

OREGON BOARD OF FORESTRY
2023 October Retreat and Social in Medford, Oregon

Preparation Materials – Tribal Engagement

Purpose

Government-to-government relationships are essential for state and federal agencies, and within the private sector tribal relations are becoming an expectation. The Board of Forestry retreat provides an opportunity to broaden and strengthen the department's previously existing relationships with the nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon. The goal is to have conversations that set the stage for future relationships and communications between the Board, department, and Tribes of Oregon. By exploring some foundational questions, we hope to build understanding of why it is important to communicate with Tribes concerning forestry and fire practice and business.

Format

The format for this event will be small group breakout sessions, where respectful listening and discussions may occur organically. Due to limited seating, sessions will be limited to invited Tribes, department leadership, and support staff. The following breakout session questions are intended to create an open space for discussion. While these small group discussions are not facilitated, there will be staff present to support group communications. The Board, department, and support staff have been provided preparatory materials, which will help contextualize anticipated conversations.

Conversation Starters

- (1) What do government-to-government relations mean to you, and why is it essential to your Tribe/Confederation of Tribes? How can we build government-to-government relations within shared visions, cultural and natural resource goals, forestry programs and projects, etc.?

- (2) If there were one to three things you would like to see the Board of Forestry and department leadership do in service of better government-to-government relations, what would those be, and why are they important?