

# Federal Forest Advisory Committee: Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group

April 4, 2013 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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 and Federal Update Brett Brownscombe
  - Governor's Recommended Budget: update
  - o Metrics for measuring success of collaborative outcomes: draft list
  - Mike Dennis, TNC and Dylan Kruse, SNW
    - Federal match component
- 10:10 USFS: Appeals Process and Blues Project *Ric Rine or Jackie Andrew, USFS R6 (by phone)* 
   Pre-decisional Rule - Revised 218 regulation: overview of changes, discussion *Tracy Beck or Bill Aney, USFS R6*
  - Blues project
- 10:40 Oregon Board of Forestry, Federal Forests Subcommittee *Nils Christoffersen, Oregon Board of Forestry (by phone)* 
   Status and expected timeline
- 10:55 Federal Updates • Reports on stakeholder conversations in DC
- 11:10 Collaborative Subcommittee discussion Nathan Poage, Oregon Solutions
   USFS databases alignment (PALS, FACTS, TIM)
- 11:25 Oregon Forest Biomass Strategy and Implementation Matt Krumenauer, Oregon Department of Energy

   Status of state incentive programs and partnerships
- 11:40 Summary of Next Steps
- 11:45 Updates for consideration including
  - April 15-16 USFS Mixed Conifer Science Symposium &
    - April 17-18 CFLRP Learning Network Meeting Dylan Kruse, Sustainable Northwest
  - Next FFAC IWG Meeting, May 9 (location Salem TBD)
- 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

> 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
  - \* Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee Members





