

ANNUAL RULE REVIEW MEETING REPORT 2016

Introduction

This report describes the annual meetings the State Forester conducted during 2016, to ensure proper coordination among state agencies with an interest in the forest environment and forest practice rule sufficiency. OAR 629-605-0110 states, “The State Forester shall, at least once each year, meet with other state agencies concerned with the forest environment to review the Forest Practice Rules relative to sufficiency. The State Forester shall then report to the Board of Forestry a summary of such meeting or meetings together with recommendations for amendments to rules, new rules, or repeal of rules.”

All state natural resource agencies were invited to meetings, as were several additional agencies that often collaborate or coordinate with the Department on forest resource issues. The invited agencies that chose to meet included the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD), Oregon State University Extension Service (OSU), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Emergency Management (OEM), and the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI).

The following invited agencies decided that a meeting was not necessary this year: Governor’s Natural Resource Office (GNRO), Department of Agriculture (ODA), Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI).

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) field and program staff were informed at least two months prior to scheduling the meetings and asked to provide input regarding issues of interagency coordination. Oregon Department of Forestry staff also asked the other agencies for items they would like to discuss at the annual meeting. A decision to hold a formal meeting is based upon the relative importance of the issues that have been identified during pre-meeting discussions, the adequacy of ongoing coordination, and the preference of the invited agency.

Summary of Meeting Results

There were no specific recommendations for rule changes. Topics discussed, potential action items identified, and follow-up actions occurring as a result at the meetings are described on the following pages.

Oregon State University (OSU)

Meeting Date: July 7, 2016

Attendees: OSU: Jim Johnson

ODF: Peter Daugherty, Chief Private Forests Division; Lena Tucker, Deputy Chief Private Forests; Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester; Ryan Gordon, Family Forestland Coordinator; Marganne Allen, Field Support Manager; Susan Dominique, Program Administrative Support

Topics Discussed: Partnership for Forestry Education Competitive Grant status and next steps
Continuing and Professional Education (CPE)
Private Forestlands collaborative
Funds for other projects
Federal Forests Restoration Program
Organization aspect
State Forester opportunity

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

Partnership for Forestry Education Competitive Grant status and next steps

- Gordon reported that all the deliverables that involve OSU Extension are complete under that grant.
- Work that remains is with the Forest Landowner Database. We have an agreement with Family Forests of Oregon, the 501c3 component of OSWA. Gordon is working with David Ford, Jen Rains and Tom Watson as the consultant on the database itself.
- A steering committee for the Database meets quarterly. The Committee includes Mike Cloughesy and David Ford and Tom Watson and Ryan Gordon.
- Step one of the work is to try to get more accurate information about land cover into the database.
- Step Two is the My Blue Mountains Woodland Discovery Tool that is being piloted in Wallowa County. The idea is to try and follow that model and get more attributes into the database on landowners to support targeted outreach. We have limited funding available, so we are focusing on fire prone counties.
- Gordon reported that a workgroup is being put together and will be meeting in August to start a process that will focus on Uniform Plan updates to bring us to compliance with 2015 changes from Tree Farm.
- Moving forward the plan is to get an official MOU put together for buy-in on the Uniform Plan from stakeholders and create mechanisms to keep it updated.

The Forest Landowner Database and Uniform Plan are the final deliverables that are due under that Partnership for Forestry Education II Western Competitive Grant and all work has to be completed by the end of June of next year. EcoTrust and Pinchot Institute have some pieces as well.

- Johnson noted that the Partnership, and Partnership II grants fueled a lot of activity and a lot of that work. Those work products are going to continue to be with us. For the future we have to figure out how to maintain those products.

- Daugherty shared that the grant was an instrument that kept us working together within a functional structure and this structure doesn't exist outside the grant where there were clear deliverables and accomplishments. Having said that he proposed the Partnership could still provide value outside of the Grant structure such as when applying for other funding. And offered that ODF is committed to continuing in the partnership and believes there is value enough to do so.
- Johnson agreed and added that not all the partners play all the time in any given project. But OSU Extension sees the Partnership as valuable enough to commit to keeping it going. Maintaining a structure like this partnership makes us competitive in going after other funding venues.
- Johnson suggested that an MOA be created to identify roles and responsibilities which partners could sign formalizing the continuation of the Partnership. Daugherty suggested that perhaps the three main players (ODF, OSU, and OFRI) draft the structure of the memorandum and send that out to the other partners to explain the Agreement which would ensure that a formalized structure stay in place so we can remain competitive.
- Hirsch offered that there is value in meeting with partners to ensure there is not a duplication of efforts in one area versus another about funding.
- Daugherty commented on the importance of maintaining the project products but added that a caveat in the agreement might be that this doesn't commit us to resources that we don't have.

Regarding project potential Johnson shared there was an attempt to put a Western Competitive Grant project together this year with the Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine Association, that attempt fell through but they will be continuing the effort for next year. OSU committed a \$100,000 project to that group if they could come up with what their top priority was. Steve Fitzgerald is the liaison between Mike Kroon, Don Kaczmarek and Johnson with the Western Pine Association. Tucker shared Kroon's concern about the future of the genetic stock at the seed orchard. That pine orchard is currently supported 100% by State Forests and with current program funding issues, the orchard may not be a priority.

Gordon offered a couple of last thoughts on that topic in terms of looking forward. The Landowner Database, is going to need continued funding as well for continued development. OFRI puts up \$10,000/yr. to ensure that the Landowner contact information is getting updated for every county at least every 3 years. But we will need additional funds to continue development of the remaining counties in Oregon. In terms of another opportunity for the Partnership, Gordon offered that there is a huge need to engage the unengaged landowners across the state. Especially, not only considering the breadth of contacts that we currently have, but the tools we had developed to date. Tammy Cushing had some ideas for potential funding for some of that work.

Continuing and Professional Education

- Tucker remembered that past practice has been to keep this discussion open to see what the need and interest was in Continuing Education. Johnson reported Breanna Beane, has been coordinating Continuing Education events for them. Johnson was unsure of the degree to which ODF is interested in attending and/or cooperating on programs that they provide.
- Tucker provided that ODF has been working a lot with internal training of Stewardship Foresters and supervisors bringing staff up to speed with introductory and advanced Forest Practices Act training.
- Johnson reported about some continuing education events coming up.

- Biochar conference coming up in August
- Trainings teaming up with Mike Barger, Timber Harvesting Specialist for Region 6. They do a timber harvest training, which we brought back to OSU last year with emphasis on sale area layout, harvest systems and laying out and designing timber harvests.
- Training on timber sale administration. Johnson wasn't sure if any outreach had been done to State Forests staff.
- OFRI is involved in a Western Cascades Wildfire Summit this coming FY 2017.

Private Forests Landowner Collaborative

- Gordon reported that the 'Ritter Collaborative' is something we have had pretty good communication on in the last couple of months. We have current agreements with OSU, Grant SWCD and Monument SWCD. The agreement we have with OSU is getting spent down pretty well. He expected there will be about \$10,000 left in that agreement. The Grant SWCD Agreement has about \$22,000 remaining in it. He's been talking with Emily Jane Davis, OSU about the future of that funding.
- There is a more recent agreement with Monument SWCD (they are the ones managing the funding for the new coordinator, Patty).
- Gordon put the Collaborative on the trail of the Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development Districts, as an interim solution as they provide fiscal agent services for groups that do not have their own legal identity. The Collaborative isn't a legal entity. His sense was ultimately they want to move towards a 501c3 status.
- We have an additional \$20,000 in General Fund that originally was earmarked for Extension to do some of the community outreach programs. And in subsequent conversations with Emily Jane it sounds like the desire is to leverage the funding for a Peer Learning Workshop concept somewhere on the east side, bringing together folks from both public and private side to discuss lessons learned.
- Johnson noted that Emily Jane Davis' time has been contributed. ODF has never funded any of her time. He offered that he would like to see her carry through with this project until December 2017. *We are alerting you that we will need a conversation in the spring as to how we need to make that happen.* He stated that he thought he could convince the Dean to keep her on OSU's payroll until the 1st of July 2017. So, 6 months from the end of the Ritter project where she is not on OSU budget, she will be basically on her own and may have to pull herself off the Ritter project because OSU has no funding for it.

Funds for Other Projects

- Gordon reported on submitting a Joint RCCP Proposal and meeting with our counterparts at Washington DNR. There is no word back yet. We have a pretty robust group of partners but at the heart of that is ODF, DNR and Extension on both sides of the border. We are also working with SWCDs and Watershed Councils. If this doesn't come together we will be very well positioned to put a pre-proposal in next year.
- Several other OSU projects underway, the two that came to mind immediately that are active are a Western Competitive Grant, the Citizens Fire Academy and also the Forest Pest Detector Program, that Amy Rotta has been working with Wyatt Williams. There is some USDA APHIS money contributing to that project as well.
- Daugherty inquired if Johnson was aware of Paul Ries' (Urban and Community Forestry) retirement plans and that ODF is putting in a follow up Competitive Grant to the Forest Pest Detector. Daugherty shared that in full transparency as Paul Ries told him that he was writing OSU in. Dave Shaw, and Paul Ries are being written in at OSU.

- As for the question regarding the Federal Restoration Program it was funded for \$5 million in one-time funding. Most of it has already been allocated. A lion's share has gone to support the forest collaboratives again and some to the science in the same sort of way that it was structured last time. There are three field coordinators in Eastern Oregon, one for each district, and one for Western Oregon. They are Limited Duration employees working on the Forest Service side. Some of the money is actually spent for ODF temporary employees using firefighters that do marking or the direct work on Forest Service projects. They work to implement sales that are ready to go. That was initial funding. We have put a request forward in a POP to make this a permanent program in the next cycle. We have done it twice and proved it worked. The Ecosystem Workforce analysis has documented the impact that it has had. The coordinators would become permanent employees. Daugherty will follow up with Chad Davis to keep Johnson informed.

Organizational Aspects

- Daugherty noted on an organizational front that we have been notified by DSL that we will no longer have a role in managing the Elliott State Forests by the end of this biennium. The Private Forests Division will be the only presence in the Coos District and the Coos office will become a Sub-Unit of the Western Lane District.
- Other organizational news to report was Doug Decker, State Forester is retiring. The recruitment process has begun and once the Board narrows its choices, there will be a stakeholder 'interview' opportunity with the final applicants.
- Right around the same time our Director of Resources Planning, Kevin Birch was retiring, as well as our Partnership Development Program Director, Norm Miller.
- With the potential presented for the Federal Forest Program, the Executive Team looked at the possibility of reorganizing functionally. As the Federal program is all about partnerships and collaboration particularly with the Good Neighbor Authority it seemed a good fit to include it under a new program combining Resources Planning and Partnership Development. A new director for Partnership and Planning was chosen, Chad Davis was selected as Director. We have to figure out how those programs will merge together with the Federal Restoration Program. Some of the duties, the legislative function and strategic planning function will be under that as well. Now that it's expanded we will see where it goes, but the focus is on the Federal Restoration Program. Its unique, no other state is using state funding on federal land. We have proved its effectiveness. It will become core business for us.

Johnson expressed his appreciation for giving up time for this meeting and noted this is a good relationship and OSU and ODF do lots of great work together.

Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL)

Meeting Date: July 26, 2016

Attendees: DSL: Jim Paul, Director
Bill Ryan, Deputy Director for Operations
Eric Metz, Planning and Policy Manager – Aquatic Resource Management Program

ODF: Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Peter Daugherty, Private Forests Division Chief
Josh Bernard, Field Support Unit Manager
Kyle Abraham, Water Quality Specialist
Chrystal Bader, Executive Support

Topics Discussed: E-Notification needs
404 Permit, ODF's role and status
DSL training on wetlands identification and High Water mark
Coordination on land use conversion
National Flood Plain Insurance
Stream Classification

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

E-Notification needs

- Subscribers
 - Public members concerned about operations near their home
 - Log buyer, equipment sellers subscribe; local government & state agencies also
- Does DLS want to know about notifications (removal/fill)?
 - Urban area operation areas close to conversion under FPA – NUGB; non-forest practices land affected for access
 - Notifications under FPA – would like more than less
 - Coordination between regional staff (ODF & DSL)
 - Jevra Brown – DSL – wetland planning specialist – dealing with other notifications
 - Would like to know more about capabilities and role
 - Regional folks responsible for FPA compliance – coordination with those at ODF & DSL removal/fill folks
 - Establish relationships between ODF & DSL – roles & responsibilities – may be more efficient
 - DSL regional key contacts lined up with ODF area directors/staff meetings – meet & greet – DF's can understand connection to take back to stewardship foresters – what triggers a contact – ODF can get out in stewardship forester training
 - Nancy to work with Eric to schedule next area director meeting

404 Permit

- DSL not pursuing now – still long term goal, however – engaging Tribes

- MOU is FPA & removal/fill law – equivalent to 404
- Avoid duplication efforts but coordinate waterway use
- Look at updating MOU/re-signing
- Applicable from DSL’s perspective
- Josh Barnard to work on this – create charter, etc.
- Interagency agreement form – DOJ
- Eric contact at DSL.
- Refresh mission – dual mandate to help facilitate development, ensuring protection of the resource

Enforcement

- Conversion challenges
- Compliance report – results for 2013, 2014
 - Number of times complaint vs. opportunities
 - Overall compliance 96/97% - roads, little riparian, stream crossings; problems identifying small wetlands – less than ¼ acre; same for small, intermittent streams, temporary crossings; removing culverts, not pulling back fill all the way (70% compliance)
 - Will run two more years (2016/2017) 5 year contract with same measures – should see changes – removal of culverts/failure to remove culverts
 - OFRI forest practices illustrated manual – connect compliance monitoring and opportunities for improvement – send 2014 compliance monitoring to DSL to Bill

DSL training on wetlands identification and High Water mark

- DSL does training at request (not annually)
- Can do at ODF area staff meetings – Eric (DSL)
- ODF will offer advanced forest practices training – no schedule yet
 - Stewardship foresters & unit foresters
 - Every other year – statewide
 - 2017 spring – one area meeting for stewardship foresters & staff – each area
 - Wetlands issues – Jennifer Weikel (ODF)
 - This spring – training on new riparian rules

Coordination of land use

- Little overlap – most concerns come from DLCD
 - Problems with rule – land use conversion – check a box on notifications – people don’t want to go through all the hoops – sometimes decide better not to check box and do FPA then cut and develop
 - New rule? - Takes advantage away for bypass
 - WA passed state-level law – check box to continue forestry – allowed to have forest buffers – continued management; counties not happy with having state law – would be cleaner – ODF hasn’t met with DLCD yet – statute change rather than county by county with different set of regulations

- Sen. Boquist talked to mayors re: increase (Weyerhaeuser) of selling off smaller lots for conversion to marijuana crops – Ag issue
- DLCD doesn't want to stop development but want to ensure conversion goes well on both sides
- ODF coordinate with development of wetlands/waterways – outside FPA exemption (DSL) – statewide effort if bypass MOU, can't develop

National Flood Insurance Program

- DLCD backing off – supposed to have written statement of approved uses – biological opinion for Ag, not Forestry – FEMA to come up with language; FEMA talked about reopening closed roads for forestry would be considered new road – still unclear
- Standard agreement for counties to allow ODF to do road permit
- Only applies to map flood plain
- Mitigation – urban & community forestry pilot projects – green infrastructure
 - Coos – Bio swells? Paul Ries
 - Rollout in Coos – demonstration (no dates yet)
 - Peter will send to DSL – green infrastructure concept
 - Not covered under FPA

Stream classification

- Questions regarding fish presence & use of ODFW fish distribution database (riparian rules)
- DSL uses ODFW database to do habitat mapping
- ODF going to use ODFW database for stream classification – meet protecting cold water criteria
 - FHD – DEQ used for biologically based criteria
 - DSL has updated 3 or 4 times; DEQ never updated
 - DSL's in rule; ODF wants to avoid rule making
 - Concurrence & professional opinion
 - Survey protocols
 - Concern if protocol changes, would have to take it to Board of Forestry
 - DSL coordinate with ODFW annually
 - ODF coordinate with DSL annually
 - ESH map – providing new map is rulemaking process
 - Identify bull trout layer on GIS map

Elliott update (DSL)

- Jim Paul – Elliott protocol – fair market value & four public benefits
 - Buffers/riparian areas – have received a lot of questions re: requirement
 - Put out map between April and today re: riparian management areas
 - Principle tried to communicate is to not reinvent wheel around defining where fish are and where RMA is
 - Second supplement has language also in GIS layers so folks understand technical way measure and determine where areas are – follow FPA process
 - What is additional benefit asking for?

- FPA riparian mgmt. requirements for fish streams need to be applied out to 120 ft. – slope
- Tried to be clear Land Board asking for additional public benefit beyond state law but not that state law inefficient but Board asking for more than what state law requires
- DSL acknowledges rules are changing
- No language around harvesting within 120 ft. – language in original protocol – what kind of riparian management areas will be established – needs to be in proposal
- Commitment to follow rules in however they change along the way – conservation easement – deadline on proposals – Nov. 15th
- Non-fish bearing – language says where end of fish use doesn't occur at confluence, additional buffer needs to continue up to next confluence – put out map that shows where all confluences are – doesn't matter if classified or not

Action Item

- Discuss need to update FHD layer at annual meeting

Closing Notes

- Nancy – State Forester retiring; in process of recruiting – interviews mid-August
- Exec Team – Ken Armstrong working with Julie Curtiss re: public affairs
- Resources Planning combined with Partnership Development Program – Chad Davis new director; includes FFRP – Good Neighbor Authority – lets state agencies work on federal lands and be compensated for that

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Meeting Date: August 15, 2016

Attendees: ODOT: Matthew Garrett, Director
Lucinda Moore, Maintenance Operations & Engineer Manager
Patti Caswell, Maintenance and Operations
Ray Mabey, Maintenance Service Manager

ODF: Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Peter Daugherty, Private Forests Division Chief
Lena Tucker, Private Forests Deputy Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Brad Knotts, FPA Field Coordinator
Doug Grafe, Protection from Fire Division Chief
Mary Hildebrandt, Executive Support

Topics Discussed: ODF/ODOT partnering, fire cost
Fire prevention guidelines
FMAG
Fire and Ice Implementation
After the fire response
Coordination on E-notification system
Salmonberry project
IPM coordination

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

ODOT/ODF fire response

- ODOT would like to get some of their staff trained for fire support on the technical side to backfill behind positions. Doug said agreements are in place to bring in other state agencies. Contact Doug G., Ron G. or Karen S. at ODF for managing capacity.
- Nancy suggested Doug G. look into CIMCI, to provide exposure to an incident.
- If fire happens and the road is closed, ODOT takes on the cost, if Forestry makes the call to close the road, ODOT will allow but traffic control cost needs to be absorbed by the fire program.
- Feds are absorbing the cost. Doug G. mentions that these bills are new to ODF and we have not come to an agreement on who is responsible for the cost.
- Matt Garrett, wants to make sure all parties are on the same page, and establish clear definitions of when it would constitute reimbursement. Need to come to a solution together.
- Doug G. and Lucy will sit down and make a recommendation. Nancy agrees that they proceed with meeting sooner than later and come to an agreement before next season. Nancy asks that Lucy and Doug G. come up with a message that it's being worked on. Policy paper review with Doug D. and Lucy and provide recommendations.

ODOT fire prevention

- Patty, working with Tom Fields coordinating a document to clarify some general guidelines. A memo that can be refreshed every year.

FMAG

- Fire Management Assistance Grant – Doug G. - System is in place, has been tested but wasn't available for use.

Fire and Ice Implementation

- No updates from Lucy or Doug G., Nancy has heard positive things that the system is working.

After the fire response

- The ODF focus was to connect with Family Forest landowners to do restoration on their landscape to prep for winter.
- Farm Service Agency able to come through with some emergency money for restoring and replanting forestland.
- The FMAG grant had a pilot project for Hazard Mitigation. Nancy suggested contacting Angie Lane to find out eligibility for the FMAG program.

Coordination on E-notification system

- Patty said ODOT is more interested in specific operation notifications.
- Lena - Solution to narrow it down, a subscriber will have a tool to upload maps that they are interested in. The system will allow you to do a filter and send notices for your area of choice.
- Patty Caswell ODOT contact.

Salmonberry Project

- Matt Garrett – last conversation was that concerns were expressed about a lot of people on the trails. It's on the radar.

IPM coordination

- Peter – Gabriella new job as manager of OHA environmental section. Will reach out to ODF's Invasive Specialist Wyatt Williams for coordination. Will Lackey is coordinating it with ODOT.

Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD)

Meeting Date: August 25, 2016

Attendees: DLCD: Jim Rue, Director
Carrie MacLaren, Deputy Director
Dan Eisenbeis, Urban Policy Analyst/Legislative Coordinator
Sadie Carney, Rural Policy Analyst/Communications/Manager
Rob Hallyburton, Manager, Community Services Division
Tim Murphy, Farm/Forest Specialist

ODF: Peter Daugherty, Private Forests Division Chief
Lena Tucker, Private Forests Deputy Chief
Kyle Abraham, Water Quality Specialist
Paul Ries, Urban Forestry Coordinator
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Mary Hildebrandt, Executive Support

Topics Discussed: National Flood Plain Insurance Program – DLCD

- Overview & FAQs
- Mitigation Protocol

E-Notification needs - ODF

Ongoing coordination on FPA/land use – ODF/DLCD

- Fire Standards
- Data Sharing
- Other

Conservation Easements, statewide coordination and standards – ODF

Coastal Nonpoint Source Program – ODF/DLCD

Oregon Secretary of State Audit: Forestry

- DLCD Role/Help in Operationalizing
- Other wildfire/wildland interface policy improvements

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

National Flood Insurance Program

- Jim – clarified the issue of silviculture. Development over the next 20 years will have to occur in the UGB and cities. Described the concept for mitigation banks, and drafting the protocol for trading.
- Peter – discussed programmatic road permitting. Amanda Puton and ODF will continue to coordinate.
- Paul – just completed multi agency project – West Oregon. DEQ was one of the funders. ODF and OSU are working on demo project to show benefits for green infrastructures. Putting together online course, workshop in Coos Bay to tour some projects.

E-Notification Needs

- Lena – gave overview of ODF notification process. 2011 legislature request to create online system. ODF went live with online portal 2014, also an app that can be used. May 2015, funding approval to automate subscriber process.
- Carrie – Interested in seeing the outcomes, how it affects customers and the agency.
- Peter – ODF used the Timmons Group to develop our E-Notification system.
- Tim Murphy will be primary contact for DLCDC to connect.

Ongoing coordination on FPA/Land use – ODF/DLCDC

- Peter – ODF has a Forest Legacy project in progress.
- Jim – discussed TIMO's, concerns many of original tracks are smaller than regulatory minimum.
- Peter – discussed example of clear cut by Yachats. Forest template development and land lot adjustments.
- Paul – discussed Policy Option Package to add about 5 FTE for field capacity for interface areas.

Data Sharing

- Sadie – met with DOF, discovered a lot of our boundaries don't line up between DLCDC and ODF. Goal to have data lines that line up.
- Kyle – ODF's GIS program is working on a landowner layer.
- Carrie – DLCDC maintains a UGB boundary, you can get it from the GEO Spatial Library.
- Peter – Provided handouts. Josh Barnard will work with Amanda and Sadie from DLCDC on updating. ODF is responding to do a workforce planning initiative. Another finding, doing better mitigation and prevention with fire. ODF has base fire program set up by forest protective district. Above that there are severity resources. 3rd layer is large fire funding.

Conservation Easements

- Carrie – clarified that DLCDC does not have authority to hold easements.
- Peter – ODF does not have a dedicated fund to monitor easements or address legal concerns. We have not asked the legislature.

Coastal Nonpoint Source Program

- Jim – regarding lawsuit, SEPA and NOAA fisheries, have withheld funding from agencies until compliance. Have lost 30% of grant to do coastal zone management work. Lost 2 million dollars a biennium. NOAA asked for improvements to stream buffers. Action – get together on November 10, with NOAA and agencies. We need a finish line.
- Peter – ODF's concern is that it's measured based process rather than an outcome based process. The EPA ruled that they do not need a nonpoint program for forest roads.
- Jim – notification of changes, Katie Coba will leave Agriculture and become Director of DAS. Richard announced he will leave role as Natural Resource Advisor to the Governor, will work on special projects instead. There will be a reduction in capacity for the Governor's NR office.

Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)

Meeting Date: September 9, 2016

Attendees: DOGAMI: Ian Madin, Chief Scientist
Vaughn Balzer, MLRR Lead Reclamationist

ODF: Peter Daugherty, State Forester
Lena Tucker, Private Forests Deputy Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Kyle Abraham, Water Quality Specialist
Mary Hildebrandt, Executive Support

Topics Discussed: Landslide mapping with Lidar
First Aid/Wilderness Training
Debris flow mapping
Statewide Lidar coordination (from DOGAMI)
Hazard Risk studies (from DOGAMI)

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

Peter will appoint acting Private Forests Division Chief, and will do an open recruitment. Discussed reorganization within Private Forests program. Discussed Policy Option Packages within ODF including how we are adding capacity to fire resources, and issues within State Forests.

Landslide mapping with Lidar - Debris flow mapping

- Ian – working with BLM to map existing debris flow stands. Need to establish rates of occurrence due to rainfall events.
- Kyle – be able to fine tune things after a field visit. May not require a rule change.
- Peter – would like to see independent science review. Positive feedback on Ian’s process.
- Ian – DOGAMI moving ahead with informal landslide workgroup. Getting BLM trained to do systematic Lidar landslide inventory using DOGAMI protocol.
- Peter - EPA and NOAA –claim that we are increasing risk of landslides. Unsettled debate at this time.
- Ian – discussed possible development of debris flow alarm system.
- Kyle - to send Ian at DOGAMI a copy of Weyerhaeuser study.
- Ian – BLM has done Lidar flights, and plan to do another for 2017 with 3inch photos.

First Aid/Wilderness Training

- Lena – Danny Norlander searching for wilderness course. Vaughn will look for prior training materials, send it to Lena.
- Ian – interested in online Driver B training course, Lena will check with Carlos at ODF.

Statewide Lidar coordination (from DOGAMI)

- Ian – there have been challenges, have been exchanging data with ODF. Had to ask for money to improve IT system. Will store Lidar data at State Data Center.
- Peter – improve coordination of IT sharing between agencies.
- Lena – suggests including ODF's IT Director in future meetings.
- Ian – coordinates with the tribes, completed a project in Umatilla County where they partnered.
- Need to coordinate on stream layer. DAS Geo – \$500,000 grant. Opportunity for updating OR stream layer into NHD.

Additional

- Vaughn – discussed if more than 5000 cubic yards, need an operating permit. Gets calls occasionally on not replanting to do a rock quarry instead. Discussed the Hwy 20 project – sheep creek slide.

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

Meeting Date: October 21, 2016

Attendees: OWEB: Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director
Renee Davis, Deputy Director
Courtney Shaff, Capacity Coordinator
Audrey Hatch, Conservation Outcomes Coordinator
Jillian McCarthy, Partnerships Coordinator
Eric Williams

ODF: Peter Daugherty, State Forester
Lena Tucker, Interim Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Interim Private Forests Deputy Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Ryan Gordon, Family Forestland Coordinator
Mary Hildebrandt, Executive Support

Topics Discussed: Clean Watershed Partnership
Voluntary measure evaluation project
CREP Effectiveness Monitoring
Key components and projects for data sharing – NOT ADDRESSED
Leverage capacity
Forest Collaborative.
Riparian Rule making

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

Clean Water Partnership

- Meta – Request from OFIC to sit in on the meetings at the table.
- One component effective monitoring across agencies. Coordinated monitoring.
- Audrey – Working on clean water partnership meeting. There will be a component presented at the 3rd meeting to help the group see where they can go.
- Kyle asked about timeframe expectation, Meta replied with it shifting to a place for conversation. Governor's office will oversee but ODA will lead

Voluntary measures evaluation project

- Kyle – Worked with OFRI and OWEB, did a survey of landowners sent out post cards, 10% response. Next step is to get together and have a meeting on what makes sense to do short term and long term.
- Set up a meeting for this fall, Kyle, Audrey and Daniel.

CREP Effectiveness Monitoring

- OWEB tasked with taking on monitoring. Looking at program effectiveness, how are the contracts being implemented over time. They have completed 2 phases of field study. Phase 1

sampling in spring and phase 2 in Sept. By March 2017 will have final report done, and the partners will regroup to look at refinements.

- Ryan – asked about opportunities to get more CREP techs. Meta – they have a competitive process.

Leverage capacity

- Peter what is the role for OWEB in the good neighbor authority? Peter suggests OWEB check with Chad.
- Ryan – plug for Partnership Development Program, in case OWEB came across additional money from the legislature. OWEB may transfer that work back to ODF.

Forest Collaborative

- OWEB got \$700,000 to do this. Have almost \$260,000 of it left, working on final grant offering. Working to pull together a high level summary of what they have done with the money thus far and what are the accomplishments.

Ag Heritage Program

- OWEB discussion on the 5 components of the Program and the nexus with ODF.

Riparian Rule making

- The official public comment period is open from October 1st thru March 1st. 11 public hearings scheduled, 3 hour segments.
- Once the hearings have concluded, ODF will reconvene and take it back to the Board to adopt rules at the April Board meeting. Rules will be active July 2017.

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)

Meeting Date: October 25, 2016

Attendees: ODFW: Curt Melcher, Director; Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director; Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Assistant Administrator; Bruce McIntosh, Assistant Administrator Inland Fish; Jon Germond, Land Resources Program Manager; Rod Krahmer, Forest Practices Program Coordinator

ODF: Peter Daugherty, State Forester; Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester; Lena Tucker, Interim Private Forests Division Chief; Kyle Abraham, Interim Private Forests Deputy Chief; Josh Barnard, Field Support Manager; Jennifer Weikel, Wildlife Biologist; Mary Hildebrandt, Executive Support Specialist

Topics Discussed: E-Notification needs
Specified resource sites
Fish passage standards
Oregon Conservation Strategy
Riparian rules; end of fish use (Next Steps – e.g., joint training for ODF and ODFW field staff)
Wildlife food plots rule-making
ODFW Marbled Murrelet Petition and Species Review
Bald Eagle Rulemaking Timeline
ODFW Exploring Alternative Task Force
December presentation on GNA at House Ag & Nat Res committee (Peter)

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

Fish passage

- ODFW- the main issue is how their rules are written. Wrote a draft MOU, the goal is to have ODF be the lead on all things fish passage. Will take a hard look at the tech memo. Details that are of concern are active channel width.
- ODOT can get credits for assisting with fish passage and also maintaining culverts.
- Peter – supportive of opening and looking at the rules, but would need to do landowner outreach. And get a buy-in from industrial landowners.
- Peter – make sure the message is that ODF and ODFW are working together to have agreement on fish passage rules.

E-Notifications

- ODF got additional funding to develop online public portal. Launch date 2017. Important for ODFW – easier way to get information on operations going on in the field. You can import your GIS layers to get information on a specific watershed.
- There will be a legislative concept on the topic – Currently not a process to get 24 hour notice on pesticides application.
- ODF could arrange a viewing of the system for ODFW if there is interest.
- Goal of the system to increase effectiveness of the FPA and a cost savings.

Specified Resource sites

- Jennifer (ODF) working through draft bald eagle rule language with stakeholders.

Oregon Conservation Strategy

- ODFW – did a big roll out to make it web enabled. Trying to highlight some different tools with videos. Added a new chapter on climate change. Spent a lot of time listening to stake holders to see what they want. Strengthened the conservation opportunity areas.

Riparian Rules

- Josh ODF – leading the team for implementation, the language was accepted, open for public comment through March 1st. Set up 11 open house and public comment meetings. In November will work on training plan.
- ODFW interested in joint training with ODF/ODFW for new rule package. – Kyle work with Rod to discuss details of joint training.
- Bruce ODFW – public wants to know when we are going to deal with Eastern Oregon. Lena – it will happen at the next board meeting discussion Nov. 2nd.

Wildlife Food plots – rule making

- Using what is currently in statute. On hold for new rule making. No one has implemented a food plot yet.

ODFW Marbled Murrelet Petition and Species Review

- ODFW accepted the petition, in the process of conducting a review. No final timeline set. Meet monthly with a team to outline details. Review of the reclassification criteria.

Bald Eagle

- ODF took topic to Board, the board approved some pieces on protection. Current plan to have draft language for March Board meeting. Hoping to have rules ready for July adoption.

ODFW Exploring Alternative 2017 Funding Task Force

- ODFW has task force, alternatives that they have come up with: 2% tax on all beverages subject to the bottle bill. Would raise about 80 million dollars per biennium. The other alternative, income tax filing surcharge, would be a fee for fish and wildlife conservation. Also a large federal effort to look at alternative funding for conservation. Recommendation that Congress dedicate some funds from oil and gas to agencies for conservation. A bill has been introduced and is being campaigned.

Oregon Emergency Management (OEM)

Meeting Date: October 26, 2016

Attendees: OEM: Andrew Phelps, Director
Matt Marheine, Operations and Preparedness Section Manager
Clint Fella, Mitigation and Recovery Section Manager

ODF: Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Lena Tucker, Interim Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Interim Private Forests Deputy Chief
Doug Grafe, Protection Division Chief
Jeff Burns, Policy Analyst
Josh Barnard, Field Support Manager
Tim Holschbach
Mary Hildebrandt, Executive Support Specialist

Topics Discussed: Fire season review and coordination
Update on FEMA Monitoring Agreement – Jeff Burns
Cascadia lessons learned
Communication options, State vs. ODF - How to communicate & coordinate between agencies

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

Fire season review and coordination

- Fire season moderate compared to last. Did not have to tap into National Guard. Least amount of lightning in the last 100 years.
- OEM had 30 OERS calls.
- To access FEMA dollars, there is an application process. More strict environmental conservation.
- Projects need to be approved by February 2017.
- Angie Lane is taking a look at the Mitigation piece, and better organize hazard mitigation dollars.
- Any mitigation dollars outside of FMAG can be used statewide.

Update on FEMA Monitoring Agreement – Jeff Burns

- ODF working closely with OEM, some thinning projects going on and FEMA has provided some funding. ODF is providing monitoring to see if projects are fire safe. Gathering data for reimbursement request. Will submit one early spring, and end of 2017, and possibly spring of 2018.
- Each county has done some work, some on common property, and also in communities around homes. Provides outreach and education.
- OEM – funding OEM matches 25% from general fund, and FEMA does the 75%.

Cascadia lessons learned

- OEM – Biggest exercise Oregon has participated in. 3 states 2 countries, 26 counties, all 9 tribes. 20,000 people touched the exercise.
- First 6 hrs was a no communication exercise. Successes – The integration of federal management. Push for more prepared packages. The Playbook – 9 plays, notification, 2-9 plays functional based. Look into reorganizing the book.
- Main focus is sustaining and saving lives and situational awareness. Would like to see one FTE for each agency to focus on emergency preparedness.

Communication options, State vs. ODF - How to communicate & coordinate between agencies

- Doug pleased with how the communication went with ODF/OEM.
- Andrew – looking ahead, the meeting after 2015 fire season was productive. Making sure to support ODF in the areas needed such as smoke management messaging, shelter etc.
- Nancy – came out of Cascadia, what are the alternative means for communication? Andrew – amateur radios satellite phones or face to face. Will have Eulus touch base with OEM.
- OEM – ODOT has 14 mobile trailers with communication resources. OEM also looking into a Plum Case, cellphone booster, can relay cell signal further away.
- OEM has an online disaster management system called OPSCenter – wants ODF to know how to put in a request, offer to train ODF contact. Just need a narrative on what the need is. Nancy will follow up with Doug G. on this.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Meeting Date: October 26, 2016

Attendees: OHA: Lillian Shirley, Director Oregon Public Health Division
Jere High, Center for Health Protection Administrator, Gabriella Goldfarb,
Curtis Cude, Dave Leeland

ODF: Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Lena Tucker, Interim Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Interim Private Forests Deputy Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Thomas Whittington, Incentives Coordinator
Mary Hildebrandt, Executive Support

Topics Discussed: Water Quality protection
Legislative Actions involving PARC and pesticides
Training on pesticide reporting SOPs
E-Notification needs

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

Water Quality protection

- OHA – Jonathan Modie – lead for Public Affairs health, and Tony Anderson in the communications shop.
- 25% of the population drinking water that is not being regulated. Example would be unmaintained wells.

Legislative Actions involving PARC and pesticides

- Direction from legislature 2015 for agencies. Standard Operating procedures, PARC Board looking at it, encourage agencies to take a look at SOPs for pesticides. PARC reports, keep track of recommendations, was there any action taken, and then report goes to legislature.
- Lillian – Keep it simple, more interested in accountability rather than process.
- Gabriella – helpful if leadership put a message that stewards of SOPs are going to meet. Will talk to ODA.
- Lena – how to handle and communicate with the public when they are asking questions around public health. Lillian – suggested a workgroup to discuss risks, ODF point person for workgroup would be Lena Tucker.
- ODF's roll is resource protection, OHA's roll is human health.

Training on pesticide reporting SOPs

- ODF – how do we implement an annual review?

E-Notification needs

- Doing outreach with local subscribers.

- Discussion on odors – if someone smells a bad odor they are concerned that they are being exposed to potential risk.

Additional discussion

- Curtis checked in on report worked on with Nancy. Nancy heard positive feedback on overall communications.
- Curtis – knowledge that there has been an increase in occupational fatalities related to Forestry in the last year.
- Nancy will touch base with AOL – to get in touch with OHA on the statistics or root causes. – Frame it that OHA tracks injuries and deaths. Surveillance on injury prevention.
- ODF - Supporting Sustainable Forest Communities – Threats that effect urban forests. Education, mitigation efforts. Looking to add capacity for this program. ODF has a POP for this.

Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD)

Meeting Date: October 27, 2016

Attendees: WRD: Doug Woodcock, Deputy Director
Mike McCord, Northwest Region Manager

ODF: Nancy Hirsch, Deputy State Forester
Lena Tucker, Interim Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Interim Private Forests Deputy Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Chris Stewart, Facilities Manager
Mary Hildebrandt, Executive Support

Topics Discussed: E-Notification needs
Integrated water resources strategy, ODF's role in implementation
Coordinated messaging around watering during drought
Wilderness and GPS training
Pesticide water use training

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

E-Notification needs

- Lena gave overview of new system. Hoping to have public portal phase completed by July 2017. Public can filter what notifications they want to see.

Integrated water resources strategy, ODF's role in implementation

- WRD - Place based planning, funded program from last legislative cycle, to try pilots around the state. Local grass roots diverse collaboration. Define what the local issues are. 4 pilots around the state. Identify instream and out of stream needs and solutions. Gave overview of granting programs.
- ODF – Kyle and Ryan have been working with WRD staff to stay involved with the pilots.
- Josh – overview on riparian buffer rule-making. Open for public comment.

Coordinated messaging around watering during drought

- ODF worked on strategy to save on our landscaping water. Also currently working with a landscape tech to look at the future.
- WRD – drought and wildfire, there is an interest in bringing it into the climate change discussion.

Wilderness and GPS training

- Lena – asking if other agencies would be interested. WRD concern is the safety of the staff. More interested in our radios which could provide more communication.

Pesticide water use training

- WRD – gets notice from public that they are using water from creeks that have exemption.

Oregon Park and Recreation Department (OPRD) & State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

Meeting Date: October 31, 2016

Attendees: OPRD/SHPO: MG Devereux, Deputy Director
Chrissy Curran, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Eric Timmons, Operations Support Manager for Parks
Tracy Loudon, Administrator
Jan Hunt, Recreation Grants/Community Programs Manager

ODF: Lena Tucker, Interim Private Forests Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Interim Private Forests Deputy Chief
Josh Barnard, Field Support Unit Manager
Keith Baldwin, Forest Practices Field Coordinator
Liz Dent, State Forests Division Chief
Justin Butteris, Policy Analyst
Eulus Newton, Communications
Mary Hildebrandt, Executive Support

Topics Discussed: E-Notification needs
Wilderness training
Cultural resources training
Interagency agreement on cultural resources
State Forests funding
Wireless communications – eclipse planning

Summary of Discussion and Potential Action Items Identified:

E-Notification needs

- Lena gave overview of FERNS and new E-notification system.

Wilderness training

- Lena proposed idea of wilderness training that could be used by multiple agencies, with group participation.
- OPRD – Dan Jones on rotation, so Robert Smith in the safety section would be a good contact.
- ODF - Eulus is putting together a contingency plan in the next couple of months for Cascadia Rising. OPRD – Would like to be a part of the group Eulus is putting together.

Cultural resources training

- ODF – Multiple people have had the training. A program that is working well. OPRD would be happy to help with the New Employee Orientation that will feature a segment on cultural resources.

Interagency agreement on cultural resources

- OPRD needs to do some track changes. The responsibility is mostly on the landowners and they have been somewhat unresponsive in making contact with SHPO.

- Liz Dent – ODF is committed to working with OPRD and the tribal community. Getting an archeologist for State Forests is not an option at this time.
- OPRD – At this time they are not reaching out and contacting property owners about cultural sites on their land/property. Responsibility is on the landowner, or agency in charge of the project on land. Dennis will get back with Keith on the agreement.

State Forests funding

- 2 IGA's to fund staffing, Ron Zilli has been working on interfacing with this. Ron and Fran from TFC are putting numbers together on what future needs are.
- Liz discussed estimated costs.
- MG with OPRD – Provided insight on the distinction between OHV monies and TFC monies.

Wireless communications

- Eulus gave overview on agreement that represents both agencies.
- Starting FY18 Fiscal Process. Eulus-ODF and Eric-OPRD will continue to meet.
- OPRD is preparing for a much higher recreation load for the eclipse August 21st. Making sure they have communications. Fire camp locations may be occupied by RV's.
- Eulus asked to have ODF included in the planning for communications.

Summary of Individual Meetings Times and Dates

Table 1. Annual Meetings Held in 2016

Agency	Meeting Date
OSU Extension Service (OSU)	July 7, 2016
Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL)	July 26, 2016
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)	August 15, 2016
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)	August 25, 2016
Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)	September 9, 2016
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)	October 21, 2016
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)	October 25, 2016
Oregon Emergency Management (OEM)	October 26, 2016
Oregon Health Authority (OHA)	October 26, 2016
Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD)	October 27, 2016
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) / State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)	October 31, 2016

Table 2. No Annual Meeting in 2016

Agency	Meeting Date
Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC)	Declined
Governor's Natural Resources Office (GNRO)	Ongoing ¹
Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)	Ongoing ¹
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	Ongoing ¹
Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI)	Declined

¹ These agencies meet with ODF throughout the year on relevant topics.