

Board of Forestry October 5, 2009 Retreat

Sunriver Great Hall Conference Center, 17600 Center Drive, Sunriver, Oregon 97707

Retreat Purpose:

During this informal one-day retreat, Board members will work closely with the Department's Executive Team to seek and explore strategic issues that bear on the future of Oregon's forests, and to share thoughts on how our individual values relate to these issues.

Retreat Format:

Agency leadership will refresh the Board on the planning and budget processes that are being put in place as a means for prioritizing and systematically addressing the most significant issues. Staff will also revisit the basic premise of the *2003 Forestry Plan for Oregon* that presumes different landowners filling different social, environmental and economic roles within an overall sustainable forest landscape. These discussions will set the table for active dialogue the remainder of the day aimed at identifying pressing policy needs and challenges that can help drive future planning for the Board.

Desired Retreat Outcomes:

As a result of the retreat, Board members will:

1. Become grounded in the systems designed to facilitate the Board's planning, direction-setting and decision-making.
2. Discuss the continuum of landowner objectives, and the Board's roles and relevance across that continuum.
3. Engage in informal conversation with each other and Department executives to identify and understand current and potential strategic policy needs/issues and ways in which the Board can address them.
4. Through conversation and interaction, Board members will deepen their appreciation and respect for the breadth of understanding and experience represented on the Board.

Retreat Agenda:

8:00 - 8:10 1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Opening Thoughts - *Doug Decker, Retreat Facilitator*

8:10 - 8:30 2. Opening Comments from John Blackwell and Marvin Brown

8:30 - 9:15 3. Opening Comments from Board Members

9:15 - 9:45 4. Establishing the Planning Context - *Discussion Leader: Marvin Brown*

Marvin Brown will provide a refresher on Department and Board planning and budget development systems, from biennial budgets, to work plans and issue scans, to the *Forestry Program for Oregon*.

9:45 - 10:00 Break

10:00 - 10:30 5. Distribution of Social, Economic, and Environmental Objectives among Landowners - *Discussion Leader: Jim Paul*

Jim Paul will describe the current Board premise about how sustainable forestry simultaneously acknowledges and is made possible by the continuum of landowner objectives, and about the Board's role across the spectrum of Oregon's forests.

10:30 - 12:00 6. Board member discussion around whether this is still their accepted premise and, if so, what role the Board should serve in realizing sustainable forests on-the-ground.

Board Discussion

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 4:00 7. Crystal Ball Roundtable - *Board Discussion*

Agency executives and Board members will each have an opportunity to identify and describe the most pressing policy needs and challenges facing Oregon forests they see ahead for the next decade, and ways in which the Board can be effective in addressing them, including how to align support systems and available resources to address these strategic issues.

4:00 - 4:45 8. From Synthesis to Action - *Discussion Leaders: Doug Decker and David Morman*

Doug Decker and David Morman will lead a discussion synthesizing policy needs and challenges, and organizing these emphases and work around the *Forestry Program for Oregon* objectives, indicators and work plans.