



Federal Forest Working Group

Thursday May 21 2015

1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Local Government Center, Rm 306;
1201 Court St. NE, Salem

Map link:*

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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

- 1:30 Welcome & Agenda Overview *Lauri Aunan, Governor's Natural Resources Office, Convener*
- 1:35 Introductions (including those on the phone)
- 1:40 OWEB Focused Investment Partnerships
Renee Davis – OWEB (by phone)
- Dry Type Forest Habitats, Oak Woodland & Prairie Habitats: included as FIP Priorities
 - Discussion
- 2:00 State Legislature update
Amanda Rich, TNC; Dylan Kruse, Sustainable Northwest and others that are "in the Building"
- 2:15 USFS Eastside Strategy: Accelerated Restoration
Bill Aney, USFS
- [Lower Joseph Creek Restoration Project](#)
 - [Blues Mountains Forest Resiliency Project](#)
 - Discussion
- 3:00 2015-17 Governor's Recommended Budget: Federal Forest Program
Chad Davis, ODF
- Looking forward to program implementation for 2015-17
 - Recap of 13-15 expenditures
 - Program review & FFWG role
 - Statewide expansion & engaging west-side collaboratives
 - Good Neighbor Authority: scoping out an ODF role
 - Program monitoring: Metrics dashboard concept
 - Discussion

4:00 Next Steps

Including:

- Set next work session date(s)
- Possible work session topics include:
 - Final Legislatively Approved Budget & Implementation
 - Federal Forest Program metrics dashboard
 - [Draft Resource Management Plans](#) for Western Oregon – *BLM State Director Jerry Perez*
 - Emerging efforts to accelerate restoration in Klamath and Lake Counties – *Dr. Emily Jane Davis, OSU Extension*
 - [Virtual boundaries as a tool for implementation efficiencies](#) – *Judd Lehman, USFS Fremont-Winema NF*
 - National Forest plan revisions in the NW Forest Plan area – *Maia Enzer, USFS R6*

4:30 Adjourn

* *NOTE: Visitors must obtain a temporary parking permit from the Association of Oregon Counties. This permit must be placed on the dashboard of visitors' cars to prevent being towed. If the parking lot is full, there are 2-hour parking meters on the streets surrounding the building.*

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 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. 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 Wild

* 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](#)