

## 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 such 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 2018. 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 Eastern Oregon Region currently has two vacant positions due to an unexpected resignation and an appointment of one member to the Board of Forestry. One vacant position has received a nomination and the department is actively searching to fill the second vacancy. For the vacant position nomination the appointment will continue for the current term to maintain the staggered terms overall for the committee. 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 appointment:

Eastern Oregon Region:

Patrick Marolla

term expiring September 2020

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Current Regional Forest Practice Committee Membership
2. Biography for Patrick Marolla