

Meeting notes for FMP Informational Meeting

July 13, 2018 – Salem, OR

In attendance:

State Forester Peter Daugherty, Board of Forestry Chair Tom Imeson, State Forests Division Chief Liz Dent, Project Manager Justin Butteris, Public Affairs Specialist Jason Cox, Paul Lulay of Hampton Lumber, Rex Storm of Small Woodland Owners Association, and Ralph Saperstein

State Forests Division Chief Liz Dent provided overview of materials on FMP for upcoming BoF meeting on July 24.

Question if description of Principle 3 will assure protection of current and future revenue production from asset. Suggested revenue should be increased. State Forester Peter Daugherty said other rules identify revenue as a goal, as does statute. West Oregon District Forester Mike Totey said some of these were captured in Principle 5. Dent says Greatest Permanent Value language clearly refers to growing and harvesting of trees, and link could be cleaner. Daugherty noted it was captured in Principle 1.

Discussion on Principle 4 regarding type of jobs, whether language should address family wages.

Question if GPV includes predictable sustainable supply of timber. Will this mean harvests will fluctuate based on financial conditions? Dent said certainly. In Great Recession harvest levels dropped (but not significantly) but aim was still there for public benefit, keeping some infrastructure and jobs in place. If financial situation had become more dire, harvest would have had to drop more. Daugherty said length of contract also a factor. Question if there will be more fluctuations in volume to meet goals. Dent said it's forward-looking and recognizes market drives. Discussion continued on consistent timber supply, and degrees of flexibility.

Project Manager Justin Butteris said guiding principles designed to guide us through rest of plan.

Discussion regarding Principle 11 and ODF's role and ability to mitigate climate change. Is State Forests' role to sequester or store carbon? A lot of disagreement in science over carbon storage in stump vs wood product. Cannot take advantage of carbon market due to rotation lengths.

Butteris explained definitions for key planning terms, the structure of the table, and how ODF monitors goals set in table. Discussion around degree that specific outcomes should be set in administrative rule. Daugherty said administrative rules should focus on whether forest management is meeting GPV and reporting on measurable outcomes should focus on GPV, leaving room for adaptive management. Also explained impacts analysis framework and relatively simple ways of showing impacts of policy decisions on certain values.