



Federal Forest Working Group

Monday, September 22 2014

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

University Place at Portland State University
310 SW Lincoln Street - Wahkeena Fall Room
Portland, OR 97201

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Conference Call-in Number: 1 888 585 9008

Participant ('Room') Code: 322 674 124

Work Session Purpose: To review implementation of the state's Dry-side Federal Forest Health Program to date, meet with the USFS Regional Forester for discussion, and continue dialogue about a 2015-17 program.

AGENDA

- 1:00 Welcome & Agenda Overview
- 1:05 Introductions (including those on the phone)
Brett Brownscombe, Governor's Office
- 1:15 USFS Region 6 Dialogue
Jim Pena, Regional Forester and Becki Heath, Deputy Regional Forester
- Regional Forester's opening remarks / overview
 - Questions and Discussion.
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Oregon's Collaborative Federal Forest Health Partnership and Program:
Current and next iteration
- Update re. \$2.885 implementation and recent legislative hearing--*Chad Davis, ODF*
 - 2015-17 State budget development discussion--*Brett Brownscombe, Governor's Office*
 - ODF agency request—content / scope
 - Governor's Budget process and initial feedback
 - FF Work Group feedback / shaping the budget package – discussion.
- 3:30 FFWG Purpose and Vision Statement (*Attachment A*)
Pete Dalke, Oregon Solutions
- Review proposed draft revisions
 - Action item: seek agreement to finalize revisions.
- 3:45 Updates and topics to consider for addressing in more detail at upcoming work sessions:
- October Field Tour
 - Calendar – November work session date, Dec Leadership Summit date
- 3:55 Wrap up and adjourn

* Please note that parking is available for \$3 an hour in the University Place parking lot.

ATTACHMENT A

**Federal Forest Working Group
Purpose & Vision Statement**

September 2014 proposed revisions

The following revised Purpose and Vision Statement is offered for guiding the efforts of the FFWG going forward:

“The purposes of the FFWG are to:

- Advance collaboratively driven landscape-scale, active restoration of federal forest lands;
- Identify and remove policy and financial barriers; and
- Promote innovative policy and financial solutions to restoration of forest and watershed health.

We will:

- Provide a forum for collaborative groups, federal and state agencies, counties, tribes, and interest groups to raise and solve barriers to accelerated restoration on federal lands (Forest Service and BLM);
- Support and contribute to maintaining and growing our innovative Federal-State Partnership that demonstrates new governance structures and ways of doing business together;
- Identify and test new governance structures that provide for meaningful involvement of community and collaborative leadership;
- Articulate the need for a consistent supply of timber offered through restoration and forest management that is collaboratively supported; and,
- Work together to identify and secure increased, consistent, and/or diverse funding of collaborative approaches and implementation of landscape scale restoration projects.

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.”

For reference: Below are the draft revisions brought to the 8/6 FFWG work session. Shown are the “tracked changes” from the original 2011 FFAC-IWG Purpose and 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.

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