

Federal Forest Advisory Committee: Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group

December 6, 2012 9:00 a.m. - Noon Willamette Room, <u>University Place Hotel</u> 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 Statewide Inventory of Collaboratives: latest draft & summary
 - Issues: funding, capacity. Discussion of recommended next steps.
 - Nathan Poage, OS staff
- 9:50 USFS Pacific Northwest Region Planning: Appeals on Dry side forest projects
 - Tracy Beck for Ric Rine, USFS Region 6 Director Resource, Planning & Monitoring
- 10:15 Work Session:
 - "National Forest Health Restoration Economic Assessment": Next Steps (15 minutes) The Assessment was released in late November and discussed at the 12/3 Oregon Leadership Summit. The Assessment will be presented to the Joint Task Force on County Payments on 12/11. What other steps are appropriate to continue the distribution, discussions and formulation of actions?
 - Matt Krumenauer, ODOE
 - Governor's 2012-13 Recommended Budget (30 minutes)

A recent draft of the funding proposal to support collaboratives was circulated in November. Review and discussion of the recommended budget, development of next steps.

- Brett Brownscombe and committee members
- "Big dollars" for accelerating restoration: status & open discussion (30 minutes)
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- 11:30 Summary of Meeting Action Items
- 11:40 Updates for consideration
 - FFAC IWG calendar
 - Malheur National Forest discussion since discussion at 10/25 meeting
 - Umatilla Forest Collaborative Group: Declaration of Cooperation signed
- 12:00 Adjourn

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: National Policy Consensus Center (503) 725-9077



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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