

## Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee

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Oregon Department of Forestry  
Salem, Oregon  
Minutes  
July 9, 2010

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, Co-Chair, Clatsop County Commissioner; Chuck Hurliman, Tillamook County Commissioner; Mike Propes, Polk County Commissioner; Faye Stewart, Lane County Commissioner

**Absent Committee Members:** ~~Earl Fisher, Columbia County Commissioner~~ (see August 27, 2010 Meeting minutes); Susan Morgan, Douglas County Commissioner; Anthony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner

**Present Department Staff:** Marvin Brown, State Forester; Mike Cafferata, Deputy Chief, State Forests Division; Dan Shults, Eastern Oregon Area; Dave Lorenz, Western Lane District; Andy White, Northwest Oregon Area; Gregg Cline, North Cascade District; Kevin Weeks, Agency Affairs; Mary Schmelz, Agency Affairs; Kate Skinner, Tillamook District; Tom Savage, Astoria District; Doug Decker, State Forests Division

**Present Others:** Gil Ridell, Association of Oregon Counties; Mark Rasmussen, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.; Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center; Ray Wilkeson, Oregon Forest Industries Counsel; Duane Cole, Clatsop County; Rex Storm, Associated Oregon Loggers

### **Approve Minutes, Introductions**

February 19, 2010, minutes

Correction: Page 3, Annual operation plan status for 2011: missing word "end".

April 9, 2010, minutes

Corrections: Susan Morgan was not present; Patricia Roberts was. Page 2: Under Forest Management Plan decision, change Patricia Morgan to Patricia Roberts.

**MOTION:** Approve minutes with above corrections. All in favor. Minutes approved.

### **Budget Coalition Report**

Marvin Brown

The Legislative Fiscal Office requested that the Department develop 5% - 20% General Fund reduction scenarios. A 10% scenario would result in reductions to the Private Forests Program; cuts greater than 10% would impact Protection Initial Attack.

At its April 2010 meeting, the Board of Forestry authorized a recommendation to explore alternative funding for the Department. The Coalition for Oregon Forests was formed to address this issue. Susan Morgan represents the FTLAC as a member of the Coalition.

A Coalition objective is to explore what a fully functioning Department would look like, i.e., a Department that meets most of the goals in the FPFO. Marvin Brown outlined three levels of success:

- 1) Learning and commitment resulting in the Department “holding its own” during this economically challenged time
- 2) Creative ideas for funding mechanisms, with legislative direction to keep working on concepts.
- 3) Presentation of ideas to the Legislature

State Forester Brown is drafting a document which lists funding alternatives (i.e., other than General Fund) employed by other states and countries. Some examples are: a municipal water tax, a vehicle registration tax, an annual State Forests vehicle pass, and receiving a percentage of lottery funds.

Patricia Roberts mentioned that anything FTLAC members can do to make the connection between services and costs to citizens would be helpful; sometimes people don’t realize the costs for services.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Board of Forestry**

June 9, 2010 GPV discussion:

Doug Decker

Over the last several months, the Board has been reviewing the Greatest Permanent Value and Forest Management Planning administrative rules (629-035-0020 and 629-035-0030). During that time, BOF and ODF have processed input from external advisory committees (the CFTLC and PAC) and completed an internal review. Following that, staff developed four questions designed to seek Board discussion and direction. The four questions were:

- 1) Who are the beneficiaries of Oregon’s state forests, and how are they emphasized?
- 2) What are the main elements (resources/values) that should be specifically named in the rule as products or deliverables?
- 3) What are the standards for these elements (protect, restore, maintain, enhance, etc.) and how should the standards be met?
- 4) How do these elements relate to each other: is there a hierarchy, interdependence, equity, etc.?

The goal of these questions is to draft narratives that capture the Board’s intent; the narratives would be presented to the Board in September, 2010 or later. If approved, the narratives could then be translated into rule language to be presented at future Board meetings. Chair Josi commented that ongoing conversations with Board members may help them understand the Department’s strategy. Doug Decker responded that, in preparation for the July and September meetings, the Department has had pre-meetings with Board members to keep them informed.

Any opportunities for further input on the process are now at the Board level. There will be more opportunities to comment on the narratives at Board meetings. In November 2010 (or January 2011), there will be an opportunity for comment on draft rulemaking language, and then later on the administrative rule process.

Gil Ridell and Patricia Roberts plan to attend the September 2010 Board meeting.

### Planning Rule:

A process and timeline aren't articulated at this point. More effort will be directed to the planning rule process after the GPV process is further along its timeline.

### Carbon

Mike Cafferata

Two background papers regarding carbon will be presented to the Board in July 2010. One paper outlines the current market, while the other is a scientific paper that examines current knowledge about carbon.

There's a lot of fluctuation in carbon markets. Two relevant questions to ask when considering carbon markets are: 1) how do you store carbon; and 2) who will pay you to store carbon? The Department is exploring Climate Action Reserve (CAR) markets, which sell credits for \$5 – \$6 a ton, but there are challenges. The only place that is likely to qualify for CAR standards is the Gilchrist State Forest. Under current standards, it is very unlikely to sell carbon credits from the other state forests.

There are two standards for carbon markets; one for public lands and one for private lands. If the distinction were, rather, federal versus non-federal lands, then the Department would have the same standards as private lands. Several members of the FTLAC asked the Department to pursue this if possible.

### Legislative Initiatives

*Alternative Energy:* The Department of Justice informed the Department of Forestry that it doesn't have legislative authority to develop alternative energy sources, such as wind energy, on state lands. A Legislative Concept was drafted to add a provision that would allow this authority. In July 2010 the Board will discuss the concept and decide whether to pursue it at this time. For the record, the FTLAC supported the idea. Maps of areas that appear to be best suited for wind development are available at the Department of Energy website. The Tillamook and Clatsop forests, as well as the Elliott, are designated areas.

*Establishing Conservation Areas:* There is currently no specific legislative proposal; this concept is at a stage of early consideration. On July 30, 2010, there will be an update from John Blackwell to the Board regarding whether there are opportunities for collaboration.

### AOP 2011 and FY 2011 Budget Final

Mike Cafferata

2011 operating plans and fiscal budget are complete and in place for the coming year. The Division has tried to keep the same level of service as last year, however, costs have risen (e.g., owl survey costs increased, vehicle replacements that were postponed due to last year's budget shortfalls must be done this year). Staff plan to develop reforestation stands that are fully stocked, but costs are being minimized. Research and monitoring are at a low level; \$70,000 is going into TRASK watershed study. The Division is not conducting inventory, except where there are stimulus funds.

### IP revisions – Updates

Mike Cafferata

The Division is preparing to change IP's to match changes that are being made to the Forest Management Plan. These changes include updating data such as stream layers and road layers, and including Species of Concern strategies. The Astoria and Forest Grove IPs will first be revised, then the remaining districts. It is projected that the revised Tillamook IP's will be completed in 2013.

**Gilchrist Dedication**

Doug Decker

On June 11, 2010 the Governor attended the dedication of the Gilchrist forest. The counties were thanked for supporting this exciting acquisition for Oregon's State Forests system.

***Adjourn*****Materials referenced:**

- *Board of Forestry Staff Report, Agenda Item 3, July 30, 2010, Greatest Permanent Value discussion, continued from June 9, 2010 meeting*
- *Forest Management and Carbon Storage, Oregon Department of Forestry, June 2010*
- *Ecosystem Service Markets Forest Carbon, Oregon Department of Forestry, June 2010*

**Next Meeting:** Friday, August 27, 2010, ODF Salem, Santiam Room, Building D