



## Federal Forest Advisory Committee: Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group

September 13, 2012

9:00 a.m. - Noon

PSU Urban Center, Meyer Memorial Room 710  
506 SW Mill St, Portland

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

### DRAFT MEETING & WORK SESSION AGENDA

- 9:00 Welcome & Introductions, Agenda Review
- 9:10 Forest Health Collaboratives: Report on discussion at 9/11/12 OWEB meeting and outcomes: (The OWEB staff report is posted at [http://cms.oregon.gov/OWEB/docs/Item\\_C\\_with\\_attachments.pdf](http://cms.oregon.gov/OWEB/docs/Item_C_with_attachments.pdf))
- OS, OWEB, TNC, ODF staff
- 9:30 Work Session – Malheur National Forest: Increasing the Pace of Restoration & Maintaining Infrastructure (skilled workers, plant & equipment and community)
- USFS: 9/7/12 Letter from Region 6 to US Senator Wyden (*Attachment A*)
- 10:30 FFAC IWG subcommittee reports
- Planning Efficiencies
    - Colville Forest A to Z project (*Attachment B*)
    - New Region 6 Planning Director Ric Rine
      - Tracy Beck, USFS
    - Discuss and establish next subcommittee meeting agenda
  - National Forest Health Restoration Economic Assessment (*Attachment C*)
    - Matt Krumenauer, ODOE
  - Funding/Budget Proposal - Supporting local collaboratives
    - Chad Davis, ODF
  - County Road Funding: Legislative concept
    - Brett Brownscombe, GNRO
- 11:10 Collaboratives Subcommittee status
- Discussion. Agree on next steps to re-establishing the subcommittee, members.
  - Identify IWG participation November 28 w/ SNW & TNC workshop in Bend (*Attachment D*).
    - OS staff
- 11:20 Summary of Meeting Action Items
- 11:30 Updates
- FFAC IWG calendar (*Attachment E*)
  - National Forest Foundation Community Capacity & Land Stewardship grants
    - See <http://www.nationalforests.org/conserve/grantprograms/capacitybuilding/ccls/pastawards>
  - Statewide Forest Collaboratives Inventory
  - Wallowa-Whitman, Willamette NF – emerging collaboratives
  - Next Meeting: 10/25, Agenda topics
- 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."

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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>

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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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Committee Members