

Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee

Oregon Department of Forestry Salem, Oregon

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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
Chuck Hurliman, Tillamook County Commissioner
Mike Propes, Polk County Commissioner
Patricia Roberts, Clatsop County Commissioner
Sam Patrick, Clatsop County Commissioner, Vice-Chair
John Griffith, Coos County Commissioner

Absent Committee Members

Anthony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner

Present Department Staff

Jim Paul, Assistant State Forester and Secretary for FTLAC
Rosemary Mannix, Resource Specialist Unit Manager
Ty Williams, Acting Asset Management Unit Manager
Jeff Foreman, Public Information Officer
Bob Gustavson, Forest Grove, Assistant District Forester
Ron Zilli, Assistant District Forester
Berta Bodi, Office Manager, State Forests Program
Nancy Hirsch, State Forests Program Director
Kevin Birch, Forest Resources Planning, Senior Policy Analyst
Dan Shults, SOA Director
Wayne Auble, Tillamook, Assistant District Forester

Opening Remarks

None.

Department of Forestry Updates

None

Public Comments

None

Board of Forestry Performance Measure Targets (Attachment 1)

Jim Paul presented information on the Board of Forestry Agenda Item #5 that will be presented to the Board at the November meeting. He walked through the agenda item and all of the attachments to let the committee know what we are planning to do with this agenda item, what the expectations are for the board and how this is all fitting into what we have been working on for the last year or two in terms of the development of the performance measures and ultimately the performance measure targets.

Tim Josi feels that this is a real step forward and it is going to take some effort to get the Board wanting to get back into this.

Chuck Hurliman asked if there is a way to mesh the carbon credit issue into how we do business on state forests. Jim stated it could be a factor in the future specifically to the financial contributions of the government services performance measure which right now we are going to be asking the Board to set a target for what level of revenues they like to see.

Ron Zilli provided a description of what the emphasis zone option is in the Options for Enhancing the Performance of the Northwest and Southwest Forest management Plans document.

Tim Josi asked if the Department will be making a recommendation to the Board. Jim Paul said no, however, if the Board is very close to agreement on one of these targets and a re-framing of alternatives by the Department could help them come to agreement then we will do that.

Tillamook State Forest Reorganization (Attachment 2)

Bob Gustavson provided information regarding the Northwest Oregon Area organizational changes. This is really broader than just the Tillamook State Forests and it is more about how we operate than it is about any given organizational structure.

Concerns were expressed regarding having one district forester to cover both the Tillamook and Forest Grove district offices and the basic rules of supervising personnel from a different location.

BLM Western Oregon Plan (Attachment 3)

Kevin Birch discussed the three alternatives for revisions to the BLM Western Oregon Plan. Alternative two is the preferred alternative.

HB 5024-A Revenue (Attachment 4)

HB 5024 was a bill to offset project costs on timber sales for capital improvement projects. Ty Williams updated the group on what is in the bill, the status of what has been done in Salem and how we are going to make sure that everything in the bill is applied fair and equitably.

State Forests Revenue Projection Update (Attachment 5)

Ty provided information on how we are evaluating how we do the Board of Forestry projection as far as for the counties. Moss Adams was hired to do an audit on how we do our revenue projections. One of the findings was that we need to do a better job of coordinating with the districts. We have taken recommendations from their report and implemented several of them into our projection tool. Our next step is to work on this tool and get consistency among districts and get one methodology and process for the districts. As we develop this tool we will come to you to make sure that tool meets the needs of the counties.

Closing Comments and Adjourn

Chuck Hurliman expressed some concerns with some of the timber sales where we have purchase credits going out to roads that are what I call local roads, they are not roads that we are going to be using over and over (Entry roads to the sale).

Another issue he discussed was bridges in the forest. Sometimes he feels that Fish and Wildlife is the one suggesting to put the bridge in. If Fish and Wildlife is the one that chooses the option for the bridge then they should be paying for the difference. Jim Paul stated that Fish and Wildlife does not have the authority to decide what we do within the context of Forest Practices Act requirements for fish passage. The Forest Practices Act requires us to consult as appropriate with ODF&W but it is Forestry's decision on what to do.

Next meeting: December 14, 2007.