



Federal Forest Working Group

Thursday, January 29 2015

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Meyer Conference Room
7th Floor, 506 SW Mill Street
Portland, OR 97201

Map link and Parking info:

<http://orsolutions.org/about/contact-us>

Conference Call-in Number: 1 888 585 9008

Participant ('Room') Code: 322 674 124

Work Session Purpose: To review implementation of the state's Dry-side Federal Forest Health Program to date, continue dialogue about a 2015-17 program.

AGENDA

- 9:00 Welcome & Agenda Overview *Lauri Aunan, Governor's Natural Resources Office, Convener*
- 9:05 Introductions (including those on the phone)
- 9:15 2015-17 Governor's Recommended Budget: Rural Economic Development Package
Paul Barnum, co-chair of the Governor's Rural Implementation Team; Governor's Office; ODF staff
- Overview of the initiative
 - ODF Federal Forest Program components
 - Other related components including Regional Solutions; biomass
 - Discussion
- 10:00 Status of Accelerated Restoration
- \$2.88 implementation – *Chad Davis, ODF*
 - USFS Accelerated Restoration Strategy and update from Blue Mountains ID team – *Bill Aney, USFS*
 - Discussion
- 10:20 Monitoring of Oregon's Federal Forest Program
Dr. Eric White, Faculty Research Associate, U of O Ecosystem Workforce Program
- Overview & baseline analysis
 - Eastside Restoration Calculator
 - Baseline results for eastside federal forests (contracting, timber sales)
 - Discussion
- 11:15 BLM Informational Item: Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon
Mark Brown, BLM Western Oregon RMP project manager
- [April 2015: Planned release of draft RMPs](#)
- 11:30 FFWG Purpose and Vision & 2015 Work plan - Continued Discussion
- Review, Discuss and Adopt Final Draft Recommendations of FFWG Purpose & Vision (*see below*)
 - Brainstorm future work session

11:45 Next Steps

Including:

- Set upcoming work session dates: consider mid-March and late May

12:00 Adjourn

Federal Forest Working Group Purpose & Vision Statement

**December 2014
Working Version**

“The purposes of the FFWG are to:

- Advance collaboratively driven landscape-scale, active restoration of federal forest lands;
- Identify and remove policy and financial barriers; and
- Promote innovative ~~policy and financial~~ solutions to restoration of forest and watershed health.

We will:

- Provide a forum for collaborative groups, federal and state agencies, counties, tribes, and interest groups to raise and solve barriers to accelerated restoration on federal lands (Forest Service and BLM);
- Support and contribute to maintaining and growing our innovative Federal-State Partnership that demonstrates new governance structures and ways of doing business together;
- ~~Identify and test~~ *Discuss and foster implementation of new and emerging* governance structures that provide for meaningful involvement of community and collaborative leadership, *including identifying the resources and conditions necessary to implement these collaborative structures;*
- Articulate the need for a consistent supply of timber offered through restoration and forest management that is collaboratively supported; and,
- Work together to identify and secure increased, consistent, and/or diverse funding of collaborative approaches and implementation of landscape scale restoration projects.

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.”

Stakeholders regularly participating with the [Federal Forest Working Group](#) include (in no particular order):

- Governor's Office¹
- Regional Solutions Teams¹
- Oregon Department of Forestry¹
- US Forest Service¹
- Bureau of Land Management¹
- Oregon Forest Resources Institute¹
- Sustainable Northwest¹
- The Nature Conservancy *¹
- Oregon Business Council¹
- Association of Oregon Counties *¹
- PSU, Policy Consensus Center & Oregon Solutions¹
- [Local forest health collaboratives - coordinators and representatives](#)
- Office of US Senator Merkley
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Ochoco Lumber
- American Forest Resource Council
- University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program
- Ecotrust
- Oregon Forest Industries Council
- Boise Cascade
- Oregon State University, Forestry Extension

Additional stakeholders include:

- Coquille Indian Tribe *
- Crag Law Center *¹
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife¹
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality¹
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Office of US Senator Wyden
- Office of US Rep Schrader
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- USDA Rural Development
- Pacific Rivers Council
- Oregon Business Association
- Western Environmental Law Center
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
- National Forest Foundation
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- National Environmental Fuels Association
- Iron Triangle LLC
- Integrated Resource Management
- USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station

* Oregon Board of Forestry's [Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee](#) – original members.

¹ Signatories on the original [Federal Forest Advisory Committee – Ad hoc Implementation Work Group Declaration of Cooperation](#)