

Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee Meeting
Oregon Department of Forestry, 2600 State Street
Bldg. D, Santiam Room, Salem
Friday, July 21, 2011
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes

Pursuant to notice made by press release to newspapers of general and local circulation throughout the state and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the committee and the members of the committee, a regular meeting of the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) was held at the Department of Forestry in Salem, Oregon.

Present Committee Members: Tim Josi, Tillamook County Commissioner, Chair; Patricia Roberts, Clatsop County Commissioner; Chuck Hurliman, Tillamook County Commissioner; Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County Commissioner

Absent Committee Members: Jim Bernard, Clackamas County Commissioner, Co-Chair; Anthony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner; Faye Stewart, Lane County Commissioner

Present Department Staff: Doug Decker, State Forester; Nancy Hirsch, State Forests Division Chief; Mike Cafferata, State Forests Deputy Division Chief; Andy White, Forest Grove District Forester; Kate Skinner, Assistant District Forester, Tillamook District; Dan Postrel, Agency Affairs Director; Mary Schmelz, Office Manager, Agency Affairs; Mike Bordelon, Northwest Oregon Area Director; Mike Totey, West Oregon District Forester; Dan Goody, Tillamook District Forester; Tom Savage, Astoria District Forester; Tod Haren, Forest Resource Analyst, State Forests Division

Present Others: Craig Pope, Polk County Commissioner; Joe Laurence, Douglas County Commissioner; John Lindsey, Linn County Commissioner; Gary Springer, Oregon Board of Forestry; Gil Riddell, Council of Oregon Counties; Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center; Ray Wilkeson, Oregon Forest Resources Institute

Approve Minutes, Introductions

Motion: Patricia Roberts: Approve minutes. Second: Chuck Hurliman. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Chair comments: Annabelle Jarimillo, Benton County Commissioner, will replace Mike Propes' seat on the FTLAC.

Organizational Changes

Doug Decker

The Department is in the process of recruiting the following executive/management positions: State Forests Division Chief; Private Forests Division Chief; Resources Planning Director; Southern Oregon Area Director; Executive Assistant to the State Forester; Chief Information Officer (Information Technology Program Director). The Deputy State Forester position will be reinstated and filled by Paul Bell. Nancy Hirsch will transfer to the Protection Division Chief position in September 2011.

Legislative Update

Dan Postrel

Dan Postrel provided a summary of State Forests' related legislation from the 2011 session (Attachment 1).

Public Comment

No public comments.

Implementation Plans

Mike Bordelon and District Foresters

Background: The State Forester approves Implementation Plans (IP's) every ten years. The 2011 IP's will incorporate revisions that were made to the 2010 Forest Management Plan. Revisions include increased

revenue (5%-15 % over the next 10 years) and increased stand structure goals. However, the IP's are not a significant departure from past plans – they still follow a balanced approach.

Forest Grove and Astoria IP's (See Attachments 2 and 3)

Over 500 public comments were received, many which were directed towards the two districts choosing a 30% landscape design complex structure (the lowest amount allowed within plan, e.g., 30-50% DFC). In order to achieve increased revenue, modeling indicated that both districts had to lower the complex structure goal to 30%. Complex structure should continue to improve in both districts, even at the 30% landscape level. Forest Grove's overall landscape design is similar to the landscape design in 2009; Astoria's will change a bit as a result of the latest T& E information.

Sequencing of remaining District IP's

The Tillamook District IP will not be finished until June 2013. The department is making improvements to the district's inventory data quality by extrapolating inventory data and using Lidar. Model runs have been made on the other districts (i.e., West Oregon, North Cascade, West Lane and Southwest).

↑ ACTION: Include charts in IP documents for visual perspective.

Board of Forestry

Mike Cafferata

Institute of Natural Resources

In response to the report, next steps and recommendation will be presented at the Coos Bay Board of Forestry meeting in July 2011 (see Attachment 4). A summary of recommendations are:

- Board work plan
 - Improve the Performance Measures to address INR recommendations
 - Better integrate the use of science in the planning rule
 - In the planning rule, address the issue of appropriate geographic scale for analysis
- Agency work:
 - Continue to evaluate the recommendations made in the INR report
 - Work with INR to clarify points of agreement and disagreement
 - Rewrite the research and monitoring plan to include applicable recommendations from the INR report
 - Explore opportunities for a science advisory panel or other method to strengthen links between scientists and manager

NOTED: Chair Josi asked that he be added to the agenda to testify before the Board about the INR report and staff recommendations.

Board State Forests work plan

The agency expects to get direction from the Board about what they consider to be State Forests' highest priorities.

Revenues and Annual Operating Plans

Rob Nall and District Foresters

Annual Operating Plans 2012

See Attachment 5. A brief overview of AOP's:

- There's an increase in harvest from last year
- Revenues are about same as last year
- Construction and project costs have increased, though the department has made efforts to keep these costs down
- Reforestation efforts are at about the same level as last year
- Pre-commercial thinning is on target

- Recreation: This is the first year recreation costs (Operations and Maintenance) were included into the plans

↑ ACTION: Rob Nall: Provide the FTLAC with last year's AOP summary.

Revenue Forecast update

Ed Deblander

Staff is collecting information from the districts on Annual Operation Plan sales for the July 2011 revenue projection. That information, which feeds into revenue projection, should be completed in two to four weeks.

The January 2011 six month report projected that the value of 30 sales sold would generate \$37.6 million; sales actually generated \$42 million, which is 12% higher than the January projection.

Board of Forestry – July meeting topics

Nancy Hirsch

- INR report: Response and recommendations
- Consent agenda: Update on scoping of potential Gilchrist forest carbon project
- Final adoption of Forestry Program for Oregon
- Report on Federal Forests
- Private Forests report following up on pesticides
- Coquille Tribe forest ownership tour
- Board approved rulemaking process on Elliot Forest Management Plan. The proposed plan provides an increase in harvest, up to 40mil bf annually. The State Land Board will consider final approval of the plan in October 2011. In November, the Board of Forestry will make the final decision and adopt the plan into rule. By January, 2012, Elliott State Forest management will be operating under the new plan.
- Activist event scheduled: Cascadia Forest Defenders. The agency has communicated with them; they expressed a plan for a peaceful, lawful action camp.

Geologically Hazardous Areas

Chuck Hurliman

Chuck Hurliman distributed a draft document/ordinance (Attachment 6) regarding regulating development in geologically hazardous areas. He asked the commissioners and department staff to review and provide feedback.

↑ ACTION: Nancy Hirsch: Review document with Private Forests Division staff for feedback.

↑ ACTION: Include in October 21, 2011 FTLAC agenda “Geologically Hazardous Areas: Report back department recommendations”

Meeting Adjourn

Meeting Materials:

Attachment 1, “Summary of 2011 forest-related legislation”

Attachment 2, “2011 Implementation Plans – Forest Grove and Astoria”, Oregon Department of Forestry

Attachment 3, “Approval of Forest Grove and Astoria Implementations Plans”, July 19 Memo, Doug Decker to Nancy Hirsch

Attachment 4, “Recommendations for following up on the Institute for Natural Resources report”, Board of Forestry, Department of Forestry staff report, July 28, 2011

Attachment 5, “Summary of the 2012 Annual Operations Plans”, Oregon Department of Forestry

Attachment 6, “Geologically Hazardous Areas”, Chuck Hurliman

Next Meeting: October 21, 2011, 9:30a.m. – 1:30p.m., Santiam Room, Department of Forestry, Salem