Welcome and introductions
- Committee members and guests introduced themselves and their representation.

Opening remarks and identification of new concepts
- Doug Grafe provided a brief opening statement, recapping the events surrounding the creation of the committee and its workgroups and reviewing the overarching goals of the committee. The goal and ground rules for this meeting are to consider the draft recommendations and develop final committee recommendations based on consensus. If recommendation does not receive consensus, an edited recommendation will be sought first. If an edited recommendation still does not receive consensus, then a minority report will be drafted.
- Ken Cummings expressed his thanks and gratitude toward group for their work, as well as his ability to be part of it.
- Doug Decker thanked group for work done to reach this point. He acknowledged that pieces of the various recommendations will not be able to be tackled right away but instead built upon and grown for the future.
- Question was asked whether the recommendations can be fully discussed today while also fully considering the Policy Option Packages (POPs) that the agency has been working on correspondingly. It was clarified that the FY17-19 POPs have not been sent to DAS, and this meetings discussions will greatly influence the final POP that goes to DAS later in the year.

Large Wildfire Funding Discussion
Co-chairs Dave Lorenz and Tim Keith presented their working groups recommendations and facilitated a discussion as follows:
- **Insurance**
  - ODF and EFCC should continue to purchase the catastrophic insurance policy; as well as continue exploring parametric insurance options.
  - Parametric insurance was defined and briefly explained, for the benefit of the full committee. Key clarification was given around the notion of acres burned being correlated with tiered payout options. Up to 90% of premium could be returned if no tier was tapped into during a given year, providing a clear incentive to continue aggressive firefighting strategies. The insurance strategy needs further investigation and the committee felt that by fall there should be further information regarding parametric insurance options.
- **BLM Protection Study**
  - The workgroup is recommending a study be conducted that fully explores cost equity and reconciliation of any possible issues of ODF/BLM cost share. The formation and development of this study could develop deep complexities and sideboards.
- Request to expand the recommendation to include starting season, timeframes and key leadership contributions necessary. Study would need to be completed and reviewed by fall of 2017 to inform the process around the next BLM contract.

- **Trust Fund**
  - Request for a constitutionally created trust fund was put forth, with primary revenue source of 2% of lottery funds as well as the fund retaining any interest earned as well as other forms of funding, such as private funding, which could be pursued by the legislature.
  - Thresholds for fund;
    - Funds not eligible for use until 2021 (assumption that fund would be created in 2019) or until balance reached 100% of annual exposure.
    - Once 100% is reached, 40% of funds over could be used for wildland fire risk investments. Once 150% was reached, 100% of funds over this could be used to reduce wildland fire risk.
    - Specificity was asked for on the usage of funds over the different percentages, in order to avoid different interests trying to incorrectly claim these funds... The fine line between a lack in specificity and having too much specificity was acknowledged, given that sending a bill to the legislature with too much detail could create a fund that cannot be flexible.
  - Workgroup recommended that the agency and Governor’s Office be the carriers of the fund. It was acknowledged that presentations to relevant committees, before the 2017 session’s start will be vital to long-term success.
  - Final component of the trust fund recommendation was for ODF to create governance team that would include the Board of Forestry as decision making authority and the EFCC audit process for claims. Federal partners asked for a seat on the governance panel, from an awareness perspective, and while not discussed explicitly is a good suggestion.
  - Fire Review Committee approved recommendation moving forward on trust fund idea with acknowledgement that further work needs to be done to create stronger language and clean up recommendation for future legislative consideration.

**Sustainable Fire Organization Workgroup Discussion**

Co-chairs Travis Medema and Brian Pew presented their working groups recommendations and facilitated a discussion as follows:

- **Sustainable Fire Organization**
  - Request, from member of committee, for the agency to provide information on where costs could be cut; and not just information on where more money will be spent. This request was acknowledged, and clarification given that leveraging of outside agency assets is an option that the work group is strongly recommending.

- **Severity**
  - Three tiers involved in recommendation
    - $500,000 pre-positioning of contracted resources statewide
    - $500,000 strengthening Helitack program
    - $500,000 Single-Engine Air Tankers (SEATs)
  - It was asked if the lack of SEAT infrastructure (runways, etc.) was discussed. The topic has been explored and there are strong options existing and utilized around the state that support SEAT operations fully.
  - Quantifiable measures of success, based on further funding, was asked to be included in a future report; acknowledging that this measure may be difficult to come up with.
The continued use of drones was requested to be further researched by a committee member. The work group acknowledged this topic and mentioned that it will be discussed later.

- **Future Investments in the Complete and Coordinated System**
  - Initial attack investments was presented as a primary consideration. Investments would include fire management and staffing/equipment needs.
  - Fire prevention efforts will include interagency collaborations in outreach programs.
  - Training opportunities and a more robust training fund were requested.
  - Discussion on fire business and the challenges around FEMA and general fire billings.
  - Aviation was presented and the committee asked if whether the agency has examined administration and management capacity to handle both current and future aviation needs.
  - Discussion on a common operating picture involving new, innovative technology and options to create a more technically advanced and statewide streamlined system. The frustration surrounding inefficient and uncorrelated standards between the USFS and ODF was voiced by the committee who wish this topic specifically be included in the recommendation for a common operating picture.
  - It was felt that there has not been adequate conversations with the 12 Fire Protection associations regarding recommendations around the agency's base protection program but which would require additional monetary support from the landowners.

**Wildfire Policy Work Group Discussion**

Co-chairs Bob Young and Chad Davis presented their working groups recommendations and facilitated a discussion as follows:

- **Landscape Resiliency**
  - Recommend beginning a research project to analyze wildfire movement across ownership boundaries. Committee asked where funding would come from for consultation work, clarified that this collaboration will be free, outside of general staff time.
  - Affirmation of the state's continued financial commitment to pace and scale and Federal forest restoration, via the state legislature. The Good Neighbor Authority was mentioned as part of this recommendation, with the need was identified to enter a GNA agreement with the BLM.
  - ODF should pursue more strategic ways to obtaining private funding, and linking these efforts with the federal funding efforts to streamline the process. The (e.g.) OWEB example in written recommendation was confusing and it was removed from recommendation.
  - An information request was made for what already-leverage funds have done for landscape resiliency.

- **Smoke Management and Prescribed Burning**
  - Work group recognized a need for greater prescribed burning for future forest health and large fire mitigation and recommend the agency conduct an interagency study to determine what the limiting factors are for successful prescribed fire goals and how to resolve them. This should include a review of liability based prescribed fires escaping ownership boundaries.
  - Also recommend that ODF protection and public affairs divisions, in partnership with various other agencies and cooperators, develop a public outreach campaign to increase public awareness on the needs and benefits of prescribed fire.
• **Rangelands**
  - Recommend to continue collaborations with RPAs and Federal partners, with ODF as the mediator, toward common goals, including proactive fuels management, with ODF supporting innovations and further research.
  - Clarification on a question from committee: RPAs are required to carry their own liability insurance.

**Public Comment**
- Committee paused to allow for public comment, of which there was none.

**Wildfire Policy Work Group Discussion Continued**
- **Wildland/Urban Interface**
  - Recommend the agency initiate a study to analyze suppression costs associated with fires within the WUI.
  - Provide tools to encourage landowners and property owners to invest in adequate defensible space measures.
  - ODF to review SB 360’s continued effectiveness and provide recommendations to move it into the future in a more relevant and efficient manner.

**Final Committee Consensus on Recommendations/Themes**
The Committee revisited all the recommendations in detail and ultimately came to consensus on all recommendations with the following discussions and adjustments:

• **Large Fire Funding Work Group**
  - Trust Fund – Recommend ballot referral to amend constitution and dedicate 2% of lottery funds, as well as keep fire funding work group intact, with other interested parties, to continue to vet out future recommendation needs. Referral language and implementation framework to be developed further.
  - Insurance Policy – Continue to purchase catastrophic fire insurance policy in its role related to the public share of large fire costs. Research parametric insurance more fully and premiums to be paid for by the public share of firefighting.
  - BLM Study – Equity of BLM contributions to large fire funding costs. Timeline presented was more specific than before. BLM will be actively included in the study.

• **Sustainable Fire Organization Work Group**
  - The Severity recommendation was elevated to a committee recommendation with full funding from the General Fund. The department is to develop metrics to allow for analysis of the effectiveness of severity investments.
  - Committee also endorses other work group themes.
  - Committee recommends agency work with cooperating stakeholders to establish priorities and decide what actions need to take priority.

• **Wildfire Policy**
  - Recommendation as presented with OWEB example removed.
  - Smoke Management recommendation with added ‘Oregon Health Authority’ as partner.

**Final Report Process and Timeline**
- Doug Grafe discussed timeline for the final report which included a one week review/feedback loop by the committee on the draft final language. The goal for report is to be completed by the
end of June, for it to remain clean, succinct and be a document that can be referenced into the future.

- Senator Hansel suggested to try and get the report on the December AOC table.

Wrap-up
- Multiple thanks were given to those who participated in work groups, as well as the committee as a whole.
- Department of Forestry was commended for their willingness to open their books and re-evaluate their processes in a highly public and transparent manner.

Attendees
- Doug Grafe, ODF Protection Division Chief, Committee Chair
- Nancy Hirsch, ODF Deputy State Forester, Committee Vice-Chair
- Ken Cummings, Fire Program Review Committee Vice-Chair
- Brett Brownscombe, Governor’s Natural Resource Office
- Tom Imeson, Board of Forestry
- Doug Decker, ODF State Forester
- Phil Adams, Landowner Representative
- Roger Beyer, Oregon Small Woodlands Assoc.
- Cathleen Connolly, CFO
- Chad Davis, Wildfire Policy Work Group Co-Chair
- Senator Bill Hansel
- Cathy Harris – Bureau of Land Management
- Mike Haske, BLM
- Tim Keith, ODF EFCC Administrator, Large Fire Funding Workgroup Co-Chair
- Senator Betsy Johnson
- Joe Justice, Forest Landowner
- Dave Lorenz, ODF Southern Oregon Area Dir., Large Fire Funding Workgroup Co-Chair
- Kristina McNitt, Oregon Forest Industries Council
- Travis Medema, Sustainable Wildfire Org Work Group Co-Chair
- Brian Pew, Sustainable Org Work Group Co-Chair
- Amanda Rich, The Nature Conservancy
- Rex Storm, Assoc. Oregon Loggers
- Representative Kathleen Taylor
- Representative Gene Whisnant
- Bob Young, ODF Fire Prevention Policy Manager
- Crystal Bader, ODF Core Team
- Steve Caffereta
- Jeff Ennenga
- Amelia Eveland, Secretary of State’s Office
- Tom Fields, ODF Fire Prevention Coordinator
- Jeff Friesen, Willis Representative
- Craig Goodell, Bureau of Land Management
- Tracy Guenther, ODF Core Team
- Randy Hereford, Starker Forests, Inc.
- Ross Holloway, ODF Executive Support, Committee Facilitator
- Roger Johnson, Oregon Fire Chief’s Assoc.
- Meg Mitchell, US Forest Service
- Rod Nichols, ODF Public Affairs
- Sabrina Perez, ODF Business and Policy Analyst
- Todd Scharff, DAS Risk Management
- Amy Patrick, Oregon Forest Industries Council
- Jamie Paul, Committee Project Manager
- Gary Springer, Starker Forest and Board of Forestry
- Karen Swearingen, ODF Fire Operations Manager
- Mike Totey, ODF Western Oregon District Forester
- Satish Upadhyay, ODF Division Chief, Administrative Services
- Ann Walker, Private Consultant/landowner