A meeting of the Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF) was held in the Tillamook Room at the Oregon Department of Forestry’s Salem compound.

Committee Members Present:
Craig Shinn  Roje Gootee
Susan Watkins  Rick Barnes
Scott Gray  Sara Leiman
Sarah Deumling  Brad Winthrow-Robinson
Jim James  Rex Storm

ODF Staff Present:
Peter Daugherty
Andy White
Kevin Weeks

Guests present:
Chris Jarmer

A. Review of agenda – Approved as written.

B. Discussion and approval of meeting minutes - June and August minutes were approved as written.
1. Craig Shinn reported on the annual CFF report and conveying the Board of Forestry's praise of the quality of work done by the committee. The Board also expressed value in the issues papers and letters of concern both formally and informally.

C. November BOF small woodlands tour
1. Discussed Handout content and the purpose of the BOF tour. Primary purpose is to inform the BOF of the status, challenges, and opportunities of family forestland owners. To engage other participants on issues of family forestland and open up the door to communication between participants and the committee.
2. Objectives:
   - Who and where are family forestlands?
   - How CFF works and goals of the committee.
   - What is working -- what is not working re: keeping family forestlands in both forest and small ownerships.
   - Opportunity for BOF to have influence in improving family forestlands.
3. Keep in mind, but focus on topics, that the key is to keep family forestlands working.
4. Bring copies of OFRI Family Forestland Report as part of the handouts.
5. Note that one of the reasons for continued success is Oregon's outcome-based FPA, rather than California-style prescriptive rules that encumber the land.
6. District will compile booklets to hand out at the beginning of the tour. A draft will be ready for dry run on Oct 17.
7. Landowner stops were picked based on the core theme. Schumakers have an interesting succession situation and are familiar with giving tours. Renzemas is a smaller family forestland owner with older trees. The Hanschus (500 acres) have a thinning stand to show, have a lot of room and are also familiar with giving tours. They have a pavilion with picnic tables making it a good place for lunch.

8. Backdrop is important but the topic is the big driver. Depending upon the weather we may not have the perfect backdrop but the conversation is the focus.

D. BOF Tour (cont’d)
1. Discussion between stops to be facilitated on each bus.
2. Ecological factors are vastly different in eastern Oregon ecosystems with separate forest stewardship challenges and challenges around markets and infrastructure.
3. Discuss challenges and opportunities at each stop; marketing and assistance; engaging the next generation; legal obstacles; land use issues; development pressures.
4. Riparian areas and effects on landowners at Stop 3.
5. Forest Service dominates ownership on the eastside.
7. Stop #2: Renzema – “Marketing Alternatives, Consultants and the Small Landowner.” Host: Rick Barnes and Sarah Deumling
9. Roles for day assigned.

E. Working Lunch – Ongoing Topics Updates
1. Sudden Oak Death (SOD) – (Daugherty) New site about 6 miles north of the existing quarantine boundary adjacent to some houses. DNA analysis to determine its introduction and strain. Three mile buffer zone will be quarantined. Yet to determine how extensive the site is and how to treat it. If it is a new introduction, aggressive treatment will ensue. Press release will be coming out.
2. Ripstream – (Daugherty) Newspaper article recently stating private forest buffers are affecting stream temperatures. In 2000 riparian rules were changed. Stream classifications were changed to small, medium, large, fish, non-fish, domestic. Buffers and basal areas need densities on all types of streams except non-fish. Our monitoring and effectiveness shade study found that 40% of sites were affecting shade through our treatments. Another riparian study recognized there was a deficit of large wood on small and medium fish-bearing streams. Two water quality standards were established by the EQC: 1) you can’t raise the temperature of certain streams above 16°C or above 18°C; and 2) cumulative use changes to cold water cannot be greater than .3 degrees. What we found is that about 5% of the time measurements exceeded those levels (no treatment), but on private sites measurements exceeded levels about 40% of the time. No effect on state forests. We are seeing about a .7° average increase in temperature (with maximum at 2.5° increase) in private forests treated to the minimum forest practice standards. Basal area tree height and width of the buffer are the driving factors.
ODF will be giving this information to the BOF in November. Before 1971 we were changing the temperature between 10° and 21°, so there has been significant improvement. The next step is to find out how to resolve the problem and that involves the rulemaking process to come up with alternatives to best solve the problem.

3. ODF Transitions; legislative and Board initiatives – (Daugherty)
   - Restoration of resources to near pre-reduction levels.
   - Contract out a compliance audit. We are not getting additional resources.
   - Contract with an independent 3rd party the efficiency analysis of the FP administration. We are not going to rebuild the program we have. We are going to rebuild the program we need or rebuild the program with 21st century technology to best provide services.
   - Deputy Chief announcement has been issued (open competitive process).

4. Biomass letter – Issue has not changed since drafting the letter. The EPA is still in the process of evaluating the “Tailoring Rule.” Committee members agreed there were no further changes and that it’s ready to go. Thanks to Roje for her leadership with this letter.

F. BOF Tour (cont’d)
   1. The committee broke up into teams to come up with a workplan for the tour stops and content of the tour booklet: agenda and logistic sheet, maps, stop-by-stop tour guides.

G. Future Meeting Plans
   1. No need for Oct 4 meeting.
   2. Board members to invite to future meetings:
      - Sybil Ackerman
      - Calvin Mukumoto
      - Steve Wilson
      - Gary Springer
   3. Future topics: Tour debrief, ripstream, water temperature, generational transfer, eastern Oregon issues, taxes, reconnecting Oregonians with the forest, forest protection associations.

ADJOURN – Next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2011.