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; Faye Stewart, Lane County Commissioner; Patricia Roberts, Clatsop County; Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County Commissioner; Anthony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner; Chuck Hurliman, Tillamook County Commissioner

Present Department Staff: Paul Bell, Deputy State Forester; Liz Dent, State Forests Deputy Division Chief; Mary Schmelz, Office Manager, Public Affairs; Mike Bordelon, State Forests Division Chief; Mike Totey, West Oregon District Forester; Ted Erdmann, West Oregon Assistant District Forester; Dan Goody, Tillamook District Forester; Wayne Auble, Assistant District Forester Forest Grove; Derek Bangs, Resource Specialist, Astoria District; Scott Swearingen, Southern Oregon Area Director’s Assistant; John Barnes, Policy and Planning Specialist State Forests

Present Others: Scott Lee, Clatsop County Commissioner; Simon Hare, Josephine County Commissioner; Gary Springer, Oregon Board of Forestry; Gil Riddell, Council of Oregon Counties; Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center; Ian Fergusson, Association of NW Steelheaders; Chris Jarmer, Oregon Forest Industries Council; Chris Smith, North Coast State Coalition

Addition/Correction to February 17, 2012 Minutes
Faye Stewart was present via conference call. Patricia Roberts: Approve minutes. Second: Anthony Hyde. All in favor with correction. Minutes approved.

Liz Dent, Deputy State Forest Division Chief – Welcome
Welcome Liz Dent, recently selected as new Deputy State Forests Division Chief. She has a background working as an Aquatic Specialist and a manager for the agency.

Report on State Forests Advisory Committee (SFAC) – Tim Josi and Liz Dent
SFAC was created as a sounding board to advise the Agency on State Forests’ implementation. The committee ventured into some policy areas, which was not the original goal; at that time the FTLAC stopped participating on the committee. At the February 17, 2012 FTLAC meeting, the FTLAC decided that Commissioner Josi would represent them on SFAC. Commissioner Josi and Liz Dent attended the most recent SFAC meeting, wherein they discussed implementation plans (IP’s) and Annual Operations Plans (AOP’s), and toured the North Cascade district to better understand “on the ground” management scenarios.

Public Comment
Bob Van Dyk, Wild Salmon Center A coalition consisting of representatives from five organizations are engaging with a different approach in State Forests’ policy. The five organizations represented are the Wild Salmon Center, Oregon Steelheaders, Trout Unlimited, Northwest Guide and Anglers, and the Oregon chapter of the Sierra Club. Mr. Van Dyk distributed comments from the coalition that addressed the agency’s AOP’s. The coalition is also interested in the ten year Tillamook implementation plan, conservation areas, and the financial viability of the agency. They were pleased to see the Board of Forestry look to the
legislature for funding outside of the state’s timber revenue receipts. The coalition’s website is at: forestlegacy.org. Mr. Van Dyk invited FTLAC members to be added to their mailing list.

Implementation Plan Development
North Cascade District

- Completed 2012 IP’s
  - Primary changes: The amount to be managed for complex structure: from 50% to 35%
  - Added 2 aquatic anchors: At Sardine Creek, the agency is unable to manage for complex structure due to conditions. Rock Creek provides important habitat for Chinook and is part of Salem’s city water source.
  - Added 1 terrestrial anchor: There are high elevation ponds in this area. This area will not achieve old growth characteristics, but provides for habitat that needs high elevation ponds.
  - Take home message about watersheds/habitat anchors: Not all are created equal; the agency adapts its approach depending upon conditions.

- Harvest levels
  - Partial cuts: 290-1170 acres
  - Clear-cut: 110-450 acres
  - 2013 Fiscal Year: 18-20 million bf; previous ten year plan levels were around 14 million bf
  - This IP is aligned with the Board of Forestry’s 2010 revised Forest Management Plan

- Public Comments
  - Most significant comment: Ed Kamholz: Appendix A was virtually impossible to understand; it has been re-written and is now part of the IP.

Question: Chuck Hurliman: How are we interlacing the findings done from the Hinkle Creek watershed studies?
Answer: Liz Dent: Mostly through seminars, and gathering information from what students and researchers are learning. That information will be published, then the agency will be able to do a better job of incorporating that into the management process. It is also part of the body of science that is being considered, particularly by the Private Forests Program. These studies show, better than just about any other study being done, not only the impacts to water quality, but also to fish.

West Oregon District

- Opportunity for the district to revisit its landscape design
- Learned more about the presence and location of Threatened and Endangered species
- Original IP had 45% DFC complex; this was changed to 31% DFC complex
- Added 2 aquatic anchor with amphibian emphasis areas
- Harvest levels
  - Were operating at 10 million bf, moving toward 12 million bf target in 2013.
  - Clear-cut: 280 acres
  - Partial Cut: 1000 acres
- Public Comments
  - Same comments/suggestions about improving the readability of Appendix A

FY 13 Annual Operation Plans - Summary
Tillamook District

- Harvest levels
  - Same as previous year’s: 47 million bf
  - Within ranges of modified clear-cut and partial cuts
  - Starting to look at other stands and returning to silviculture development as the market improves
- Focusing on lower road costs and areas needing transportation improvements
• IP Update
  o Still in process
  o Received good information from the Rocky Mountain Experimental station, which should improve inventory
  o There is a lot of data involved with available acres: the agency is “going slow to go fast” to make sure that the data is correct

West Oregon District                  Mike Totey
• Harvest levels
  o 10 million bf
  o 90% on BOF, 10% CSL
  o 250 acres clear-cut
  o 400 acres partial cut. Partial will increase as the agency moves toward the higher target.

Forest Grove District                 Wayne Auble
• Harvest levels
  o Same as last year
  o Same balance of clear-cut and partial cut
• Devils Lake Fork of the Wilson River was in salmon anchor habitat, it is now an aquatic anchor.
  o As a result, the area around Browns Camp has been avoided and that harvest level “reset” itself.
  o There are several sales around that area so this will create some issues.
  o This change gave the district opportunities to improve roads and streams for fish passage.
• Recreation
  o Trails and bridges done in the 1990’s that are failing are being repaired/replaced
  o Most rebuilding will be built by the South Fork inmate crew
  o The agency may receive some grant funding for rebuilding bridges
• Reforestation
  o Struggling with growing Doug fir seedlings; they are not doing as well as other species.
  o Focusing on finding quality seedlings
  o Diversify across nurseries to get different seedlings/root stock

Astoria District                     Derek Bangs
• Harvest Level
  o 70 million bf
  o Partial cut: 1831 acres
  o Clear cut: 1293 acres
  o 2012 cut was 69.7 million bf
• Continuing to look for opportunities for stream enhancement and fish passage improvements.

Legal Update                        Mike Bordelon and Liz Dent
NEDC
• In litigation over two roads
• Recent development: The Supreme Court has agreed to take case.
• Had a stay at the district court level, which has been extended until the Supreme Court decision
• EPA announced that they are going into rulemaking so they have a mechanism that states that forest roads shouldn’t have to have a point source discharge permit. Rulemaking is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.
• Timeline: November/December 2012 the case will be heard. Possibly a decision by July 2013.
  Action: Inform Commissioner Josi when the Supreme Court hearing is scheduled.
Murrelet lawsuit
- The state is being sued by Cascadia Wildlands, Audubon Society, and the Center for Biological Diversity, over alleged violations of section 9, the take avoidance provision of ESA.
- Applies to the Elliott, Clatsop and Tillamook forests; the focus of efforts is on the Elliott.
- Recently filed a request for motion for preliminary injunction. The hearing date hasn’t been set, but it’s expected it will be 6-8 weeks from when it was filed (August or September 2012).
  ^ Action: Inform Commissioner Josi know when the injunction date is set.
- Some landowners have intervened in the case.
- Depending on the outcome, this suit could have implications for any non-federal landowner.
- Suspended three sold timber sales until preliminary injunction is concluded. Delaying auction on four planned sales until after preliminary injunction hearing is concluded.

Board of Forestry – Tillamook Oregon, July 26, 2012
This is an important meeting in terms of the evolution of State Forests policy.

Financial Viability
- Mike Bordelon
  - Internal and external committees have been working on resolving the issue of financial viability for the State Forests Division.
  - Some ideas/suggestions resulting from committee work range from internal business improvements to policy changes.
  - Presenting interim report at meeting. Some findings from the interim report:
    - Would have to add 65 million bf on BOF lands to be sustainable; the current plans don’t provide that level of latitude.
    - Current stumpage value is $315 per thousand bf; would need to increase to $410 per thousand bf to generate adequate revenue to cover management costs and investments in State Forests
    - Current business model: The agency is relying on timber revenues. In the long term, the agency needs to diversify revenues from other products and services that are produced from these lands.

Conservation Areas
- Liz Dent
  - The feedback from the public and stakeholders was that there wasn’t much visibility and durability about how the state manages conservation areas.
  - At this Board meeting, a near term approach will be proposed:
    - Within the existing management plan, there are three types of management classification types: general, focused and special. Proposing to add “high value conservation areas”.
    - Under the current management plan, the agency does a lot for conservation. This categorization would bring out that work to make it more visible.
  - At this stage, the agency would be best served to consider durability after visibility is improved/resolved. Durability: Request to bring decision making regarding management to Board of Forestry level. It is currently sometimes at the Board level, sometimes at the State Forester level, and sometimes at the District Forester level.
  - Commissioner Hurliman stated his concern about bringing all management decisions to the Board, because on-the-ground, site specific decisions may be best understood by those working directly on those operations. Additionally, with the turnover of Board member terms there is concern about educating new members.

Performance Measures (PM’s)
- John Barnes
  - Board adopted PM’s in 2007 to monitor the success of forest management plans. Chair Josi disagreed with this statement, saying that the Board adopted these PM’s and gave the department the latitude to meet these PM’s in a responsible format.
  - They are linked to economic, environmental and social benefits.
The agency is adding one new PM, which is directly linked to the financial sustainability of the State Forests Division.

One PM is being re-organized: One economic PM is moving into social benefits (i.e., economic impacts that are ultimately seen in community “well being”).

Recreation: The agency is involved in an effort with State Parks, ODFW, the Marine Board, and Travel Oregon to examine a broader body of statewide data and further analyze recreation/economic impacts.

**Alternative Management Strategies**

Liz Dent

- Last November, the Governor gave testimony to the Board about challenges to forest ownership in general, and issued some goals, one of which was to consider alternative management strategies, including a “zoned approach” (i.e., an allocation of portions for different types of management).
- Public testimony over the years has voiced a need for a more visible management plan/approach.
- A new plan may be needed to incorporate changes that would improve financial viability.
- State Forester Decker asked that the agency consider alternative management strategies, among other things, in the context of the department’s overarching Forestry Program for Oregon.
- Some proposed options:
  - Keep current FMP
  - Model a Wood Emphasis approach (for context)
  - Zoned approach
  - Long rotation ages
  - Multiple plans that are reflective of local conditions
- Next step: Refine above ideas, with input from various parties, including the FTLAC.
- Experience has shown that the GPV must be met, using the best available science. The science must be indisputable, and the policy discussion should follow the science and the modeling scenarios, to avoid the science being questioned at the same time that policy is being considered.

**Board Tour**

- Hampton mill
- Stream habitat improvement project
- Campground – Salmonberry project and the work of the recreation staff on the Tillamook State Forest
- Great Vista: View what alternative strategies would look like compared to current on the ground strategies

**Executive Session**

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Discussion of potential litigation.