

STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the re-appointment of 9 existing members on the Regional Forest Practice Committees.

CONTEXT

ORS 527.650 requires the Board to establish a forest practice committee for each forest region. Each committee shall consist of nine members, a majority of whom must reside in the region. Members of each committee shall be qualified by education or experience in natural resource management and not less than two-thirds of the members of each committee shall be private landowners, private timber owners or authorized representatives of such landowners or timber owners who regularly engage in operations.

ORS 527.660 states “[E]ach forest practice committee shall review proposed forest practice rules in order to assist the Board in developing rules appropriate to the forest conditions within its region.” Regional committees have provided a forum for the public; at each meeting members of the public may participate and offer information and suggestions. The Private Forests Deputy Chief serves as the secretary for all three committees.

BACKGROUND

The last reappointments to the regional committees occurred in September 2017. The regional committees are set with staggered terms so only one-third of committee members come up for reappointment in a given year. This approach ensures continuity of committee work over time. The Department recently contacted committee members whose terms expire in 2018, regarding their interest in reappointment. All committee members offered to be reappointed. The Eastern Oregon Region currently has one vacant position due to an unexpected resignation. The department will actively search for a replacement and seek approval from the Board on the new appointment at a later time. Attachment 1 shows current members and their term expiration dates. The recommended expiration column shows the term expiration date set to maintain the historic staggered term approach.

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends the Board make the following reappointments:

Northwest Oregon Region:

Scott Gray	term expiring September 2021
Jim Hunt	term expiring September 2021
Jon Stewart	term expiring September 2021

Southwest Oregon Region:

Jay Christensen	term expiring September 2021
Dale Cuyler	term expiring September 2021
Adam Stinnett	term expiring September 2021

Eastern Oregon Region:

Irene Jerome (p)	term expiring September 2021
Bob Messinger (p)(Chair)	term expiring September 2021
Elwayne Henderson	term expiring September 2021

(p) Public Member

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Current Regional Forest Practice Committee Membership