

Oregon Board of Forestry
State Forester's Headquarters
Tillamook Room - Building C
2600 State Street, Salem, Oregon

Tuesday

June 5, 2007

Closed Executive Session

10:00 -12:00 Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i), the Board will conduct the State Forester's Annual Performance Review in Closed Executive Session.

Luncheon

12:00 - 1:00 Board of Forestry and Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee Members
Clatsop Room, Bldg. C

Joint Public Meeting

1:00 - 5:00 Board of Forestry and Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee (FFAC) was created in 2006 to assist the Board in completing the Governor's charge to "create a unified vision of how federal lands should contribute" to sustainability of Oregon's forests. The purpose of this joint meeting is to provide an opportunity for the Board and the FFAC to discuss the work of the committee. Coordination between the FFAC and Board is critical to achieving the project's goals.

In 2005, the Oregon Legislature, through Senate Bill 1072, gave the Board greater direction to be involved in federal forest policy, planning, and management. Working more closely on federal forest land management is also consistent with the Board's strategic plan – the *Forestry Program for Oregon* – which promotes sustainable policy development for all of Oregon's forests. Based on SB 1072 and the Governor's direction, Objective 2 of the Board's Forest Vitality Work Plan established a process for developing Oregon's vision and guiding principles for federal forestlands.

This issue was discussed in depth with the Board at its April 2006 and July 2006 meetings. The Board directed staff to develop a process including the formation of an advisory committee – made up of a broad-based group of Oregonians – to assist the Board in crafting a "**Guidance Document**" that articulates the state's vision for how federal forestlands should be managed. The FFAC has been formed to assist the Board and will collaborate directly with the Board to develop this document. In addition to the Department of Forestry, other state and federal natural resource agencies are providing staff support to the FFAC. The guidance document will be adopted by the Board and submitted to the Governor for review and approval.

The will be used to articulate Oregon's interests at the national policy level and to guide the state's participation in local processes for planning the future of federal forest lands. It will include a **vision** for how federal forestlands can better contribute and support Oregonians' economic, social, and environmental values, a set of **goals** that will support review of federal forestland management related to the state's vision, and **recommendations** for policy changes on key issues related to achieving the vision.

Coordination and exchange of views between the FFAC and the Board are critical to the success of this project. The FFAC is working through a consensus-based process. The strongest recommendations in the guidance document will be those that have the full consensus of both the FFAC members and the Board. Discussions at the meeting will help strengthen the coordination and understanding of each group.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

As part of the Guidance Document, the FFAC is currently developing a list of the Goals that need to be achieved on federal lands to implement the State's vision. The goals should also support review of federal forestland management activities to determine whether the actions are consistent with the State's vision.

- The FFAC and Board will **discuss the Draft Goals** developed by the FFAC. The Board will be asked to review the goals identify concerns and discuss what is missing from the goals and what must be changed to make them acceptable.
- The FFAC is also developing a list of issues ("most pressing problems") that need to be resolved to achieve the Vision. The FFAC and Board will **discuss the list of issues** and try to **identify** the overarching ideas or themes that will be addressed in the Guidance Document.

The FFAC will continue working on the goals and issues at its May 15, 2007 meeting in Bend.

Additional materials will be available at the information table, the day of the joint meeting.