

# DRAFT Board of Forestry Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2015

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- (1) Public Comment, [Jim James, Oregon Small Woodlands Association](#), Agenda Item 1A
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- (3) Handout, [2015-16 Oregon Forests Facts & Figures, Paul Barnum](#), Agenda Item 1A
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In accordance with the provisions of ORS 526.016, a meeting of the Oregon Board of Forestry was held on January 7, 2015 at the Oregon Department of Forestry, State Forester's Headquarters Office, 2600 State Street, Salem, Oregon 97310.

Chair Imeson called the public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

*Board Members Present:*

Sybil Ackerman-Munson  
Nils Christoffersen  
Cindy Deacon Williams

Tom Imeson  
Tom Insko  
Gary Springer

*Absent:*

Mike Rose

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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Chair Imeson questioned the Board on their approval of the Consent Agenda. Board Member Cindy Deacon Williams motioned for the Board's approval of Consent Agenda Items A through C. Board Member Tom Insko seconded the motion. Board Member Gary Springer noted minor edits to the minutes.

Voting in favor of the motion: Cindy Deacon Williams, Tom Insko, Gary Springer, Sybil Ackerman-Munson, Nils Christoffersen, and Tom Imeson, against: none. With Board consensus, Items A through C were approved.

A. **SEPTEMBER 3 MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

**The Board approved the September 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes.**

B. **NOVEMBER 5 MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

**The Board approved the November 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes.**

C. **OCTOBER 16 MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

**The Board approved the October 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes.**

**ACTION AND INFORMATION:**

1. **STATE FORESTER AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

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State Forester Decker offered comments noting:

- unanimous support from the Legislative Emergency Board for the 2014 fire costs;
- recent legislative presentations on pesticides;

-first wave of visits with legislators on the Governor's Recommended Budget;

-continued efforts to build working relationships with major interests on pressing topics including: United States Forest Service (USFS) which has experienced a significant leadership change with all newly appointed executives in Region 6, meeting with the Governor's Office, Mary Abrams at Department of State Lands, Tom Tuchmann, and Dean Maness, will work on having Jim Pena attend a future Board meeting;

-note from the Private Forests Division – adjustment to the timeline for Riparian Rule Analysis, making progress on a range of prescriptions and based on that work concluded that we'll not be prepared to share the results at the April Board meeting, originally had the topic scheduled for the March and April meetings, the schedule has been modified to present at the April and June meetings, with approval to begin rulemaking shifted to September;

-in February Nancy Hirsch will join me in traveling to London to meet with Ken Cummings and underwriters at Lloyd's to work on securing another year of catastrophic fire insurance;

- next full legislative session starts again in February, major commitment, top priority; and

-a busy upcoming travel schedule with London, National Association of State Foresters (NASF) in Washington D.C., Council of Western State Foresters (CWSF) in Denver, USFS leadership, and the April Board meeting will be in Sunriver with a tour of the Gilchrist State Forest.

Board Member Gary Springer noted an upcoming Regional Forest Practices Committee meeting and field tour with goal of viewing riparian prescriptions on the ground.

Board Member Sybil Ackerman-Munson referenced CZARA and plans for the Environmental Protection Agency and NOAA fisheries to make a decision on Oregon's non-point source water quality program for coastal waterways with interest in receiving an update as soon as it was available.

Board Member Tom Insko noted recent attendance at the Oregon Business Leadership Summit where priorities for 2015 included connecting education with technical careers and putting natural resources to work, Governor Kitzhaber addressed the group offering support for the Department and Board's work in federal forests and addressing economic vitality in rural Oregon, the new representative for eastern Oregon had opportunity to hear broader context of the state, and Oregon State University's Dean Maness presented information on recent wood products innovations.

#### 1A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim James, Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA), provided public testimony and written comments ([Attachment 1](#)) expressing concern with second-growth private forest study sites represented in the RipStream study, stating gaps and shade should have been the focus as opposed to a minor change in temperature, and providing a copy of a scientific research article, *Comparing streambed light availability and canopy cover in streams with old-growth versus early-mature riparian forests in western Oregon* (Warren, Keeton, Bechtold, and Rosi-Marchall, Aquatic Sciences, 2013).

Scott Hanson, Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA), provided public testimony and written comments ([Attachment 2](#)) documenting the Association's Riparian Management Area Positions on several matters including concerns with characterization of the best available science, rules to mitigate non-compliance with the Protecting Cold Water standard, and recommendations for monitoring through cooperative efforts with landowners.

Board Member Cindy Deacon Williams noted her future attendance on a field tour of Carol Whipple's land in southern Oregon and upcoming annual meeting for the local OSWA chapter.

Paul Barnum, Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI), presented copies of their newest publication, the *2015-16 Oregon Forest Facts & Figures* ([Attachment 3](#)) acknowledging assistance by the Department, College of Forestry, and specifically Brandon Kaetzel, Forest Economist; noted upcoming release of a signature special report titled *Rules to Live By* addressing controversial issues such as chemicals and landslides; a new website titled [www.oregonforestlaws.org](http://www.oregonforestlaws.org) where people can learn more about the Forest Practices Act (FPA); a series of [eight new videos on YouTube](#) titled, *A Day in the Woods*, advancing public understanding on various aspects of the FPA; and another video produced with Chad Davis focused on the importance of collaboration.

2. PLAN TO UPDATE THE MONITORING STRATEGY FOR PRIVATE FORESTS

Private Forests Work Plan – Forest Practices Act Rule Policy Review

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Lena Tucker, Private Forests Deputy Division Chief, and Terry Frueh, Monitoring Specialist, referenced a presentation ([Attachment 4](#)) to provide an update to the Private Forests' Monitoring Strategy, describing adaptive management and program goals, plan objectives, a description of the project, how stakeholders will be involved, and an anticipated timeline.

Board question and comment ensued with clarification from staff provided on the timing of stakeholder involvement and organization of the prior 2002 Strategic Monitoring Plan.

Chair Imeson called for public comment.

Mary Scurlock provided public testimony in support of the monitoring plan and sustained stakeholder involvement with commitment from the conservation community to participate in long-term monitoring and provide added support with legislators for funding.

Chair Imeson noted action requested by the Department.

Board Member Nils Christoffersen motioned for the Board to direct the Department to proceed with updating the Monitoring Strategic Plan, using the charter work plan and associated timeline as guides for the work (Agenda Item Attachments 1 and 2).

Board Member Cindy Deacon Williams seconded the motion.

Voting in favor of the motion: Nils Christoffersen, Cindy Deacon Williams, Tom Insko, Gary Springer, Sybil Ackerman-Munson, and Tom Imeson, against: none.

With Board consensus, Chair Imeson ordered:

**The Board directed the Department to proceed with updating the Monitoring Strategic Plan, using the charter work plan and associated timeline as guides for the work (Agenda Item Attachments 1 and 2).**

3. LARGE WILDFIRE SUITABILITY IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Emerging and Overarching Issues Work Plan – Climate Change

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Kevin Birch, Forest Resources Planning Director, introduced the topic within the Board’s Climate Change topic in the Emerging and Overarching Issues work plan focused on gaining understanding of how climate change and large wildfires are related, building upon previously presented work as context for the suite of recommendations to be brought forward in March including: 20-year history of Climate Change, 2013 National Climate Assessment Report with Phil Mote, Angus Duncan speaking about the Global Warming Commission Report: Roadmap to 2020 Project, and tree species sustainability as presented by Heather Lynch from Oregon State University.

Andrew Yost, Forest Ecologist, referenced a presentation ([Attachment 5](#)) to describe the process used for modeling the probability of large wildfires in Oregon and Washington, explaining how the baseline models were projected through 2100 using downscaled climate data, displaying preliminary results in graphical and mapped format, indicating future possibilities, and describing next steps.

Board discussion ensued on matters of timelines associated with next steps such as peer review, International Journal of Wildfire intended as the preferred journal audience, assumptions made related to static forest management conditions, future funding that may allow inclusion of a management covariate, and recognition of an increasing trend line of fire activity and potential large wildfires in Oregon.

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4. EFCC AND FIRE DIVISION UPDATE

Fire Protection Work Plan – Ongoing Topic: Updates from the Division

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Ken Cummings, Hancock Forest Management and Emergency Fire Cost Committee Chair, provided a brief 40-year historical review of the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund’s insurance program highlighting total premiums paid, fires burned, claims against the fund and policy, and key revisions to the Department’s fire management strategies that have supported a complete and coordinated system. Considering the future of fire funding, Mr. Cummings encouraged focus in three areas: 1) immediate needs in securing a policy for 2015 while maintaining good relations with the insurance market, 2) mid-term needs through 2018 when the Wildfire Protection Act is fully matured, using that time to study the landscape and find alternative pathways, and 3) long-term need to develop a 2020 vision and be clear on where we are going and how fire suppression costs will be paid, insulating us from variability where possible.

State Forester Decker summarized expectations for the upcoming meetings with the insurance company in London and intent to pursue every option available.

Nancy Hirsch, Fire Protection Division Chief, referenced the prior day’s meeting with the Emergency Fire Cost Committee (EFCC), plan to extend the best information relative to insurance options following the visit in London, an anticipated workshop with the EFCC to discuss the options available, and intent to convene a work group focused on providing long-term funding. Ms. Hirsch provided a handout ([Attachment 6](#)) detailing the fire insurance figures and a timeline for coordinating the 2015 fire insurance policy.

Board discussion ensued with clarification from staff on matters of: challenge in receiving feedback from the landowners and importance in their understanding of the options, potential ramifications to the budget if premium costs are increased, what level of restructuring in fire funding may occur, and early weather indications for the upcoming fire season.

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5. **SALMONBERRY TRAIL PROJECT UPDATE**

State Forests Work Plan – Salmonberry Trail Project

[Listen to audio](#) MP3– (42 minutes – 19.2 MB)

State Forester Decker introduced the topic summarizing: the Department of Forestry’s involvement in the Salmonberry Trail project with a significant portion of the existing rail line weaving through state forest lands; Tillamook County’s response to damage occurring in the 2007 storm; formation of the Salmonberry Coalition joining multiple state agencies, local governments, stakeholders, and adjacent landowners; a grant from Cycle Oregon allowing Walker-Macy to conduct a feasibility study; fundraising to be led by the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust; and State Parks’ leading role and oversight for the Salmonberry Trail project.

Board comment noted the importance in minimizing impacts to management on state and private lands while recognizing the value the Salmonberry could provide as an education-based tool for responsible forest practices and forest management.

State Forester Decker noted passing of ([2014 Senate Bill 1516](#)) providing a legislative basis to work with State Parks on this project as well as components that speak directly to being able to manage these lands as working forests.

Ken Pirie, Walker-Macy, expressed appreciation in the opportunity to work on this unique trail spanning over 84 miles of rail line between Banks and the Tillamook Air Museum, noting the project website has had global appeal and could have real impact in terms of economic development and tourism. Since joining the project in September 2013, Mr. Pirie noted there had been an extensive public engagement process with over 35 Coalition meetings, 11 public meetings, and several separate meetings with advocacy groups, private landowners and citizens, all with goal to ensure the people have a voice in shaping the vision, while extensive research was gathered into the culture and history of the corridor, natural resources, fisheries and wildlife, riparian and forest conditions, and existing recreational resources. Referencing the Salmonberry Corridor Concept Plan ([link](#)) and presentation ([Attachment 7](#)), Mr. Pirie described several segments of the trail and details presented in the plan.

Rocky Houston, State Parks Project Manager for the planning portion of the Salmonberry Corridor, referenced the presentation ([Attachment 7](#)) to present an overview of: conceptual costs associated with construction and maintenance of the trail, partnership with the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, current request for proposals from capital campaign managers, discussions with Oregon Solutions for development of a draft governance plan and strategy allowing local jurisdictions and stakeholders ability to join a governance charter with common understanding of roles and responsibilities moving forward, resolutions of support arriving from many stakeholders and local jurisdictions, recent grant awarded to study environmental impacts associated with transforming the rail line to trail, and further administrative work required in the project.

Board discussion ensued with comment expressing value in highlighting conservation areas on state forests as a special feature on the trail and recognition of challenges multi-use trails can pose.

Chair Imeson called for public comment.

David Kunert of Hampton Lumber provided public testimony and written comment ([Attachment 8](#)), commending work of the Salmonberry Coalition in responding to input provided on the plan, and importance in recognizing subsets found in Senate Bill 1516 that work to ensure the trail will not affect private property rights or active management goals of state and private lands, and that it is not a restriction on adjacent land uses.

Chris Smith, on behalf of North Coast State Forests Coalition, provided public testimony expressing commitment to the project, alignment in values of the North Coast Coalition, and opportunity to promote high value conservation areas and fulfill the Governor's call for visibility.

Chair Imeson reviewed the recommendation before the Board.

Board Member Gary Springer motioned for the Board's endorsement of the Salmonberry Corridor Concept Plan for the Salmonberry Trail project and direction to the Department to stay engaged with the project and to provide support consistent with achieving recreation management goals for state forests.

Board Member Cindy Deacon Williams seconded the motion.

Voting in favor of the motion: Gary Springer, Cindy Deacon Williams, Tom Insko, Sybil Ackerman-Munson, Nils Christoffersen, and Tom Imeson, against: none.

With an affirming vote of consensus, Chair Imeson ordered:

**The Board endorsed the Salmonberry Corridor Concept Plan for the Salmonberry Trail project and directed the Department to stay engaged with the project and to provide support consistent with achieving recreation management goals for state forests.**

## 6. SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FORESTS

Emerging and Overarching Issues Work Plan – Federal Forests

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Subcommittee Chair, Board Member Nils Christoffersen, briefly introduced the discussion topic and then provided an overview of the draft congressional letter seeking to address wildfire funding as presented to the Board for approval.

Board Member Gary Springer motioned for the Board's approval of submitting the draft letter to Congress.

Board Member Tom Insko seconded the motion.

Voting in favor of the motion: Gary Springer, Tom Insko, Sybil Ackerman-Munson, Nils Christoffersen, Cindy Deacon Williams, and Tom Imeson, against: none.

With an affirming vote of consensus, Chair Imeson ordered:

**The Board approved submission of the draft letter to Congress.**

State Forester Decker noted the Board's voice joins a chorus of many through the letter, including governors from Washington, Oregon, and California and the National Association of State Foresters. Related to the Governor's Recommended Budget, State Forester Decker described fortune in continuation and expansion of investment in the pace and scale of federal forest restoration work and active discussions underway with eastern Oregon field staff and specialists on how to implement the increased funding.

Kevin Birch, Forest Resources Planning Director, elaborated briefly on similarities and differences within the two budget packages including a continuation of collaborative support and the new business model, internal administration of the state and federal partnership, goal of moving efforts into a statewide approach, and intent to pursue use of the good neighbor authority provided for in the 2014 Farm Bill.

Subcommittee Chair Nils Christoffersen described additional allocations provided through the Northeast Oregon Regional Solutions Committee to work through forest collaboratives on the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests to assess the large landscape of forestland and develop preliminary NEPA analysis and recommendations in those areas, additional funding for other small log and biomass utilization facilities in the Malheur National Forest, as well as additional funded projects undescribed.

Board and Subcommittee Member Cindy Deacon Williams noted a recent [guest opinion published in the Medford Mail Tribune](#) speaking to some of the fundamental underpinning differences in the ability to increase the pace and scale of restoration in eastside forests compared to westside forests.

Tom Tuchmann, Governor Kitzhaber's Forestry and Conservation Finance Advisor, extended sincere apologies from the Governor in not being able to attend and discuss the Forest Service Renewal policy documents presented to the Board ([Attachment 10](#)). Mr. Tuchmann provided background on the Governor's interest in how Oregon's forestlands are managed, referencing several key initiatives the Governor has been involved in, while noting the Governor's attendance at a prior Board meeting where he promised he would take the Board's work to inform his own more detailed thinking on this matter and the Forest Service Renewal documents are a result of that effort.

The Governor has provided proposals for how the Forest Service and the management of federal forests can be modernized in six different ways: 1) Reforming the Forest Service Business Model, 2) Institutionalizing Ecosystem Conservation as an Alternative to Single Species and Use Management, 3) Establishing Conservation Emphasis Areas and Forestry Emphasis Areas on Each National Forest, 4) Reforming Public Involvement at the Project Level to Incent and Reward Collaboration, 5) Streamlining Judicial Review and Providing Adequate Conflict Resolution Mechanisms, and 6) Replacing the Traditional Financial Relationship Between Rural Counties and Federal Land Management Agencies.

Mr. Tuchmann emphasized the proposals build on Oregon's dry side national forest collaboratives and ongoing conversations related to O&C, build on the Board's efforts and include input from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Quality, the proposals are circulated in discussion draft form while being open to different ideas, and the Governor's intent is for all six proposals to work together. Referencing a discussion slide ([Attachment 9](#)), Mr. Tuchmann described how the six issue areas could benefit from renewal and in concert with each other and the Governor's plans for developing a region wide bi-partisan position for Congress and the Obama administration through joint efforts with several other governors at the Western Governors Association.

Board discussion ensued on processes for public participation with Mr. Tuchmann elaborating on the process locally in Oregon, outreach occurring at the Western Governors Association, and the importance in broadening the conversation beyond Oregon to influence change at the federal level.

Chair Imeson encouraged the Subcommittee on Federal Forests provide feedback on the document.

Chair Imeson called for public comment:

Wayne Giesy provided public testimony referencing his proposal to divide public forestlands providing both sides a certain amount of acreage for environmental purposes and timber harvest, with responsibility to both for management, and encouraging everyone sit at the same table and manage the forests together.

7. ELLIOTT STATE FOREST UPDATE

State Forests Work Plan – State Forest Management

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Mary Abrams, Director of the Department of State Lands, provided an update on the Elliott State Forest Alternatives Project, with a brief overview of the information presented to the State Land Board in early December, direction received from the State Land Board, and next steps in the process. Summarizing the various options, Ms. Abrams described benefits and risks under consideration with two focused on continuing Common School Fund ownership and two that would transfer the ownership to another entity, with each option challenged to meet the trust mandate for the Land Board and requiring further due diligence as directed through the State Land Board's decision.

Related to next steps, Ms. Abrams noted intent to return to the State Land Board in June 2015 with further information on due diligence and a focused direction, continuing discussions with external public agencies, working to build partnerships, and encouraging proposals from all entities interested in the lands.

Board discussion ensued with questions and comment on matters of harvest assumptions considered in obtaining a Habitat Conservation Plan, requirements to meet the State Land Board's obligations, land value if sold to a private entity, and how entities can prepare realistic proposals for management.

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8. UPDATE FROM THE OSU COLLEGE OF FORESTRY

Administrative Work Plan – Research Requests and Special Reports

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Thomas Maness, Dean at the Oregon State University College of Forestry, referenced a presentation ([Attachment 11](#)) and handout ([Attachment 12](#)) to provide an overview of several key initiatives the College of Forestry is exploring in a goal to grow Oregon's Wood Products Sector including a new partnership between the University of Oregon and Oregon State University to create the National Center of Excellence for Advanced Wood Products Manufacturing and Design, reconstruction of

Peavy Hall, and the Institute for Working Forest Landscapes. Dean Maness shared perspectives on the value of western Oregon's timber industry in providing a local sustainable resource as compared to intensively managed plantations in the southern hemisphere and associated environmental impacts. In terms of public policy in Oregon, Dean Maness encouraged a focus on the number of jobs created per thousand board feet instead of the number of thousand board feet produced. Referencing a growing trend towards building with wood as a sustainable natural material, Dean Maness described how Oregon is positioned to compete in global markets for "green buildings" made of engineered wood products including an emerging market for cross-laminated timber.

Board discussion ensued with questions regarding the experimental research forest, engagement in eastern Oregon, and building codes associated with wood products.

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9. 2015 LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE

Administrative Work Plan – Agency Budget Development and Request

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Satish Upadhyay, Administrative Division Chief, referenced Attachment 1 to provide an overview of the Governor's Recommended Budget, policy option packages included and associated funding.

Paul Bell, Deputy State Forester, provided an overview of the legislative concepts and preview to the upcoming legislative session.

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10. STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION PROJECT

State Forests Work Plan – Alternative Forest Management Plans for NW State Forests

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Liz Dent, State Forests Division Chief, provided an overview of staff efforts in the development of an alternative forest management plan, with recent focus on defining viability and conservation goals, development of definitions and strategies, drafting of chapter narratives, and modeling assumptions and results.

Brian Pew, Deputy State Forests Division Chief, described the integral role field and Salem staff have taken in plan development in conjunction with their regular operational work, ongoing conversations related to the plan and associated policy shifts. Mr. Pew announced the next Subcommittee on Alternative Forest Management Plans meeting as scheduled for February 17 and provided an overview of meeting content for the coming year.

Tony Andersen, Public Affairs Representative, referenced the 2015 Forest Management Plan Communication Plan calendar ([Attachment 13](#)) to described focused outreach efforts for the plan.

Ms. Dent noted the stepwise process involved in development of the plan, implementing an ambitious set of products, pursuing an aggressive outreach process, tight schedule, and doing everything possible to stay on task and within the designated timeline.

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Board discussion ensued with clarifications from staff on matters of:

- coordinating with neighboring landowners on conservation areas,
- interest in goal specifics related to old growth – importance in determining before modeling,
- concern with moving too quickly through the timeline,
- use of the proposed concepts around conservation as a starting point for writing the plan and developing the principles for conservations,
- concern with adoption of the land allocation approach but not the details included while modeling efforts are already underway,
- assumptions used to begin modeling and flexibility to adjust modeling assumptions,
- value in the conversations captured in the November minutes,
- importance in defining the goals before developing a model to provide useful answers,
- draft nature of the principles, definitions and metrics at this stage – two-step process,
- model is estimating the potential volume to be produced at a planning area scale, types of stand structure to be developed, geographic information produced that has related meanings for wildlife, riparian areas, marbled murrelet management areas, and owl habitat,
- useful to hear how those model outputs will transform into an assessment and determination that it will increase financial viability,
- value in coming to an agreement on definitions,
- interest in knowing where the maps will exist in the plan,
- flexibility and durability needed in different lands,
- value in understanding the assumptions used to build the model, and
- regarding the science review conclusion that there was no difference in impacts across all stakeholder alternatives regarding aquatic soils and terrain stability - interest expressed in securing as much information as possible from the models related to that component.

State Forester Decker noted Brett Brownscombe's temporary assignment to the Department of Fish and Wildlife and agreement to continue to stay engaged in the conversation.

Chair Imeson called for comments from the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee.

Tim Josi, Chair of the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee, provided comment noting active involvement in development of the first forest management plan while reflecting on the processes involved and finding comfort in the product Ms. Dent and her team are developing.

Chair Imeson called for public comment.

Bill Kluting, Carpenters Industrial Council, provided public testimony expressing confidence in the efforts of the Federal Forests Subcommittee, concern with the status of the Elliott State Forest, and urging the Board consider jobs and economic opportunities found in timber harvesting.

Board Member Ackerman-Munson offered clarification to Mr. Kluting regarding the purpose of discussing a land allocation approach as to consider upping the timber harvest cut while providing security to areas where conservation is needed.

Tom Wolf, Executive Director of Trout Unlimited, provided public testimony offering applause to staff and their willingness to work with the conservation community, describing encouragement by the chance to see maps of durability, thinking the current forest management plan could provide great areas of conservation, interest in seeing rural Oregon survive and do well, and urging the Board continue to move forward with this plan.

Guido Rahr, Wild Salmon Center, provided public testimony noting twenty years of seeking a conservation goals in the forest management plans, interest in providing durable protected areas, and urging the Board draft a forest management plan that includes durable and mapped commitments to conservation areas in rule.

Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center, provided public comments and written testimony ([Attachment 14](#)) describing the advantage of a zoned approach and getting mapped documents in rule, lack of clarity in the rule for a zoned approach or durability, and encouragement for staff to clearly present the assumptions and outputs as draft in nature.

Bob Rees, Association of Northwest Steelheaders, provided public testimony, noting the dual social and economic benefits of the sport and commercial fishing industry, referencing local support for a balanced approach to state forest management and encouragement to continue engaging with stakeholders while providing protection to species that provide social and economic benefits to coastal and rural Oregonians, and urging inclusion of maps in the forest management plan.

Board Member Tom Insko clarified the goal was not to increase financial viability because the Board is not yet financially viable and still needs to achieve financial viability.

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With no further business before the Board, Chair Imeson adjourned the public meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Doug Decker



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Doug Decker, State Forester and  
Secretary to the Board

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