



Federal Forest Advisory Committee: Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group

June 20, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

CONFERENCE CALL

For those who will be calling in:

Conference Call-in Number: 1 866 906-9888

Participant Code: 2840618

The call will be hosted from
PSU, Meyer Memorial Room 710
506 SW Mill St, Portland

Convener: *Brett Brownscombe, Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Governor's Office*
(depending on availability as the Legislature is operating on 1-hour notices)

CONFERENCE CALL AGENDA

- 9:00 Welcome & Introductions, Agenda Review
- 9:05 State Legislative and Federal Updates
If applicable and as needed. Detailed discussion and debrief planned for our next meeting now scheduled for Thursday, 7/11 in Portland.
- Governor's Dry-Side Forest Health budget package
 - The Ways and Means Committee continues to discuss the funding
 - SB 357
 - Passed the House on 6/13/13 and is enrolled. See: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/13reg/measures/sb0300.dir/sb0357.en.html>
 - House Ag and Natural Resources Committee field tour under consideration for September
 - Congressional action: stewardship contracting reauthorization
 - Senate passed a farm bill that includes permanent reauthorization. The House takes up their farm bill this week.
- 9:15 USFS: Blues Strategy, Malheur NF
Tracy Beck, Debbie Hollen and/or Bill Aney, USFS R6
- Blues Accelerated Restoration Strategy project
 - The Forest Service has created a website with information about the Blues Strategy: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=stelprdb5423597>
Also note the brochure at the bottom titled, "Accelerated Restoration May 2013" that makes the case for increased restoration.
 - Malheur stewardship contracting - status
- 9:35 NFF Community Capacity and Land Stewardship Grant – 2013 awards
Pete Dalke, Oregon Solutions and others
- 9:45 Updates for consideration
- Next FFAC IWG Meeting, (7/11, Portland)
 - Oregon Board of Forestry - July 25/26 meeting and field tour in LaGrande
 - Curry County request for assistance to establish a local forest collaborative
 - Umatilla Forest Restoration Collaborative transition
- 10:00 Adjourn

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."

The FFAC IWG adopted an “action plan framework” at the 3/31/11 work session. The framework identifies 6 broad categories for organizing and prioritizing possible tasks to address barriers identified by collaboratives, Federal agencies (*supply side-related*) and businesses needing biomass and merchantable material (*demand side-related*). These categories are A-F below and are presented in no particular order.

- A. Develop a Landscape Assessment Tool Kit
- B. Create a System to Facilitate and Reduce the Cost and Time for NEPA Analysis and ESA Consultation
- C. Provide Project Staffing Support to Federal Agencies
- D. Provide Support for Engaging with Local Collaboratives
- E. Identify Funding Sources
- F. Create a Subcommittee for Policy Issues

The action plan framework and additional information about the FFAC IWG is online at:
<http://orsolutions.org/osproject/federal-forestlands>

For more information contact:
National Policy Consensus Center (503) 725-9077

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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