



**Federal Forest Working Group
Wednesday January 17 2018
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Meyer Conference Room, PSU Urban Center
7th Floor, 506 SW Mill Street
Portland, OR 97201**

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Work Session Purpose includes: Continued conversation regarding the Good Neighbor Authority. Discussion of incentives for sustaining and increasing the effectiveness of Oregon's place-based forest collaboration groups. Review of FFWG work plan and funding through 6/30/2019.

Work Session Agenda

1:00 Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Overview

- *Jason Miner, Convener - Governor's Office; Pete Dalke, Oregon Solutions.*

Role and Expectations of the FFWG Going Forward: Discussion

- *Jason Miner.*

1:20 Forest Service Environmental Analysis & Decision-Making Reforms *Attachment A.*

- *Nick Goldstein, USFS Region 6*
 - Overview—intent of this initiative
 - Request for Comment open through Feb. 2, additional opportunities to provide input pending.

1:45 Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) *Attachments 1,2.*

- *Chad Davis, ODF Planning Director; M.L. Smith, USFS Region 6.*
 - Recap of GNA opportunities.
 - Current GNA projects.
 - GNA project opportunities in the pipeline.
 - Roundtable and Q & A.

Desired outcomes include a shared understanding of GNA implementation opportunities for Oregon.

3:00 Break

3:10 Discussion of incentives for funding, sustaining and increasing the effectiveness of Oregon's place-based forest collaboration groups. *Attachments B, C.*

- *Phil Chang, ODF; Kathy Leopold, OWEB; Nick Goldstein, USFS Region 6; Pete Dalke.*
 - Review and discussion of recent grant awards. Desired outcomes include a shared understanding of funding available through CCLS and the FFRP grants, and emerging opportunities with GNA and retained receipts funding.

- 3:30 FFWG in 2018 *Attachment D.*
- Review of last work plan completed in 2016 and discussion of a work plan and related funding going forward.

- 3:50 Wrap-up: Summary and Next Steps.
- Next work session: Thursday, March 15 2018 - 1:00 p.m. in Portland.
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Adjourn.

* *No-host gathering/happy hour to follow at Rogue Hall on the PSU campus.*

Background: [Federal Forest Working Group \(FFWG\)](#)

Since 2008, the purpose of the FFWG (formerly the FFAC Implementation Working Group) has been to pursue implementation of the Board of Forestry’s recommendations on how to accomplish more management on federal lands in partnership with the state. These recommendations appear in the Board’s 2009 report, [“Achieving Oregon’s Vision for Federal Forestlands.”](#)

FFWG Purpose and Vision Statement (as of April 2016)

The purposes of the FFWG are to:

- *Advance collaboratively-driven landscape-scale, active restoration of federal forest lands throughout Oregon;*
- *Identify and remove policy and financial barriers; and*
- *Promote innovative 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;*
- *Discuss and foster implementation of new and emerging governance structures that provide for meaningful involvement of community and collaborative leadership, including identifying the resources and conditions necessary to implement these collaborative structures;*
- *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.

ATTACHMENT D.

2018-2019 FFWG Work Sessions – For Consideration Approximately quarterly meetings

March 15, 2018 1:00 p.m. Work Session

Possible agenda topics for this or a future work session include:

- Federal Forest Restoration (FFR) Program: 2017-19 Performance Metrics and Monitoring.
 - *Cass Moseley, Director and Heidi Huber-Stearns, Research Associate, Ecosystem Workforce Program, University of Oregon.*
 - Continued discussion from 11/9/17 work session. Principles, key questions and priority monitoring topics.
- GNA implementation: continued discussion
- USFS NEPA Process – proposed revisions
- Federal Forest Dashboard updates
- Incentivizing the sustainability and effectiveness of place-based collaboration across Oregon’s landscapes.
 - Discuss the longevity of certain collaboratives and identify keys characteristics of their durability and successes.
 - Develop recommendations.
- Smoke Management Review Committee: Discussion of recommendations and implications for implementation of restoration/use of prescribed fire
 - The Committee is charged with developing recommendations that will improve the program, while balancing the two important goals of the Smoke Management Plan:
 - To improve the management of prescribed burning as a forest management and protection practice, and
 - To minimize emissions from prescribed burning consistent with air quality objectives.
- Oregon Explorer – presentation of forest collaborative map layers with wildfire risk layers.
 - *Janine Salwasser, INR.*

October 2018

- GNA: continued discussion

January 2019

- Federal Forest Restoration (FFR) Program: 2017-19 Performance Metrics and Monitoring Report
 - *Cass Moseley, Director and Heidi Huber-Stearns, Research Associate, Ecosystem Workforce Program, University of Oregon.*

April 2019

TBD

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