



**Oregon Forest Biomass Working Group
12-4-2015
Attendees and Notes**

Attendees:

Marcus Kauffman—Oregon Department of Forestry
Dylan Kruse—Sustainable Northwest
Kevin Tuers—Seneca Sustainable Energy
Andrew Warren—Oregon Department of Energy
David Smith—Oregon State University
John Redfield—DR Johnson Lumber
Craig Volz—Tetra Tech
Mark Nystrom—Association of Oregon Counties
Jessica Shipley—Oregon Department of Energy
Colin McConaha—Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Elysia Treanor—Portland General Electric
Linc Cannon—Oregon Forest Industries Council
Chris Claflin—Business Oregon
Ralph Harding—Oregon Department of Energy
Mark Rasmussen—Mason, Bruce & Girard
Greg Miller—Weyerhaeuser Company
Chuck Hersey—Washington DNR (via phone)
Brian Kittler—Pinchot Institute (via phone)
Rick Wagner—Oregon Department of Forestry (via phone)
Doug Hieken—Oregon Wild (via phone)

NOTES:

Biomass and the Clean Power Plan: Colin McConaha of DEQ, Jessica Shipley of ODOE, Elysia Treanor of PGE and Linc Cannon of Oregon Forest Industries Council shared information and perspective about the connections and opportunities for woody biomass in the EPA's Clean Power Plan. The presentations were enlightening and generated a lively and fruitful discussion.

Biomass Producer Tax Credit Program Update: Andre Warren of ODOE summarized the fee increases, use, and status of the Biomass Producer Tax Credit program. He noted that the effort to extend the sunset beyond 2017 was not successful.

Legislative Update: Dylan Kruse of Sustainable Northwest shared a brief update of legislation relating to woody biomass. He noted that Senator Edwards plans on introducing a carbon cap and investment bill and other members expressed interest in reintroducing the 1.5% for biomass bill.

Statewide Wood Energy Team: Marcus Kauffman shared a short summary of the funded projects and activities of the Oregon Statewide Wood Energy Team. See summary for more detail.

Western Juniper Alliance Update: Dylan Kruse of Sustainable Northwest provided an update on activities related to the utilization of western juniper and the upcoming meeting of Western Juniper Alliance on January 12, 2016 in Prineville.

Next meeting: The group agreed to meet again at the close of the state legislative session, around April 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

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