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: Tim Josi, Tillamook County Commissioner, Chair; Jim Bernard, Clackamas County Commissioner, Co-Chair; Anthony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner; Patricia Roberts, Clatsop County Commissioner; Chuck Hurliman, Tillamook County Commissioner; Alex Cuyler, Lane County Inter-Governmental Relations Manager, for Faye Stewart, Lane County Commissioner

Absent Committee Members: Faye Stewart, Lane County Commissioner; Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County Commissioner

Present Department Staff: Doug Decker, State Forester; Mike Bordelon, State Forests Division Chief; Mike Cafferata, State Forests Deputy Division Chief; Andy White, Forest Grove District Forester; Kate Skinner, Assistant District Forester, Tillamook District; Dave Lorenz, Southern Oregon Area Director; Mary Schmelz, Office Manager, Public Affairs; John Seward, Geo-Tech Specialist, Roseburg; Ted Erdmann, West Oregon Assistant District Forester; Mike Totey, West Oregon District Forester; Dan Goody, Tillamook District Forester; Marganne Allen, Field Support Manager Private Forests Division; Daren Cone, State Forests Engineer; Rosemary Mannix, Resource Specialist Unit Manager State Forests Division; Brad Knotts, Silviculturist, Private Forests Division; Wayne Auble, Assistant District Forester Forest Grove District; Ed Deblander, Asset Manager State Forests Division; Tom Savage, Astoria District Forester; Mike Buren Geotechnical Specialist, Forest Grove District

Present Others: Ed Kamholz, State Forest Committee Chair; Craig Pope, Polk County Commissioner; John Lindsey, Linn County Commissioner; Gary Springer, Oregon Board of Forestry; Gil Riddell, Council of Oregon Counties; Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center; Mark Rasmussen, Mason, Bruce and Girard; Duane Cole, Clatsop County Manager

Opening Remarks

Board Appointments

- Cal Mukumoto and Peter Hayes’ terms expire December 2011
- Jennifer Phillip’s term expires Jan 2012
- The above three appointments will be decided during the February 2012 legislative session
- John Blackwell and Steve Wilson’s terms expire December 2012
- Doug Decker expressed an interest that the Board’s composition reflect Oregon’s changing demographics

Board of Forestry (BOF) November 2011 meeting

- Governor Kitzhaber will attend the meeting
- Elliott State Forest item: State Land Board approved Forest Management Plan
- This meeting and future meetings reflect the Board’s effort to connect with local communities

Approve Minutes

Motion: Anthony Hyde: Approve minutes. Second: Patricia Roberts. All in favor. Minutes approved.
State Forests Advisory Committee (SFAC)  

Andy White and Ed Kamholz

Request for county participation on SFAC

Background: SFAC was formed as an advisory committee focused on the implementation of the Forest Management Plan (FMP). The counties were represented on the original committee. When SFAC started to address policy issues, the counties withdrew, recognizing their policy link to the Board. SFAC has since evolved and provides feedback on implementation issues. Andy White asked that the FTLAC re-consider having a representative on the committee, because it would provide historical context, would reflect the counties’ interest in revenues from BOF lands, and would demonstrate the relationship between the counties, the BOF, and the agency. Ed Kamholz, SFAC Chair, agreed that the counties are among the biggest stakeholders, yet they are not represented. Further, he said the quality and nature of input on the committee would improve with county participation. Mr. Kamholz asked that the counties re-consider participating on this committee.

Chair Josi said he would represent the FTLAC on the SFAC. He acknowledged improvements in the committee’s functioning, particularly that they are now answerable to a specific person (the Area Director).

Chuck Hurliman suggested that Paul Levesque may be a good county representative because of his historical knowledge. Anthony Hyde noted that Paul is not a FTLAC member so couldn’t be a member of SFAC. Chair Josi said he would consult Paul Levesque on issues if needed.

Motion: Anthony Hyde: Approve and appoint Tim Josi to SFAC. Second: Jim Bernard. All in favor. Motion approved to appoint Tim Josi to represent the FTLAC on SFAC.

Forest Practices Rules

John Seward and Mike Buren

Landslides and Public Safety, presentation

- Reviewed previous debris flow losses/failures
- When evaluating risk to public safety, look upslope for the initiation site
- Identified common characteristics of hazard locations
- Reviewed political/administrative laws resulting from landslide issues
- Illustrated how Lidar helps identify areas vulnerable to landslides
- Illustrated how geologists do a risk analysis
- Illustrated how prescription for harvest is determined using risk analysis

Next Steps

- Assemble a committee to work on landslides and public safety
  - Suggested members: Chuck Hurliman, Tony Hyde, Patricia Roberts, an ODF representative, Duane Cole, landowner/timber interest, DLCD representative
- Explore avenues that encourage counties to use tools such as notification to neighbors
- A final product with a recommendation and model land use ordinances

Action Items

- Gary Springer will seek timber land owner/interest as committee representative
- Tim Josi will seek DLCD representative
- Mike Bordelon will seek a department representative
- Chuck Hurliman: Research: DLCD work (did they develop a model ordinance?). Contact Geologist’s Board as a potential resource.

Public Comment

No public comments received.
Status Report- Tillamook Available Acres Project, presentation

Dan Goody and Kate Skinner

The BOF revised the NW FMP in 2010. Some revisions:
- No longer pursuing a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)
- Desired future condition of complex forest changed from 40/60% goal to 30/50% goal
- Performance measure to increase revenues 5-15% within the next 10 years on the Clatsop and Tillamook forests
- Achieve 17 – 20% complex structure within the next 20 years

The FMP revisions prompted revisions in 10 year implementation plans for the Astoria, Forest Grove and Tillamook districts. Astoria and Forest Grove have developed their new IP’s, but the Tillamook district is working on gaining a more complete information base before finalizing their 10-year IP. The goal is to complete the IP by July 2013.

Focused areas of improvement in Tillamook district data
- Available acres
- Inventory: Added about 325 stands of inventory; about 19% of stands are inventoried, 35% of acres
- Transportation planning

Next Steps:
Land Management Classification Available Acres Project
- Internal GIS technical review
- Identify gaps/improvements
- Identify steep slopes and low production sites
- Review 2003-2004 analysis done by Logging Engineering International

Move forward on IP revision
- Improve imputation work on inventory
- Review/improve growth and yield tables
- Forest Health plot information: Review Swiss Needle Cast modeling
- Build next version of the model

FTLAC review of Tillamook district data
Mark Rasmussen will complete an external review of the department’s mapping of the Tillamook district.

State Forests Revenue Projection

Ed Deblander and Mike Bordelon
In the 1990’s, a workgroup decided that six months to one year of the fiscal budget (currently $26 mil fiscal budget) needed to be retained in the Forest Development Fund (FDF) to mitigate the risks associated with trying to practice forestry in a dynamic market. This has continued to be a “rule of thumb”.

2008 – 2011 Expenditures/Revenue summary
- 2007 $36.6 million FDF balance
- 2008 spent $38 mil
- 2009 projected financial crisis /revenue loss
- 2009 expenditure reductions began: 50 of 250 positions were eliminated
- 2010 dropped from $34 million to $24 mil in total expenditures
- 2011 $17 mil FDF balance
2012 Revenue Projection
- $16.9 million FDF balance
- Plan to continue current expenditure level
- Will cross 6 month operating cost threshold in 2012

Issues of focus
1) Remain financially solvent to continue to provide department’s services
2) Rebuild investments
3) Honor revenue expectations of BOF and Division of State Lands (DSL)

Financial Viability Process
An internal workgroup and stakeholder group will explore options (particularly “out of the box” ideas) to enhance financial sustainability for the State Forests Division.

Action Item:
Mike Bordelon: Follow-up to see if Ed Kamholz will be part of this workgroup/stakeholder group, per Tim Josi’s request.

Overview November 2011 BOF meeting – State Forests’ topics
- State Forests’ fiscal report
- BOF consideration of the Elliot FMP. DSL and the Governor have approved the FMP. The Governor requested a periodic review of the research and monitoring plan, and encouraged the department to keep pursuing carbon credits and HCP’s.
- Riparian Functioning and Stream Temperature – Private Forests topic, but State Forests are involved.
- Research and Monitoring report
- Ecosystem Services Project on Gales Creek – part of pursuing revenue through ecosystem services and being good stewards. This restoration project placed 100 logs in Gales Creek.
- 2012 BOF State Forests Work Plan
  Staff recommendations for Work Plan
  o Don’t move forward, at this time, with GPV changes.
  o Continue to improve performance measures
  o Re-engage conservation values/areas discussion: at minimum, define “conservation areas” and assess what the department is already doing

Meeting Adjourn

Next Meeting: February 17, 2012