

**Meeting notes for FMP Informational Meeting
August 24, 2018 – Salem, OR**

In attendance:

State Forests Division Chief Liz Dent, Project Manager Justin Butteris, State Forests Engineer Daren Cone, Western Oregon District Forester Mike Totey, Seedling and Young Stand Management Coordinator Robbie Lefebvre, Wildlife Biologist Nick Palazzotto, Forest Inventory Coordinator Jeff Firman, Public Affairs Specialist Jason Cox, Seth Barnes of Oregon Forest Industries Council, Doug Cooper of Hampton Lumber, Ralph Saperstein

State Forests Division Chief Liz Dent introduced topic of forest conditions by discussing ownership patterns in state forests (i.e. blocked vs scattered), how most of these forests are relatively young and that active reforestation efforts led the forests to their present condition.

State Forests Engineer Daren Cone described the volcanic history and soil types present in state forests and how the type of soil affects suitability for growing as well as availability of rock for road construction/maintenance and subsequent costs.

Seth Barnes suggested data on roads that were decommissioned, including for stream protection reasons. Dent said data could be available through OWEB.

Forest Inventory Coordinator Jeff Firman provided information on the standing and available board volume in state forests, the constraints involved (physical limitations, regulatory framework, policy decisions) and accessibility. He detailed age distributions and forest types throughout.

Saperstein asked specifically about hemlock-dominant. Firman said this was included in mixed conifer.

State Forests Seedling and Young Stand Management Coordinator Robbie Lefebvre detailed the state's timber harvest program and the associated costs. Extensive discussion ensued on forest conditions and relationship to revenue production potential. He also discussed carbon in the forest, including sequestration by forest.

Wildlife Biologist Nick Palazzotto provided an overview on wildlife and habitat on state forests, including how the agency surveys for threatened and endangered species. Barnes suggested that presentation should be nuanced as to species' preference for older forest growth.

Dent provided an overview from a riparian perspective, including stream types by district and planning area.

Totey discussed the state forests recreation program and facilities, increasing usage, the limitations of staffing and funding, and other management challenges (such as safety and sanitation, resource protection, and increased antisocial behavior). He then profiled each district with state forests and provided unique information on each.