

Federal Forest Advisory Committee: Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group

February 28, 2013 9:00 a.m. – 11:45

ODF Headquarters Tillamook Room, Administration Building 2600 State St. Salem, OR (see attached map)

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

FINAL DRAFT AGENDA

- 9:00 Welcome & Introductions, Agenda Review
- 9:10 State Legislative Update

Brett Brownscombe

- Report Out: 2/7 Senate Committee on Rural Communities and Economic Development
- Support for Collaboratives and New Business Model: Governor's Recommended Budget (SB 5533)
 - Coordination on message regarding federal support and match
 - Russ Hoeflich & Mike Dennis, TNC
- Investments in the Project Pipeline: HB 2221 & SB 257
- 10:20 Collaborative Subcommittee discussion

Pete Dalke, Nathan Poage - OS staff

- USFS: NEPA Appeals, Projects, Outcomes Update
- Performance metrics
- 10:40 "The Biomass Dilemma" Presentation & Discussion Irene Jerome, Jerome Natural Resource Consultants
- 11:10 Summary of Next Steps
- 11:15 Updates for consideration
 - FFAC IWG calendar (Attachment A)
 - NFF Community Capacity and Land Stewardship: 2014 grant cycle
 - OWEB 3/13 Board meeting. "Forest Collaboratives" information item.
 - Status: Sen. Wyden's Eastside forest bill
 - Board of Forestry, Federal Forests Subcommittee
 - O & C Panel wrap up Chad Davis, ODF
 - Curry County Rogue Siskiyou NF collaboration interests
- 11:45 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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