



Federal Forest Working Group

Thursday, July 30

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meyer Conference Room, PSU Urban Center
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 Federal Forest Health Program to date and further advance expanding the program in 2015-17.

AGENDA

- 1:00 Welcome & Agenda Overview *Lauri Aunan, Governor's Office, Convener*
- 1:05 Introductions (including those on the phone)
- 1:15 2015-17 Legislatively Approved Budget *(see attachment)*
Lauri Aunan, Governor's Office and Chad Davis, Oregon Dept of Forestry
- Legislative session recap;
 - ODF Federal Forest program
 - Biomass processing facility, other related infrastructure funding
 - Initial thoughts regarding implementation
 - Discussion
- 1:55 Socioeconomic Monitoring Results from Accelerated Restoration
Cass Moseley, Ecosystem Workforce Program Director; University of Oregon; Emily Jane Davis, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, OSU; Eric White, Research Social Scientist, Pacific NW Research Station.
- [Results of a recently released report on the](#) 2013-15 Federal Forest Restoration Program
 - Discussion/Feedback
- 2:15 Emerging efforts to accelerate restoration in Klamath and Lake Counties *(see attachments)*
Panel presentation: Jim Walls, Lake County Resources Initiative; Amy Markus, Fremont-Winema National Forest; Craig Bienz, The Nature Conservancy; Daniel Leavell, OSU Extension-Klamath Basin Research & Extension Center; Emily Jane Davis, OSU Forestry Extension.
- What opportunities are there elsewhere to replicate these efforts? What barriers need to be considered and addressed?
 - Discussion
- 3:30 Preliminary results from the statewide survey of collaborative participants
Emily Jane Davis, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, OSU
- Review and discuss results
 - What collaborative support needs stand out from survey responses?

3:40 FFWG Purpose and Vision: 2015-17 Work plan

Pete Dalke, Oregon Solutions staff

- Brainstorm future work session topics to identify potential work plan items for the FFWG in 2015-17
- Identify future work sessions dates, including meeting frequency

3:55 Summary of Next Steps

4:00 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 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](#)