



## Federal Forest Working Group

Wednesday, November 4  
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Valley River Inn  
Rouge Room  
1000 Valley River Way  
Eugene, OR

**Directions:**

<http://www.valleyriverinn.com/directions.htm>

**Conference Call-in Number: 1 888 585 9008**

**Participant ('Room') Code: 322 674 124**

**Work Session Purpose:** *To gain additional insights regarding the efforts and interests of the forest collaboratives working on the Mt. Hood, Willamette and Siuslaw National Forests and O&C lands as part of expanding the FFH program statewide in 2015-17.*

### AGENDA

- 1:30 Welcome & Agenda Overview
- Convener: Governor's Natural Resources Office - Lauri Aunan and Brett Brownscombe
- 1:40 Introductions (including those on the phone)
- Jerry Nicolescu, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, Executive Director
  - Ryan Gordon, Network of Oregon Watershed Councils Executive Director
- 1:50 Coming up to Speed with Collaboration and Restoration Opportunities in Wet Forests (*Att. A*)
- Desired outcome:* A base level of understanding among the FFWG participant regarding collaboration to date and the opportunities to enhance restoration in wet forested ecosystems. A key question will be: What do collaborative groups and federal land managers define as forest restoration needs in wet forests?
- McKenzie Watershed Stewardship Group on the Willamette National Forest; Siuslaw National Forest Stewardship Groups
    - Chandra LaGue, Oregon Wild
    - Karl Morgenstern, Eugene Water & Electric, MWSG
    - Kirk Shimeall, Alsea and Siuslaw Stewardship Groups
  - Discussion, including:
    - Feedback and high-level overviews from participants of other west-side collaboratives
    - Potential needs for support through ODF Federal Forest Program
- 2:50 Federal Agency Perspective & Potential Needs for Assistance
- Desired outcome:* General discussion around the opportunities for the State assistance; for example in terms of data collection (ie. what data gaps exist; what analysis tools are needed to answer specific restoration questions) and pre-sale (are there projects "on the shelf"; does the USFS have a capacity gap in terms of pre-sale?)

- *Johan Hogervorste, Willamette National Forest, USFS*
- *Lee Folliard, State Office, BLM*

- 3:15 Update on Accelerated Restoration in the Blue Mountains
- Lower Joseph Project: Consultation and Record of Decision
  - Forest Resiliency Project
    - *Bill Aney, Accelerated Restoration Coordinator, USFS*

- 3:45 FFWG Dashboard Subcommittee Report-Out & Discussion (*Attachments B, C*)
- *Mark Stern, The Nature Conservancy & Paul Barnum, Oregon Forest Resources Institute*

- 4:15 Summary of Next Steps
- 12/17 work session in Portland:
    - focus on dashboard monitoring metrics; GNA status & implementation
  - 2016 work session dates
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4:30 Adjourn

## [Federal Forest Working Group \(FFWG\)](#)

### **- Background -**

Since 2008, the purpose of the FFWG (formerly the Federal Forest Advisory Committee Implementation Working Group) has been to pursue implementation of the Board of Forestry's recommendations on how to accomplish more management on federal lands in partnership with the state. These recommendations appear in the Board's report, "[Achieving Oregon's Vision for Federal Forestlands](#)", January 2009. An [Oregon Solutions Declaration of Cooperation](#) was signed in April 2009 to align the FFAC recommendations and their implementation with state agencies, NGOs and federal agencies including the US Forest Service and BLM.

Beginning with the 2015-17 biennium, the intent of the Legislature and the Oregon Department of Forestry is to expand the implementation efforts statewide.

### ***Purpose and Vision Statement, Revised September 10 2015:***

"The purposes of the FFWG are to:

- Advance collaboratively driven landscape-scale, active restoration of federal forest lands throughout Oregon;
- Identify and remove policy and financial barriers; and
- Promote innovative 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;
- 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.

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

- Governor's Office<sup>1</sup>
- Regional Solutions Teams<sup>1</sup>
- Oregon Department of Forestry<sup>1</sup>
- US Forest Service<sup>1</sup>
- Bureau of Land Management<sup>1</sup>
- Oregon Forest Resources Institute<sup>1</sup>
- Sustainable Northwest<sup>1</sup>
- The Nature Conservancy \*<sup>1</sup>
- Oregon Business Council<sup>1</sup>
- Association of Oregon Counties \*<sup>1</sup>
- PSU, Policy Consensus Center & Oregon Solutions<sup>1</sup>
- [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 \*<sup>1</sup>
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife<sup>1</sup>
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality<sup>1</sup>
- 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 Wild
- Ann Walker Consulting LLC

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

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