

Key Federal Actions in FBWG report:

Predictable Supply:

1. Page 14, Lack of Consistent Small-diameter Supply Provision Process: Under (a) call for congress to fully fund and support development of the USFS Biomass Strategic Plan and the commensurate BLM plan (include CROP data info).

Biofuels:

2. Page 24, Key action #2, Request that the USDOE offer solicitations for funding of research focusing on the conversion of biomass, such as poplars and grass straw, to cellulosic ethanol.
3. Page 25, Key action #4, Build a cellulosic ethanol commercial demonstration facility in Oregon within the next two-and-a half years using public/private funds. (public funds USDA Rural Dev. Agency's 9006 or 9008 programs listed as potential source.

Supportive Regulatory Environment:

4. Page 33, Key Outcome and Actions #1, Expedite forest stewardship contracting on federal lands. (need appropriations to staff federal lands management agencies).
5. Page 33, Key action #3, Address the cost of forest biomass. Encourage funding of federal transportation credit for biomass that was authorized by Congress.
6. Page 35, Developing Biomass Markets, #9 Address inequity in production tax credits (federal production tax credit for energy generated from biomass is less than for other renewable sources and is renewed for too short a period)

Key State Actions in FBWG report:

Shared Vision and Public Support

1. Page 10, Develop a mechanism to facilitate community forums (2 FTE in Governor's budget for ODF to further forest biomass development.)

Harvesting and Transportation Infrastructure

2. Page 19, Key Action #3, Build on research projects that have already been completed with new studies to fill in the information gaps (OSU budget).

Research and Development

3. Page 30, (6th) Key Action listed, Support an action that will help coordinate R&D advances with commercial technology development (SB580 Signature Research Center).

Supportive Regulatory Environment

4. Page 33, Key Action #2, Continue to develop administrative collaboration under Oregon Senate bill 1072 (points to funding need for ODF- also connected to #1).
5. Page 35, Key Action #8, Consider Oregon incentives to off-set capital cost of biomass energy facilities. (HB2210, 2211)

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