

AGENDA
Oregon Board of Forestry Field Tour
John Day
November 21, 2008

Time	Topic
9:00 – 9:30	Travel to Canyon timber sale Contingency for weather – Travel to Malheur NF Office
9:30	Welcome – Mark Web – Grant Co. Commission
	Goal of Field Stop – Discussion of local forest issues
9:35	Introduce speakers and topics – Steve Grasty
9:40 – 10:00	Forest health/ Fuels Reduction / WUI issues – USFS Fuels Specialist <u>Issues to discuss:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the larger context of fuels issues on the Malheur NF? What level of fuels reduction is needed (acres/year) to treat the forest/fuels problem in the area? What are the fuel reduction goals? • How much tree/fuel removal is needed [% of standing BA; stems/acre?] to be effective at reducing the risk of fire to an acceptable level? What was done at the site (i.e., before and after)? • How deep does the WUI treatment need to be effective? [i.e., distance from homes, urban areas, etc.] • What are the treatment costs on the sale? Why was helicopter logging needed for the treatments on this sale?
10:00 – 10:20	Economic viability/ Maintaining infrastructure/ Treatment costs – Mike Billman <u>Issues to discuss:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the local milling infrastructure adequate to handle the level of local fuel treatment needed? • How important are public timber sales to the local mills? Is this timber sale a significant source of timber for local mills? • Due to market conditions, should the Forest Service carve out the ground based treatment units and sell them now, at the risk of not (never) being able to treat the cable and helicopter units in the Canyon project? What other funding sources are available to meet the projects intent on these steeper grounds.

10:20 – 10:40	<p>Environmental Issues/ Wildlife/ Water – Rick Brown</p> <p><u>Issues to discuss:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the major short-term and long-term environmental issues in the area (e.g., older forests species and tree-size diversity, deer and elk, water quality)? • How should timber sales in the area be designed to address these issues?
10:40 – 11:00	<p>Local NF Issues – Doug Gochnour</p> <p><u>Issues to discuss:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the barriers to management actions (e.g. budget, personnel, controversy)? • How well did the work of the collaborative process address the barriers? • What kind of assistance can the State provide to remove barriers? How did the cooperation with the State work on this sale?
11:00 – 11:30	Travel to Malheur NF Office
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch
	Goal of Panel Discussion – Explore the value of local collaborative processes to address forest issues. Provide an opportunity for the BoF to get feed back on the recommendations in the guidance document.
12:00 – 12:05	Introduce speakers and topics – Steve Grasty
12:05 – 2:30 (with break)	<p>Panel Discussion – 20 minutes per speaker w/ questions and 45 minutes general discussion?</p> <p>Boyd Britton – Grant Co. Commissioner Diane Vosick – The Nature Conservancy Tim Lillebo – Oregon Wild John Shelk – Malheur Lumber</p> <p><u>Issues to discuss:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the major issues that need to be addressed on NF lands? • How well did the work of the collaborative address the issues? • Response to the recommendations in the guidance document
2:30 – 2:45	Public Comment
2:45 – 3:00	Wrap-up – Steve Grasty
3:00 – 4:00	Board of Forestry Executive Session