



Federal Forest Working Group

Thursday, September 10 2015
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

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Work Session Purpose: To kick off implementation of the state's Federal Forest Health Program and advance expanding the program in 2015-17.

AGENDA

- 1:00 Welcome & Agenda Overview
- Lauri Aunan, Governor's Natural Resources Office, Convener
- 1:10 Introductions (including those on the phone)
- 1:20 Information Items:
- Chad Davis, ODF; Lauri Aunan, Governor's Office; Renee Davis, OWEB; USFS Region 6 team.
- This information is intended to provide background and additional context for discussing the ODF Federal Forest Health (FFH) Program and framing a FFWG 2015-17 work plan (Attachment A).*
- Review FFWG Purpose & Vision in context of expanded FFH Program 15 minutes
Attachment B (accompanies this agenda).
 - Review Proposed FFWG Roles for the FFH Program 10 minutes
Attachment C.
 - Update on Collaborative Grant Plan 15 minutes
 - Recap large fires statewide & update on fire borrowing 20 minutes
Attachment D.
 - Introduce USFS/State approach to Good Neighbor Authority 15 minutes
- 2:45 Work Session: Discuss and provide input regarding the State-Federal Implementation Partnership (SFIP)
- Chad Davis, ODF and Bill Aney, USFS. (Reference: Attachment E – Call for Projects).
- Desired Outcome(s): Feedback and suggestions regarding the priorities of SFIP investments. ODF to report back in December on initial projects selected to receive SFIP funds.*
- 3:30 Summary of Next Steps
- 4:00 Adjourn

ATTACHMENT B.

**Federal Forest Working Group
Purpose & Vision Statement**

- Proposed Change -

For Consideration at the 9//10/25 Work Session

Since 2008, the purpose of the FFWG (formerly the FFAC 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.

Beginning with the 2015-17 biennium, the intent of the Legislature and the Oregon Department of Forestry is to expand the implementation efforts statewide. In this regard, the last sentence of the *FFWG Purpose and Vision Statement* needs to be updated to reflect this direction.

Purpose and Vision Statement (working version), January 2015:

“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.”

Suggested Revision

Proposed changes for the last sentence highlighted above include:

- Eliminate the sentence in its entirety.
- Replace with wording to indicate a statewide focus, similar to simply stating: “The FFWG will work statewide in this regard.”
- Other suggestions?
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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](#)