

Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee

Oregon Department of Forestry Salem, Oregon

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Pursuant to notice made by press release to newspapers of general and local circulation throughout the state and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the committee and the members of the committee, a regular meeting of the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) was held at the Department of Forestry in Salem, Oregon.

Present Committee Members

Sam Patrick, Clatsop County Commissioner, Vice-Chair
Chuck Hurliman, Tillamook County Commissioner
Patricia Roberts, Clatsop County Commissioner
Mike Propes, Polk County Commissioner
Anthony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner

Absent Committee Members

Tim Josi, Tillamook County Commissioner, Chair
John Griffith, Coos County Commissioner

Present Department Staff

Jim Paul, Assistant State Forester and Secretary for FTLAC
Nancy Hirsch, State Forests Program Director
Ed DeBlander, Asset Management Unit Manager
Jeff Foreman, Public Information Officer
Ron Zilli, Policy & Planning Unit Manager
Berta Bodi, Office Manager, State Forests Program
Mike Totey, West Oregon District
Andy White, Northwest Oregon Area
Tom Savage, Northwest Oregon Area
Greg Cline, North Cascade District Forester
Dan Shults, Southern Oregon Area Director
Jeff Brandt, Adaptive Management Unit Manager
Doug Robin, State Forests Program Staff
Alan Kanaski, Private Forests Program Staff
Wayne Auble, Tillamook District Staff
Rosemary Mannix, Resource Specialist Unit Manager
Mike Wilson, State Forests Program Staff
Keith Mills, State Forests Program Staff
Emmor Nile, Information Technology Program Staff

Opening Remarks

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Department of Forestry Updates

Jim Paul mentioned that he will be moving into Ted Lorensen's position as the Division Chief for Private Forests and Nancy Hirsh has been selected as the new Division Chief for State Forests. The announcement for the new Deputy Chief for State Forests closed on Monday, April 21. We hope to hold interviews the first part of May and hope to have someone in the position by the end of May.

A brief discussion was had regarding the possibility of the State acquiring some new State Forests Lands. The questions were asked where the funding is coming from and if the land is purchased by FDF funds, would those lands be part of the Forest Trust Land Counties? These discussions are in the early stages but the Forest Development Fund is a potential source. If we look at using those funds there are specific restrictions of what must be done. As it appears right now the draft concept would be if the revenue comes off the counties land then the revenue stream would go back to that county.

The Program will provide an update at the next meeting.

Public Comments

None

Swiss Needle Cast: Latest research and monitoring, and its application. (Attachment 1)

Alan Kanaski and Doug Robin provided an overview of the disease and updates on the current situation.

Annual State Forests Monitoring Report to the Board of Forestry (Attachments 2 and 3)

Jeff Brandt presented the Research & Monitoring Annual Report that will be given to the Board of Forestry at their next meeting on April 29, 2008.

State Forests LiDAR Acquisition: Update (Attachment 4)

Emmor Nile and Mike Wilson provided an update on LiDAR and how it is being used. There are a lot of forest vegetation uses and analytical uses that we can use this data for, for instance standard vegetation, tree measurements, carbon estimation, down wood and riparian characteristics.

LiDAR in the future – There are going to be other uses that we have not considered. We are working closely with other agencies to ensure that the money we have spent on LiDAR is not duplicated and that we take advantage of what other agencies do.

Clatsop and Tillamook Management Strategies Development : Update (Attachments 5 and 6)

Ron Zilli briefly discussed the Stand Level Inventory imputation and what it means. Astoria and Forest Grove have completed their work and Tillamook will be done next week. He distributed copies of the agenda item that will be given to the Board at their April 29, 2008 meeting. He also handed out a Timeline for the Clatsop and Tillamook Strategies project.

We hope to finished with the all of the imputation and yield tables by the end of May, continue strategy development and initial modeling through June and July and be doing the more detailed analysis in late August, September and present that to the Board in November. We will be updating this group regularly too.

Revenue Outlook (Attachment 7)

Ed DeBlander provided an update on the effort to improve our revenue projection tool. We hope to have a different looking projection in July.

Nancy also provided an update on the State Forests Program POP's.

Discussion of Agenda Items for June 26 meeting

July Board of Forestry agenda items

Land Acquisition update

Recreation Assessment update

Status of POP's

Modeling trends

Closing Comments and Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 26, 2008