

**Oregon Board of Forestry
Forestry Program for Oregon Subcommittee
November 15, 2023, 7:30-9:30 am**

Subcommittee Purpose: Collaborative work forum for Board and Agency leadership to advance efforts to jointly develop a modern Forestry Program for Oregon. The subcommittee will serve until completion of the FPFO, targeted for December 2023.

FACILITATOR'S SUMMARY NOTES

Vision for Oregon's Forests ("FPFO") Content Development- Review comments and suggestions from October 19 Board. Work to resolve content on the following topics:

Introduction-

Discussion of boldness translating as urgency, need to respond with intention to address significant vulnerabilities around forest resiliency. Pace/scale is important- address why. Also innovation, doing things differently, continuous learning and adaptability of practices is important. Finally, the relational aspects of doing things differently is important. Moving beyond narrow viewpoints, de-polarizing, and being much more intentionally inclusive and responsive to marginalized communities as well as Tribal governments. This includes different approaches to socializing policies and actions.

ACTION: Ben and Robin will work together to reframe Intro to reflect this tone and sentiment; and scan the full goal doc to ensure the sentiment is consistent throughout.

ACTION: Cal and Mike will address this sentiment in the Intro as well as scan the full document to ensure areas of innovation, re-prioritizing and/or doing things differently is visible and explicit within the goals and strategies.

ACTION: Joy and Brenda will address the relational elements of being bold - in the intro as well as throughout the goals/strategies.

Resilient Forests Goal - Recognition that intentional management is the goal; agreement placebased and full suite of management tools. "All hands, all lands" strategies.

ACTION: Mike and Joe will work on this section to ensure the added strategy ideas are included, and consider structuring the strategies to speak to various landownerships.

Prescribed Fire - Dave Larson offered initiating language which the Subcommittee will take up at the next meeting:

The Oregon Department of Forestry is committed to protecting Oregonians, their communities and our state's natural resources from the devastating impacts of wildfires. We lead the state's complete and coordinated fire protection system and strive to continuously improve statewide wildfire prevention, preparedness and response. ODF's approach to wildfire response emphasizes detection, aggressive initial attack, and taking care of our firefighters. Our policy is to keep wildfires as small as possible, which means finding them early and putting them out quickly by using the best suppression strategies and tactics for the situation. We also recognize that fire can be a valuable tool to promote forest health and reduce wildfire risk. We support statewide efforts to increase the use of fire outside of fire season in a safe, controlled and appropriate manner.

Next Steps

- The Subcommittee will reschedule their next meeting to **December 13, 7:30 - 9:30 am** and cancel the Dec. 20 meeting. The agenda topics are as follows:
 - Review updates to Vision draft
 - Discuss, determine prescribed fire policy statement and strategy for the Vision document.
 - Address and final loose threads for the document.
 - Prepare for January Board meeting. Agenda, presentation, approach.
- All homework assignments for updating the Vision will be sent to Robin by **November 30**. (See above ACTION items for assignments.)
- A next draft Vision will be sent to the Subcommittee in advance of the Dec. 13 meeting.
- A 'final draft' will be sent to the full Board and ET two weeks prior to the January Board meeting.

Subcommittee meeting procedures

- The public and participants accessed the meeting through phone and online video conference options.
- The meeting commenced at 7:34 a.m. and adjourned at 9:23 a.m.
- The November 15, 2023, audio without break (1:41:51, 46.6 MB) posted online at, <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Documents/fpfofsub/20231115-bof-fpfofsub-audio.mp3>