

Crook County Forestland Classification Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2013

Call to Order: 3:11 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Ken Fahlgren – Crook County Representative
Tim Deboodt – OSU Extension Service Representative
Casey Kump – Oregon Fire Marshall Representative
John Morgan – Crook County Representative
Kevin Benton – Oregon Department of Forestry Representative

Committee Members Absent:

Chuck McGrath – Crook County Representative

Guests:

Gayle Casselman, Gordon Foster, Laura York, Boone Zimmerlee, Larry York, and Kristin Cotugno.

Review Minutes:

Review of December 6, 2012 minutes. Kevin Benton noted that Tim Deboodt will be absent for the February 7th meeting rather than the January 3rd meeting, asking that the December 6th minutes be changed to reflect this. With those changes, a **motion to approve was made by Ken Fahlgren, and seconded by Casey Kump. VOTE: FOR – UNANIMOUS.**

Public Comment:

Gayle Casselman, a property owner in the Johnson Creek area, stated that she had reviewed the PowerPoint presentation found on the Oregon Department of Forestry's website regarding the Committee's role in the Crook County Forestland Classification process and asked for a brief explanation of the process.

Kevin Benton briefly described the process of classification and fire protection in Crook County, and the objectives and time-line of the Committee.

Gayle Casselman questioned the time-line asking if it would take two years to complete the process, to which Kevin Benton replied that the Committee hoped the process wouldn't take that long to complete.

There being no further public comment, **Tim DeBoodt closed the public comment period.**

Old Business:

Tim Deboodt commented that the Committee would be in Paulina on February 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (approximately) for their community meeting, in which George Ponte will give the Forestland Classification PowerPoint presentation. This is a supplement to the regularly scheduled Committee meeting, and is being sponsored by the community of Paulina.

New Business:

Tim Deboodt turned over the discussion to Gordon Foster, Assistant Unit Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry - Central Oregon District, who provided a hand-out explaining the overall Crook County Forestland Classification initial mapping process. The hand-out also included brief descriptions of the data being used in the GIS analysis of Crook County for land classification. Additionally, Gordon Foster provided a plant association listing, and Kevin Benton explained how plant association can be used in the classification process.

A discussion followed regarding the maps and their specific layering (color coding, soil types, vegetation, classifications, infrared, etc.) and the use of these tools in the classification process.

Kevin Benton suggested that the Committee, in their review, look for anomalies—marking them so that the Oregon Department of Forestry can look into the detail of those anomalies and report back to the Committee on their findings.

The Committee continued their edits of the Crook County lands starting with Township 13S (“T13S”), Range 15E (“R15E”) Section 6.

The Committee reached consensus on the proposed changes made by the Oregon Department of Forestry on the following Sections in T13S, R15E: 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, and 36.

Further, the Committee asked that changes be made, per the Committee's suggested revisions, to the proposed maps presented by the Oregon Department of Forestry on the following Sections in T13S, R15E: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 21, 34, and 32.

The Committee asked for more definitive information, including photos, of the following Sections in T13S, R15E, so that further review and evaluation could be made on these Sections in T13S, R15E: 22, 23, & 24.

Next Meeting: February 7, 2013, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – COCC Open Campus, 510 Lynn Blvd. Tim Deboodt will be absent and appointed Ken Fahlgren as acting Chairman for that meeting.

Action Items:

- Oregon Department of Forestry to take sample photos in various areas and link these to GIS.
- Oregon Department of Forestry to provide the Committee with revised maps for the Section noted in T13S, R15E.

Closing:

There being no further business to discuss **a motion was made by John Morgan to adjourn. The motion was seconded Ken Fahlgren. Vote: FOR – UNANIMOUS.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.