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; Craig Pope, Polk County Commissioner, Vice Chair; Bill Baertlein, Tillamook County Commissioner; Anthony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner; Scott Lee, Clatsop County Commissioner

**Present Department Staff:** Doug Decker, Oregon State Forester; Paul Bell, Deputy State Forester; Brian Pew, State Forests Deputy Chief; Andy White, NW Oregon Area Director; Dave Lorenz, Southern Oregon Area Director; Mary Schmelz, Office Manager, Public Affairs; Tony Andersen, Public Information Officer; Dan Postrel, Public Affairs Director; Mike Totey, West Oregon District Forester; Josh Barnard, Operations Policy Analyst, State Forests; Jeff Brandt, Adaptive Mgmt. Unit Manager, State Forests; Justin Butteris, Policy Analyst State Forests

**Present Others:** Betsy Johnson, Oregon State Senator; Gary Springer, Board of Forestry; Gil Riddell, County of Forest Trust Lands; Rex Storm, Associated Oregon Loggers; Christopher Smith, North Coast State Forests Coalition; Heath Curtis, Oregon Forest Industries Council; Kristina McNitt, Oregon Forest Industries Council, Scott Somers, Clatsop County Manager; John Sweet, Coos County Commissioner

**Chair Opening Remarks**

Brian Pew – State Forests Deputy Division Chief

Brian Pew is the newly hired State Forests Deputy Division Chief. He has a natural resources background and has worked for Boise Cascade and Forest Capital in eastern Washington and Idaho. He has worked for the department for three years as the assistant to the Eastern Oregon area director.

**Approval of Minutes**

- February 13, 2014 FTLAC Minutes
- April 4, 2014 FTLAC/CFTLC Minutes

**MOTION** to approve minutes: Commissioner Baertlein. **SECOND:** Commissioner Pope. **ALL IN FAVOR.** Minutes approved.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Alternative Forest Management Plans for NW State Forests: Timeline and process.** Brian Pew

Senator Johnson asked department staff two questions: 1) “Who is the final stakeholder group”, and 2) “Does the public get to offer an opinion on this”? Mr. Pew answered that public meetings were held, community outreach was done, a board subcommittee integrated public comment into their work, the board meetings have opportunities for public comment, and public comment was submitted to the science review team. Senator Johnson said that it has been her experience that there has been appropriate outreach by agencies. She further said, however, that with many moving parts, including the Private Forests riparian issues, it would be good to see where touchpoints are so there aren’t competing objectives and there is plenty of opportunity for public input, particularly for those who are not watching this process closely.

Chair Josi suggested that the FTLAC consider weighing in on riparian buffer zone standards because there is concern about regulations among constituents.

**Noted:** Invite Private Forests Division staff to discuss riparian stream standards at a future FTLAC meeting. Riparian standards: FTLAC will consider testimony to the Board of Forestry and communication with constituents.
Senator Johnson commented that the tight timeline of the Forest Management Plan development was self-imposed; a decision of this magnitude doesn’t need to be within a short timeline. Board of Forestry member Gary Springer said this board imposed timeframe was driven by a startling downward trend in the Forest Development Fund (FDF). Commissioner Pope said that while FTLAC supports staff meeting the timeline, it is important that the Board of Forestry have a “Plan B” if timeline can’t be met.

**Update on Science Review, Jeff Brandt**
A stakeholder group re-examined the Forest Management Plan (FMP) with a goal of drafting proposals that would increase both the FDF and conservation values. Five proposals resulted from the process. The Science Review will evaluate the proposals to determine which approach has the greatest likelihood of achieving Greatest Permanent Value.

Jeff Brandt reviewed the science team biographies.

Currently members of the science team are working independently; they will meet on July 1, 2014 to draft a synthesis document that will lay out the scientific foundation for the plan. In August 2014 the department project team will review the draft report before it goes before the Board of Forestry.

**July 24, 2014 Board of Forestry Tour, Andy White**
The tour will provide a landscape view of forest management in the Trask area, where there are multiple landownerships, both public and private, with different objectives and strategies. The focus will be about using new science and adaptive management to influence strategies on the landscape.

**State Forests Policy Option Packages, Brian Pew and Paul Bell**
Brian Pew presented information on three proposed Policy Option Packages (POP’s).

1) **Recreation, Education and Interpretation:** Though the recreation program does not provide revenue, it provides opportunities for Oregonians to enjoy Oregon’s forests. It is currently primarily funded by the FDF. In 2009 services were cut; this POP would restore capacity and address high priority maintenance projects, maintain existing trails, increase interpretation program, support the Tillamook Forest Center refresh project, and add coordination to larger recreation projects such as the Salmonberry trail project. 3.3 million general fund request.

2) **Research and Monitoring:** This is important to State Forests because science informs decision-making. In 2009 this program downsized from eleven employees to two. This POP wouldn’t completely restore staffing, but would fund projects such as development of the monitoring program for the new FMP. $3 million general fund request.

3) **South Fork Inmate Camp:** Equitable funding of FDF for the operation of the camp and recognition of the broader social value of the operation of the camp, considering a request for General Funds. $2.9 million general fund request.

Chair Josi read his statement about the two recreation and monitoring POP’s: “These two POPs should both be viewed as a one-time funding request, both are important components of the overall program but are difficult to provide due to the current funding situation. FTLAC support should be contingent upon an assumed positive action by the Board of Forestry taking the necessary steps this fall to increase harvest levels that will return the department to an independent and fully functioning entity. An appropriate action by the Board of Forestry to return the department to financial health should also have the added benefit of bringing the state into closer alignment with the contractual obligations it has to the counties.” He further said that the department should be providing this sort of program, but because of the current financial situation this POP is reasonable for a short term but only if the department moves towards financial viability.

State Forester Decker welcomed input from the FTLAC members regarding which POP’s they consider priorities. Commissioner Lee said he thought that the South Fork camp and recreation could be legislatively funded. He further said that good science, the Research and Monitoring POP, seemed most important. Senator Johnson asked why Department of Corrections wasn’t an option for funding the South Fork Camp POP. She agreed with Commissioner Lee that if good science informs decision-making this POP seems most important. Additionally, recreation, such as the Salmonberry trail project, is important and benefits counties. State Forester Decker said he has not had a recent opportunity to speak with DOC regarding current DOC and ODF funding of South Fork, but would consider that discussion.

There was discussion among FTLAC members about whether ODF is funding DOC programs.
Action: The FTLAC requested a financial outline of South Fork funding, projects and operating expenses.

Staff estimated that the department would pay approximately $1 million annually to contract the South Fork State Forests work; the budget is $2 million. State Forester Decker said that the agency couldn’t afford to pay contractors to do the work that the South Fork recreation crews do.


After further discussion, the motion was amended. AMENDED MOTION: Chair Josi: Recognizing the numerous asks by the counties in many arenas, the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee, in concept, supports these three Policy Option Packages, with the understanding that our general support of these Policy Option Packages is that the Board of Forestry will move forward favorably to amend the Forest Management Plan to make the Forest Development Fund financially viable. SECOND: Commissioner Hyde. ALL IN FAVOR.

Board of Forestry Meeting FTLAC Testimony, FTLAC members
Commissioner Josi or Commissioner Pope will attend the meeting to testify regarding the POP’s and the science review team.

Notice of Intent on Coho: Update, Paul Bell
The Center for Biological Diversity issued a 60 day notice of intent to sue over take of Coho. The 60 days expired April 13, 2014. The department hasn’t been served with lawsuit as of the July 8, 2014 FTLAC meeting. The notice alleges violation of Endangered Species Act (ESA) with activities that cause take as defined under the ESA. It references 28 specific sales in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. Staff is preparing to contest this case if suit is filed.

District Updates, Area Directors and District Foresters
Northwest Districts: Kate Skinner is the new Tillamook District Forester. Dan Goody is the new Astoria District Forester.

Southwest Districts: The 2014 AOP’s are accomplished. There have been challenges with Elliott sales due to murrelet activity, which has made it difficult to meet AOP volume objectives.

Meeting adjourned

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Alternative Forest Management Plan “Building Blocks” – Deliverables and Timeline
- Attachment 2: ESSA Science Team Biographies
- Attachment 3: Board of Forestry Subcommittee Alternative FMP July 2, 2014 Agenda
- Attachment 4: Focal Issues to be Addressed by ODF Science Panel, ODF Science Panel Memo and Terms of Reference to Board of Forestry, June 25, 2014
- Attachment 6: 2015-17 Budget Requests
  1. Recreation, Education & Interpretation – Policy Option Package
  2. Research and Monitoring - Policy Option Package
  3. South Fork Inmate Camp - Policy Option Package

Materials and audio for this meeting are available at the Board of Forestry FTLAC subcommittee meeting at Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee