



REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE
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Northeast Oregon Regional Solutions
Advisory Committee Meeting
Representing Wallowa, Baker, and Union Counties

November 2, 2015 3:00pm – 5:00 pm
Regional Solutions Center Conference Room, 233 Badgley Hall, Eastern Oregon University
One University Blvd, La Grande
Call-in is available at: 888-398-2342; participant code 7476425 #

- 3:00 – 3:05pm Introductions
All
- 3:05-3:10pm Advisory Committee Business Representative Update
Scott Fairley, Regional Solutions Coordinator
- 3:10 – 3:20pm Oregon Business Conference Leadership Summit
Scott Fairley, Regional Solutions Coordinator
- 3:20 – 3:35pm Regional Business Retention and Expansion Program Update
Melisa Drugge, Business Oregon
- 3:35 – 4:05pm Regional Projects Review
Baum Industrial Park – Dan Stark, UCEDC
Regional CTE strategy – Tim Seydel, EOU/Scott Fairley, Regional Solutions Coordinator
Forest Projects Updates – Nils Christoffersen, Wallowa Resources
Rails to Trails – Dana Kurtz, EOU MBA Student
- 4:05 – 4:15pm Agora Pilot Project (tentative)
Lisa Dawson, NEOEDD
- 4:15 – 4:30pm Regional Priority Review
All
- 4:30 – 4:45pm Area Commission on Transportation Update
Craig Sipp, Oregon Department of Transportation
- 4:45 – 4:55pm Public Comment
- 4:55 – 5:00pm Roundtable/Advisory Committee Comments and Updates
All
- 5:00pm Adjourn

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Northeast Oregon Regional Advisory Committee
Priorities and Regionally Significant Projects

Below are ranked regional priorities identified at the Northeast Oregon Regional Solutions August 20, 2014, Advisory Committee meeting. Priorities have been divided into Short Term and Longer Term with primary focus being placed on Short Term priorities.

Primary Priorities:

Increased Productivity from Federal Forest Lands

- Funding for two NEPA teams per forest and additional implementation teams
- Accelerated restoration strategy for dry forests

Skilled Workforce Availability

- Increase availability of training/certification programs
- Increase vocational/career technical education availability (Eastern Promise as a delivery model)
- Address interstate certification reciprocity issues
- Integrate with Coordinated Care Organizations and Early Learning Councils

Available infrastructure to serve industrial sites

- Rail spur to Baum Industrial Park
- Rail switch at Elkhorn Industrial Park
- Sewer/water extension to Joseph Industrial Park

Marketable Industrial Land

- Funding and technical assistance to ensure a supply of marketable industrial lands

Value-Added Natural Resource Utilization

- Forest restoration infrastructure
- Agricultural product processing
- Mining/metals extraction and processing

Support Regional Vertical Integration Opportunities

- Wood products
- RV manufacturing

Secondary Priorities:

Regional Business Recruitment Marketing Strategy

- Website development
- Investigate air commerce opportunities

USFS 39 Road

- Funding for repair and maintenance

Entrepreneurial Development

- Access to capital
- Incubator feasibility and operation analysis (Baker and Union counties)

Business Succession/Transition to Next Generation