



Committee for Family Forestlands Meeting Summary for November 17, 2021



Pursuant to public notice made by news release with statewide distribution, a meeting of the Committee for Family Forestlands [an advisory body to the Oregon Board of Forestry with authority established in Oregon Revised Statute 527.650] was convened on November 17, 2021, as a virtual online meeting. Meeting recordings will constitute the official record.

CFF Committee members participating:	ODF Staff attending:
Nick Hennemann, Interim FPA & Monitoring Deputy Chief Wendy Gerlach, Citizen-At-Large (Voting) Maurizio Valerio, EO Landowner Rep. (Voting) Kaola Swanson, Conservation Rep. (Voting) Gary Jensen, Southern Oregon Landowner Rep. (Voting) Kate McMichael, Landowner-At-Large Rep. (Voting) Barrett Brown, NW Landowner Rep. (Voting) Amanda Astor, Forest Policy Manager AOL Ex-Officio Rick Zenn, OSWA Executive Administrator Ex-Officio Glenn Ahrens, OSU College of Forestry Ext. Ex-Officio	Scott Swearingen, Field Support Manager Alex Rahmlow, SFGP Lead Amy Singh, Forest Legacy Coordinator Susan Muniz, Administrative Specialist Danny Norlander, Carbon and Forest Health Policy Analyst Jerrin Robbins, Stewardship Forester
Members not in attendance:	Guests/Public:
Janelle Geddes, USFS State & Private Forestry Ex-Officio S. Mark Vroman, Industry rep (Voting) Hampton Family Forests Julie Woodward, OFRI Ex-Officio	Denise Dethlefs Dave Bugni Sandy Letzing Genell Grow Eric Farm

Chair Gerlach opened the meeting and called for any changes in the agenda. Roll call of members and guests.

Division Update was provided by Nick Hennemann, Interim Deputy Chief. He reported that Cal Mukumoto was hired as the next State Forester and provided some of his background. He reported that the Department will be re-opening to public access and most employees returning to the office on January 3rd. He announced that in an effort to better align service delivery of programs, the Division structure has been re-aligned combining the Private Forests and Partnership and Planning Divisions, combining them into the Forest Resources Division with dual Deputy Chief roles. One Deputy Chief over a All Lands Branch and another over a FPA & Monitoring Branch. He reported that negotiations have wrapped up on the Private Forests Accord, a mediated effort between conservation and industry recommending forest practices changes to the legislature. He reminded members that ODF was not a party to this Accord and only provided technical assistance and position requirements information when requested. Detailed recommendations are now being drafted into legislative bill language for the next Legislative Session. Exact effects to rules and operations won't be known until the legislative session ends.

Small Forestland Grant Program (SFGP) update was provided by Alex Rahmlow. He highlighted updates made to the grant scoring criteria and fundable activities based upon the feedback provided by the Committee and other stakeholders and noted the timeline for the program, most importantly that the Call for Proposals goes out November 18th with proposals due January 21st. He enlisted volunteers from the Committee to sit on the Grant Review Panel. (Kate McMichael, Gary Jensen, and Rick Zenn)

Climate Change and Carbon Plan Report. Danny Norlander, Carbon & Forest Health Policy Analyst reported on the CCCP. He explained that the Plan puts in place expectations and accountability for the Board of Forestry and

Department in implementing climate-smart forestry practices to address climate changes. He outlined the purpose, vision and principles, threats, opportunities, and barriers. Members saw issues under Supporting Actions as a place for further Committee discussion as the Plan unfolds and the BOF considers revisions to the Forestry Plan for Oregon which is a central element of the Board of Forestry's framework for strategic planning. Danny noted -they are doing a project with American Forests related to management scenarios and their carbon tradeoffs and he will likely look for some input from CFF but the timeline at this point is unknown.

Roundtable. Members shared current personal or organizational efforts. Highlighted was the small forestland owner's efforts to strategically move and plant different tree species to reduce stand density and improve resilience. Another subject to note was the general concern for the complexity of assistance programs and lack of direction many small woodland owners experience with fire restoration, reforestation, drought, and the overwhelming experience of successfully managing their forest. AOL representative asked about CFF support in bringing the topic of workforce development to the Board.

Work Plan Discussion. Chair Gerlach shared her thoughts on prioritizing topics for the Committee's future agendas. She emphasized the need to plan ahead on questions they could ask or discuss with the Board Chair or new State Forester in person at a CFF meeting. Also a request to have a regularly scheduled opportunity for comment to the Board. Members agreed that the topics of importance to their work plan should include the Private Forest Accord; Seedling Availability; Technical Assistance; WUI rulemaking; Climate Change; Prescribed Fire; and Workforce Availability. Most important to the group was to get their agenda aligned with the agenda of the Board to be able to share the perspective of small woodland owners, as well as provide formal recommendation prior to important BOF decisions.

Final Notes.

- Hennemann noted interest in an update on the Seedling coordination and how to best access incentive programs. (Strawn/Agalzoff)
- Norlander suggested having someone from the Higher Education Coordinating Committee speak to the group.
- Astor asked for some more information on the Certified Burn Manager Program. (Holschbach)