



Federal Forest Advisory Committee: Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group

**October 25, 2012
9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**Willamette Room,
University Place Hotel
310 SW Lincoln Street, Portland**

Convener: *Brett Brownscombe, Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Governor's Office*

DRAFT MEETING & WORK SESSION AGENDA

- 9:00 Welcome & Introductions, Agenda Review
- 9:10 USFS Pacific Northwest Region Planning Approach: Current Thinking
- Introduction and Comments: Ric Rine, Director – Resource, Planning & Monitoring
 - Discussion
- 9:50 Work Session – “National Forest Health Restoration Economic Assessment”
- Introductions: Matt Krumenauer, ODOE
 - Contractor Team presentation of draft findings: Brandon Vickery, MB&G
 - Discussion, Next steps
- 11:00 FFAC IWG Funding subcommittee Update
- Brett Brownscombe and committee members
- 11:20 Summary of Meeting Action Items
- 11:30 Updates for consideration
- FFAC IWG calendar (2013 meeting dates?)
 - Collaboratives
 - Statewide collaborative inventory status – revisions, additions
 - Umatilla National Forest Collaborative Group: Declaration of Cooperation
 - Wallowa-Whitman Forestwide Collaborative
 - 11/8 Board of Forestry Tour in John Day
 - 11/27-30. “Resilient Forests and Communities Workshop: Building Social, Economic and Ecological Resilience across Organizations and Federally Managed Frequent Fire Forest Landscapes”, in Bend.
 - NFF Community Capacity & Land Stewardship grant funding: status for FFY 2012-13
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- 12:00 Adjourn

**For those who will be calling in:
Conference Call-in Number: 1 866 906-9888
Participant Code: 2840618**

FFAC IWG Purpose & Vision Statement:

“The IWG is focused on supporting landscape-scale, active restoration of federal forest lands by identifying and removing barriers to restoration of forest and watershed health.

We will:

1. help collaboratives identify local forest health priorities, develop landscape-scale forest restoration plans, and find agreement for active management;
2. advocate for sustainable and predictable supply of biomass and merchantable timber, and
3. advocate for supportive state and federal policy.

These activities will restore forests, help sustain communities by creating jobs and maintaining forest-sector infrastructure, and enhance Oregon's energy independence. The IWG will initially focus on the dry, fire-prone forests found east of the Cascades and in the southern interior of Oregon."

The FFAC IWG adopted an “action plan framework” at the 3/31/11 work session. The framework identifies 6 broad categories for organizing and prioritizing possible tasks to address barriers identified by collaboratives, Federal agencies (*supply side-related*) and businesses needing biomass and merchantable material (*demand side-related*). These categories are A-F below and are presented in no particular order.

- A. Develop a Landscape Assessment Tool Kit
- B. Create a System to Facilitate and Reduce the Cost and Time for NEPA Analysis and ESA Consultation
- C. Provide Project Staffing Support to Federal Agencies
- D. Provide Support for Engaging with Local Collaboratives
- E. Identify Funding Sources
- F. Create a Subcommittee for Policy Issues

The action plan framework and additional information about the FFAC IWG is online at:
<http://orsolutions.org/osproject/federal-forestlands>

For more information contact:
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Those participating in previous Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group meetings include:

Signatories on the Declaration of Cooperation:

- Governor's Office
- Economic Revitalization Team
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- US Forest Service
- US DOI Bureau of Land Management
- Crag Law Center *
- Oregon Forest Resources Institute
- Sustainable NorthWest
- The Nature Conservancy *
- Oregon Business Council
- Association of Oregon Counties *
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- PSU, Policy Consensus Center & Oregon Solutions

Others Participating:

- Coquille Indian Tribe *
- Local forest health collaborative representatives
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Office of US Senator Wyden
- Office of US Senator Merkley
- Office of US Rep Schrader
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- USDA Rural Development
- Pacific Rivers Council
- Ochoco Lumber
- American Forest Resources Council
- Oregon Business Association
- University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program
- Western Environmental Law Center
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
- National Forest Foundation
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

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