



FFAC IWG

March 22, 2012

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

DRAFT Meeting Notes

ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS

- “Forest Health Restoration Economic Assessment” RFP released on ODOE website, proposals due March 26th.
- Funding Subcommittee will meet 4/9
- Next FFAC IWG meeting is scheduled for 5/3 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. to include work session on Statewide Forest Collaborative Inventory, collaboratives’ capacity needs.
- Umatilla Forest Collaborative Group Field Tour of Kahler Unit 4/26/12.

BRIEF MEETING SUMMARY

Funding Subcommittee

Members of the funding subcommittee held meetings with Kent Connaughton as well as key state legislatures from the joint payments taskforce to share the economic assessment and have received feedback that was integrated into the rfp. ODOE is administering the procurement process for the rfp for the Forest Health Restoration Economic Assessment, announcement is posted on their website here: <http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/OFFICE/jobs.shtml>

Planning Efficiencies Subcommittee (PLANES)

PLANES is meeting today to continue discussions around finding efficiencies in the NEPA process that can support USFS and forest collaboratives to increase treatment on the ground. A letter of support for the development of a Compendium of Science was sent to Kent Connaughton March 2, 2012 and we are still awaiting confirmation that the letter was received for next steps.

Support for Collaboratives: Presentation and Discussions

There is a need to create consistent, long-term funding to support collaborative work. Oregon Solutions, Sustainable Northwest and The Nature Conservancy all support forest collaboratives to build capacity for forest restoration work throughout the state. Each organization presented information on their role in past and ongoing efforts.

Oregon Solutions shared its inventory of forest collaboratives in Oregon which was started by Scott Aycock last year and updated through a series of interviews to obtain the following information:

- Membership/Organizational Information
 - Contact Name

- Host/Administrative organization
- Fiscal Administration
- Funding for Collaborative Support
- Organizations/Partners in Regular Attendance
- Geographical Information
 - National Forest
 - BLM Unit
 - Counties Affected
 - Available Processing Infrastructure
- Activities
 - Collaborative Goal/Purpose
 - Forest Restoration/Forest Health Activities
 - Next Strategic Steps

Maia Enzer from Sustainable Northwest shared a presentation about building collaborative capacity including highlights from the Dry Forest Investment Zone program and a survey conducted west-wide about the state of CBOs and Collaborative Groups. Link to study: <http://ewp.uoregon.edu/sites/ewp.uoregon.edu/files/images/resources/WP%2027%20CBO%20Assessment.pdf>

Mark Stern from the Nature Conservancy shared a presentation about building technical capacity related to collaborative forest restoration and the Fire Learning Network.

Work Session Postponed to 5/3 meeting

Participants

Convener: Brett Brownscombe, Governor's Office, Natural Resources

Agency

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 USFS
 ODOE
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 Sustainable NW
 Crag Law Center
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