



Federal Forest Advisory Committee: Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group

**March 20 2014
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Conference Call

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

**(For those desiring to meet in person:
Oregon Department of Forestry, Salem Headquarters
2600 State Street Salem, Oregon 97310)**

Purpose: To review the insect & disease provisions included in the recent Farm Bill, and discuss recommendations for the State's Designation request to the Secretary of Agriculture

AGENDA

- 10:00 Welcome & Introductions (including those on the phone)
- 10:05 Overview of State process to identify Designation
Brett Brownscombe, Governor's Office
- 10:15 Review of Section 8204 provisions
- Including definition of declining forest health; insect and disease threats; intended scope of designation of treatment areas.
Tracy Beck, USFS; Ann Forest Burns, AFRC; Chad Davis, ODF.
- 10:25 Map products and tools developed to date
Ann Forest Burns, AFRC; Chad Davis, ODF.
- 10:40 Discussion
- 11:20 Next steps to develop Designation
Brett Brownscombe, Governor's Office
- 11:25 Updates to consider
- SB 357 Advisory Committee
 - OBC visits to DC in May
- 11:30 Adjourn

2014 ROLLING CALENDAR

- March 25 Closing date - RFP for Federal Forest Health Program Technical Assistance and Science Support Services. Proposals due to ODF by 2:00 p.m.
- March 31 SB 357 committee meeting to draft report due to interim legislative committee in May.
- 4/1-2/2014 CFLRP workshop. Hood River. (Contact Sustainable NorthWest for additional information.)
- April Start solicitation for 2nd round of Forest Collaborative Capacity Grants (OWEB)
- April 25 Posting of Notice of Intent to Award (approximate) - RFP for Federal Forest Health Program Technical Assistance and Science Support Services.
- May Interim Oregon Legislative committees meet.
- May TBD Oregon Business Council and partners - congressional visits. (Contact Jeremy Rogers for additional information.)
- Spring 2014 State agency 2015-17 budget development begins.
- Legislative tour of dryside forest collaborative project.

Blues Coalition of Collaboratives – see [USFS Eastside Strategy](#) for information about meeting dates and locations

Board of Forestry meetings – 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 – Subcommittee on Federal Forests meetings – 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



Representation at ad hoc Implementation Work Group meetings includes:

Signatories on the Declaration of Cooperation:

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

Other stakeholders participating include:

- American Forest Resources Council
- Associated Oregon Loggers
- Boise Cascade
- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
- Coquille Indian Tribe *
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Ecotrust
- Harney County
- Hells Canyon Preservation Council
- Interfor
- Local forest health collaborative representatives
- National Environmental Fuels Association
- National Forest Foundation
- Ochoco Lumber Company
- Office of US Representative Schrader
- Office of US Senator Merkley
- Office of US Senator Wyden
- Oregon Business Alliance
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- OSU College of Forestry *
- Pacific Rivers Council
- PSU, Institute for Sustainable Solutions
- Trust for Public Lands
- University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- USDA Rural Development
- USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station
- Western Environmental Law Center

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