



## **Federal Forest Advisory Committee: Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group**

**November 8, 2013  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

### **Conference Call**

**Conference Call-in Number: 1 866 906-9888  
Participant Code: 2840618**

Purpose: To discuss a draft framework for technical assistance and science support contracts and the on-going development of a new business model with the USFS.

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

3:00 Welcome & Introductions of those on the call

3:05 Implementing the dry-side forest health budget

- a. Collaborative capacity assistance grants: Report back on 11/4/13 OWEB Board actions and next steps
  - *Greg Sieglitz, OWEB*
- b. Work Session: Technical assistance and science support contracts
  - Draft RFP (*Chad Davis, ODF*)
  - Discussion.

*Description: Technical and Science Support (\$1.0 million) – Provide technical assistance and scientific support needed to increase the pace and scale of collaboratively developed management efforts. Contracts will be competitively awarded and administered by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to support identified needs across the dry side. Examples of contract scopes include:*

- \* Scientific support (e.g., data collection / analysis) and development of landscape strategies to identify and prioritize treatments
- \* Design and implementation of monitoring for ecological, social and economic outcomes
- \* Innovative approaches to improving planning and implementation efficiencies
- \* Development and implementation to promote peer-to-peer learning and uptake of efficient practices among collaboratives

4:45 Summary of Timelines, Next Steps, Future meeting dates

5:00 Adjourn

## 2013-14 ROLLING CALENDAR

- 11/7/2013      OWEB opens solicitation for collaborative capacity grants (tentative)
- 11/14/13      Board of Forestry meeting at ODF, Salem Headquarters. The previously scheduled FFAC- IWG meeting has been moved to (11/8/13).
- 11/27/13      Small collaborative grant applications due to OWEB (tentative)
- 12/4-5/13      MANAGING EASTSIDE MOIST MIXED-CONIFER FORESTS. Science-Policy workshop. Pendleton area.
- 12/16/2013      Review team meets – Forest health collaborative capacity grant applications.
- 12/19/13**      **FFAC IWG meeting – Meyer Conference Room, PSU.**
- 1/2014      OWEB Board meeting – Approval of initial round of forest health collaborative capacity grants.
- 2/2014      ODF is directed to report to the Legislature in February 2014 on specific plans, expected outcomes, progress, and the amount of federal funding and support provided to the collaboratives.

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### **FFAC IWG Purpose & Vision Statement:**

“The IWG is focused on supporting landscape-scale, active restoration of federal forest lands by identifying and removing barriers to restoration of forest and watershed health.

We will:

1. help collaboratives identify local forest health priorities, develop landscape-scale forest restoration plans, and find agreement for active management;
2. advocate for sustainable and predictable supply of biomass and merchantable timber, and
3. advocate for supportive state and federal policy.

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."

Additional information about the FFAC IWG is online at:

<http://orsolutions.org/osproject/federal-forestlands>

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Those participating in previous Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group meetings include:

Signatories on the Declaration of Cooperation:

- Governor's Office
- Economic Revitalization Team
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- US Forest Service
- US DOI Bureau of Land Management
- Crag Law Center \*
- Oregon Forest Resources Institute
- Sustainable Northwest
- The Nature Conservancy \*
- Oregon Business Council
- Association of Oregon Counties \*
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- PSU, Policy Consensus Center & Oregon Solutions

Others Participating:

- Coquille Indian Tribe \*
- Local forest health collaborative representatives
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Office of US Senator Wyden
- Office of US Senator Merkley
- Office of US Rep Schrader
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- USDA Rural Development
- Pacific Rivers Council
- Ochoco Lumber
- American Forest Resources Council
- Oregon Business Association
- University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program
- Western Environmental Law Center
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
- National Forest Foundation
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

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