement.
- Editing language to still emphasize the target areas, but drop acreage goal numbers until defined with all emphasis areas being defined by 2027.
- Would still define targets and identify goals by 2027
 - A number would be added into the agreement at a later date
 - Get rid of target numbers for emphasis areas altogether and just define in management strategies.

Edited Target Language

By 2040, permanently protect a total of 10.7/11.3 million acres of land throughout the watershed at the federal, state, or local level.

- By 2040, permanently protect a total of X million acres of forest.
- By 2027, define and identify target goals for forest buffers, wetlands and adjacent areas, natural lands supporting healthy streams, agricultural lands, tribal homelands, and community greenspaces.

Edited Target Language- without targets? Management Strategy Route

By 2040, permanently protect a total of 10.7/11.3 million acres of land throughout the watershed at the federal, state, or local level. With an emphasis on increasing the protection of forests, wetlands and adjacent areas, natural lands supporting healthy streams, agricultural lands, tribal homelands, and community greenspaces.

- Acreage targets would be an internal number we would define in MS.

Requested Management Board Feedback

Do Management Board Members prefer a protected lands target of 1.5 million acres or 2 million acres?

Are Management Board Members supportive of moving forward with the edited target language?

Are Management Board Members supportive of defining the targets and identifying goals by 2027?