



Federal Forest Advisory Committee: Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group

**January 30 2014
9:00 a.m. – 10:30**

PSU, Meyer Conference Room

Conference Call

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

Purpose: To continue discussions regarding implementation of the Federal Forest program budget in advance of the convening of the 2014 Legislative short session.

AGENDA

9:00 Welcome & Introductions including those on the phone

9:15 Implementing the dry-side federal forest health budget

Collaborative support grants
(*Greg Sieglitz, OWEB*)

- Initial awards, approval for 2nd round & timing. Discussion of process and need for any adjustments. OWEB staff report link:
http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/docs/board/2014/Item_H_Forest_Health_Collaboratives_Grants_Update_FINAL.pdf

Technical and Science support. Contracting.
(*Chad Davis, ODF*).

- Discussion of recent changes, projected timeline. Next steps.

New business model. (*ODF, USFS*)

- Update.

10:00 Oregon Board of Forestry: Adoption of Federal Forest Principles & Action Plan

- Discussion of the anticipated role for the FFAC-IWG as noted in the Action Plan
(*Nils Christofferson, Board of Forestry, Federal Forest Subcommittee chair*)

10:15 Other updates

- SB 357 Advisory Committee
- USFS Region 6 budget status including expectations for NFF Community Capacity grants. (*USFS*)
- Farm bill, [Wildfire Disaster Funding Act \(WDFIA\), S. 1875](#) – status. (*Dylan Kruse, SNW*)
- Next meeting dates.
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10:30 Adjourn

2014 ROLLING CALENDAR

- 1/28-29/2014 OWEB Board meeting in Portland – Report initial grant awards and seeks approval for 2nd round of forest health collaborative capacity grants.
- 2/6-7/2014 [USFS Eastside Strategy](#) – Blues Coalition of Collaboratives meeting in La Grande.
- 2/13/2014 SB 357 advisory committee meets to finalize report to the 2014 Legislature.
- 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.
- Spring 2014 State agency budget development begins.
- Board of Forestry Meetings – 3/5/2014; 4/14-15/2014; 6/4/2014; 7/24-25/2014; 9/3/2014; 10/16/2014; 11/5-6/2014; 1/7/2015.
- Board of Forestry - Federal Forests Subcommittee Meetings – 2/19/2014; 3/21/2014; 5/21/2014; 7/8/2014; 9/12/2014; 11/18/2014

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>

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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