



Federal Forest Advisory Committee: Ad Hoc Implementation Work Group

June 3 2014
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Conference Call

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Conference Participant ('Room') Code: **322 674 124**

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Commission Room
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302

Work Session AGENDA

Work Session Purpose: To review implementation of the state's Dry-side Federal Forest Health Program to date, identify any issues, and begin discussing a 2015-17 program.

- 2:00 Welcome & Introductions (including those on the phone)
- 2:05 Review agenda, Overview
Brett Brownscombe, Governor's Office
- 2:15 USDA Insect and Disease landscape designations
- Status
 - Expectations for funding?
 - Action item: are any next steps identified at this point?
Tracy Beck, USFS; Chad Davis, ODF.
- 2:30 Implementation of Dry-Side Federal Forest Health Program (\$2.85M)
Chad Davis, ODF
- Status Update
 - 1) Technical Assistance and Scientific Support: Contractors Selected and Process
 - 2) New Business Model
 - State Investments
 - Partner Efforts:
 - [Eastside Strategy](#)
 - *Bill Aney, USFS*
 - Socioeconomic Monitoring Plan for the USFS Eastside Restoration ([Attachment A](#))
 - *Cass Moseley, U of O Ecosystem Workforce Program; USFS*
 - *Action Item: Follow up with Cass with feedback on the draft*
 - 3) Project Management
 - 4) Forest collaborative capacity assistance grants (3:15 p.m.)
 - *OWEB – Greg Sieglitz (by phone); Dana Hicks; John Amaroso*
 - 5) Socio-economic monitoring for reporting to the Legislature
 - *Cass Moseley, U of O Ecosystem Workforce Program*

4:00 2015-17 State budget development discussion

Brett Brownscombe, Governor's Office

- Action items: Given, the update above, what is current temperature relative to the next budget package? Are these the “right” 3 components for going forward to accelerate pace and scale? What else is needed to assure success?

- Next steps

4:15 FFAC-IWG Purpose and Vision Statement (*Attachment B*)

Pete Dalke, Oregon Solutions

- Review current purpose and proposed draft revisions
 - Action item: Send feedback on proposed revisions and new name for the group to Pete ASAP. Goal: finalizing at the July meeting.

4:25 Updates and topics to consider for addressing in more detail at upcoming work sessions include:

- 5/30 Senate Rural Communities and Economic Development presentation, SB 357 Advisory Committee – Brett
- CEQ visit - June
- OBC visits to DC in May (including discussions about Wildfire Disaster Act legislation) – Jeremy Rogers, Oregon Business Plan; Paul Barnum, OFRI.
- Legislative field tour in October – Brett
- OSU/Pacific NW Research Station research on collaborative capacity – Emily Jane Davis, OSU Forestry Extension

Adjourn

2014 ROLLING CALENDAR

- Spring 2014 State agency 2015-17 budget development begins.
- May 21 - 23 Oregon Business Council and partners - congressional visits. (Contact Jeremy Rogers at OBC for additional information.)
- May 30 Senate Rural Communities and Economic Development Committee: Report on SB 357; discussion.
- June 3 NEXT FFWG-IWG work session. 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Location: Salem, ODFW.**
- June 20 Forest Collaborative Capacity Assistance grant applications due to OWEB.
- July 1 - 2 Moist Mixed Conifer Synthesis Workshop & field trip.
2-day follow-up to the workshop held in Pendleton last December involving the Science Team preparing a synthesis for the Blue Mountains. (Location: Blue Mtn. CC, Pendleton. Contact: Dave Powell, Umatilla NF)
- NFF Collaborative Capacity & Land Stewardship grant solicitation begins.
- FFAC-IWG meeting (Date TBD)**
- Forest Collaborative Capacity Grants - OWEB review team meets; awards announced by 7/31.
- September Legislative interim committee meetings; possible Federal Forest Program report; discussion.
- FFAC-IWG work session (Date TBD)**
- October 15-29 Legislative tour of dryside forest collaborative project. (exact date TBD)
- November **FFAC-IWG work session (Date TBD)**
- December Oregon Business Council – Leadership Summit
- Legislative interim committees meet.
- January 2015 Oregon Legislature convenes. Long session.
- FFAC-IWG work session (Date TBD)**

Other dates of interest:

- Blues Coalition of Collaboratives – see [USFS Eastside Strategy](#) for information about meeting dates and locations
- Board of Forestry meetings – 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 – 5/21/2014; 7/8/2014; 9/12/2014; 11/18/2014

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

* Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee – original members

ATTACHMENT A

Purpose & Vision Statement

Initial draft changes proposed to the 2011 Purpose & Visions Statement for our work going forward:

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;~~
- ~~2.1.~~ coordinate an on-going working dialogue of policy considerations and changes needed to address barriers brought forward from the collaboratives; and provide a conduit to the USFS Regional Office for direction and/or support to expedite collaborative landscape scale project implementation,
- ~~3.2.~~ advocate for sustainable and predictable supply of biomass and merchantable timber, ~~and~~
3. advocate for continued funding and new supportive state and federal policy to advance these efforts, and
4. pursue a new collaborative governance structure including local collaboratives, the State and the Federal government to implement forest restoration and management activities.

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."

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW Name for the FFAC-IWG

There is a recognized need to come up with a new name for the group. Suggestions include:*

- *Federal Forest Working Group, (FFWG)*
- *Oregon Forest Restoration Partnership, (OFRP)*
- *Federal Forest Restoration Partnership (FFRP)*
- *Oregon Federal Forests Initiative (OFFI)*
- *Federal Forests of Oregon Restoration and Sustainability Team, aka, FFORST or FOrEST, pronounced "Forest".*
- *... or something else (insert creative acronym here)*

* (There isn't an apparent handy acronym to go with any of these particular suggestions.)