



RAC 1 Meeting Summary for August 17, 2021



Agenda

Welcome and Participant Meeting Instructions
Agenda Review and RAC Approval
<p>ODF's Draft WUI Definition Staff Report (30 Minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Report (15 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NOTE: The International WUI definition is, "That geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland or vegetative fuels." The second "or" was missing in previous RAC documents. ○ Poll: Do you recommend the correct International WUI definition stated above? • RAC Comments (20 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What Staff Report observations do you have for ODF's consideration? • Last Call for written RAC comments to be submitted with the staff report • Please send to Tim.J.HOLSCHBACH@oregon.gov and Jenna.A.Trentadue@oregon.gov by 4:00 PM today with a copy to SamImperati@ICMresolutions.com
Additional Input Reminder
<p>Fiscal Impact Statement Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODF Staff Draft Recommendation (10 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff Presentation ○ Reminder: Additional FIS on the Criteria • RAC Feedback (20 Minutes) <p>What FIS observations do you have for ODF consideration?</p>
<p>Phase Two: Conceptual Workplan Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria Concepts and Workplan (10 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Criteria Topics ○ Timeline/Meeting Schedule • RAC Discussion (15 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are these all the words that will need to be defined? ○ What existing tools may help with these definitions that we haven't taken into account? <p>What are some specific concerns or suggestions that you feel need to be included in future meetings to address WUI boundary Criteria?</p>
Public Comment
<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: September 7, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comprehensive Criteria Workplan ▪ Defining Key Terms in WUI Definition • Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WUI and FIS Comments due Today at 4:00 PM



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Criteria Concepts Homework: Please send to Tim.J.HOLSCHBACH@oregon.gov and Jenna.A.Trentadue@oregon.gov by 8/25/21 by 4:00 PM with a copy to SamImperati@ICMresolutions.com ● Meeting Evaluation ● Closing Comments
Adjourn

Participants

Organization	Primary Contact Person	Aug 17 Attendance	Name	Aug 17 Attendance
Members (alphabetical by first name)			Alternates	
Associated Oregon Loggers	Amanda Astor	X	Rex Storm	
Jackson County Fire	Bob Horton	X		
Oregon State University - Extension	Erica Fischer	X	Chris Dunn	X
Oregon Property Owner's Association	Dave Hunnicut		Samantha Bayer	
Sustainable Northwest	Dylan Kruse	X		
Association of Oregon County Planning Directors	Holly Kerns	X	Lindsey Eichner	
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	Jason Robison	X	Tim Vrendenburg	
League of Oregon Cities	Jim McCauley	X		
Department of Land Use & Conservation	Jon Jinings	X	Sadie Carney	X
The Nature Conservancy	Kerry Metlen	X	Amelia Porterfield	X
Oregon Forest Industries Council	Kyle Williams	X		
Association of Oregon Counties	Lauren Smith	X		
Tualatin Valley Fire	Les Hallman	X		
Hood River County Planning Commission	Leti Moretti	X		
Oregon Home Builders	Mark Long	X		
Oregon Farm Bureau	Mary Anne Cooper	X		
1000 Friends	Mary Kyle McCurdy	X		
Oregon State University - Institute Natural Resources	Megan Creutzburg			



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Special Districts Association	Michele Bradley, President	X	Jason Jantzi	
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association	Nicole PalmHazelbaker		Garrett Mosher	X
Western Environmental Law Center	Pam Hardy	X		
Oregon Small Woodlands Association	Roger Beyer			
Sisters Fire	Roger Johnson	X		
Oregon Fire Marshall's Association	Shawn Olson		Tanner Farrington	
Office of the State Fire Marshal	Travis Medema	X	Chad Hawkins	X
Advisory (alphabetical by first name)				
United States Forest Service	Ian Rickert	X		
Bureau of Land Management	Richard Parrish	X		
ODF & Facilitation Project Team				
Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)	Tim Holschbach			
ODF	Jenna Trentadue	X		
ODF	Jason Cox	X		
ODF	Julie Waters			
ODF	Derek Gasperini	X		
Triangle, RAC No. 2 Facilitation Team	Annie Kilburg Smith			
Triangle, RAC No. 2 Facilitation Team	Anna Shepherd			
ICM Resolutions, RAC No. 1 Facilitation Team	Sam Imperati	X		
ICM Resolutions, RAC No. 1 Facilitation Team	Millie Webb	X		
Oregon Consensus	Robin Harkless	X		
Oregon Consensus	Kristen Wright			



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Polling Issues (See below for results)

- 1) Do you recommend the correct International WUI definition stated above?
- 2) Do you recommend the Communities at Risk report definition? WUI: “The area where houses meet or intermingle with underdeveloped wildland vegetation.”

Next Steps/Action Items:

Action Items	Who?	By When?
No Consensus on using the “correct” International WUI definition.	RAC	At meeting
No consensus on using the Communities at Risk WUI definition.	RAC	At meeting
RAC 1 – Phase One completed	RAC	8/17/21 at 4:00 PM
RAC 1 – Phase Two begins	RAC	9/7/21 at 10:00 AM
Major Topics for the next meeting include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comprehensive Criteria Workplan ▪ Defining Key Terms in WUI Definition 	ALL	9/7/21 at 10:00 AM
Phase Two Homework	RAC	8/25/21 by 4:00 PM

Official Meeting Record: please go to <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Pages/rac.aspx>



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Poll # 1: Do you recommend the correct International WUI definition stated above?

Organization	Contact Person	Not Here	Ab-stain = 0	1	2	3
1000 Friends	Mary Kyle McCurdy			X		
Associated Oregon Loggers	Amanda Astor / (Rex Storm)					X
Association of Oregon Counties	Lauren Smith					X
Association of Oregon County Planning Directors	Holly Kerns / Lindsey Eicher				X	
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	Jason Robison			X		
Department of Land Use & Conservation	Jon Jinings / (Sadie Carney)			X		
Hood River County Planning Commission	Leti Moretti			X		
Jackson County Fire	Robert (Bob) Horton			X		
League of Oregon Cities	Jim McCauley				X	
Office of the State Fire Marshal	Travis Medema / (Chad Hawkins)			X		
Oregon Farm Bureau	Mary Anne Cooper					X
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association	Nicole Hazelbaker / (Garrett Mosher)			X		
Oregon Fire Marshall's Association	Shawn Olson / Tanner Farrington	X				
Oregon Forest Industries Council	Kyle Williams					X
Oregon Home Builders	Mark Long					X
Oregon Property Owner's Association	Dave Hunnicut / (Samantha Bayer)	X				
Oregon Small Woodlands Association	Roger Beyer	X				
Oregon State University - Extension	Erica Fisher / (Chris Dunn)			X		
Sisters Fire	Roger Johnson			X		



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Special Districts Association	Michele Bradley / (Jason Jantzi)			X		
Sustainable Northwest	Dylan Kruse			X		
The Nature Conservancy	Amelia Porterfield/ Kerry Metlen			X		
Tualatin Valley Fire	Les Hallman			X		
Western Environmental Law Center	Pam Hardy			X		
Totals:		3	0	14	2	5
Code:		Not Here	Ab-stain	1	2	3

Note: 23 people voted, but we did not count the two members of the public – only RAC members.

RESULT: Consensus / **No Consensus**

Summary of Major Reasons in Support: See Meeting Recording, below Chat, and Member Submissions to follow.

Minority Proposal: See Meeting Recording, below Chat, and Member Submissions to follow.

Summary of Major in Reasons in Opposition: See Meeting Recording, below Chat, and Member Submissions to follow.



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Poll: # 2: Do you recommend the Communities at Risk report definition? WUI: The area where houses meet or intermingle with underdeveloped wildland vegetation.

Organization	Contact Person	Not Here	Abstain = 0	1	2	3
1000 Friends	Mary Kyle McCurdy					X
Associated Oregon Loggers	Amanda Astor / (Rex Storm)			X		
Association of Oregon Counties	Lauren Smith			X		
Association of Oregon County Planning Directors	Holly Kerns / Lindsey Eicher				X	
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	Jason Robison				X	
Department of Land Use & Conservation	Jon Jinings / (Sadie Carney)					X
Hood River County Planning Commission	Leti Moretti					X
Jackson County Fire	Robert (Bob) Horton					X
League of Oregon Cities	Jim McCauley			X		
Office of the State Fire Marshal	Travis Medema / (Chad Hawkins)		X			
Oregon Farm Bureau	Mary Anne Cooper			X		
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association	Nicole Hazelbaker / (Garrett Mosher)			X		
Oregon Fire Marshall's Association	Shawn Olson / Tanner Fairrington	X				
Oregon Forest Industries Council	Kyle Williams			X		
Oregon Home Builders	Mark Long			X		
Oregon Property Owner's Association	Dave Hunnicut / (Samantha Bayer)	X				
Oregon Small Woodlands Association	Roger Beyer	X				



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Oregon State University - Extension	Erica Fisher / (Chris Dunn)					X
Sisters Fire	Roger Johnson					X
Special Districts Association	Michele Bradley / (Jason Jantzi)				X	
Sustainable Northwest	Dylan Kruse					X
The Nature Conservancy	Amelia Porterfield/ Kerry Metlen					X
Tualatin Valley Fire	Les Hallman				X	
Western Environmental Law Center	Pam Hardy					X
Totals:		3	1	7	4	9
Code:		Not Here	Ab-stain	1	2	3

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RESULT: Consensus / No Consensus

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MEETING CHAT:

From RAC - Mary Anne Cooper, OFB to Everyone: 10:23 AM

Here is the communities at risk report definition: The Wildland Urban Interface (WUI): the area where houses meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland vegetation. (Federal Register 66:751, 2001)
<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Documents/Fire/Communities-at-risk-report.pdf>

From Public - Dan Nunez to Everyone: 10:33 AM

Will the state be providing GIS boundaries with this definition as a data set and publicly available to everyone? Apologies if this is not the right forum for that inquiry. Playing catchup.

From RAC Alt - Sadie Carney (she/her), DLCD to Dan(& Everyone): 10:35 AM

@ Dan - Yes, but the GIS boundary comes later. The first exercise is establishing a definition. Per legislative directive in SB 762.

From RAC - Jim McCauley (LOC) to Everyone: 10:35 AM

still prefer a definition closer to the community risk report, but recognize the details of our concerns over a broad definition may well be dealt with on the second phase of the WUI process.

From Public - Dan Nunez to Everyone: 10:35 AM

Much appreciated thank you Sadie.

From RAC - Jason Robison CCBUTI to Everyone: 10:38 AM

Is there a way to better align the two? My preference is international def.

From RAC - Erica Fischer, Oregon State University to Everyone: 10:38 AM

Does this definition mean that only residential areas of communities are considered WUI and therefore commercial structures, schools, and hospitals cannot be located in a WUI?

From RAC - Holly Kerns, AOC PD to Everyone: 10:38 AM

Swapping out the word houses for something a little more inclusive of commercial buildings, etc. could make this definition stronger, but generally I think it gets to the point.

From RAC - Pam Hardy, WELC (she/they/ella) to Everyone: 10:38 AM

Is it technologically possible to draft poll questions on the fly so the actual question is in the poll?

From RAC - Michele Bradley, Special Districts to Everyone: 10:40 AM

I agree with Holly. Homes feels too narrow, there are other structures that should be considered, such as water, Stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure, or power lines.

From RAC - Derek Gasperini (ODF) to Everyone: 10:40 AM

Unfortunately, polls must be drafted prior to the launch of a Zoom meeting. That's why we have blank polls set if they become necessary, but text cannot be added after the start of the meeting.



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From RAC - Jim McCauley (LOC) to Everyone: 10:41 AM

All polls on the WUI definition should be part of the BOF report. Actual numerical reference and not simply a majority vote to describe the outcome.

From RAC - Jason Robison CCBUTI to Eveyone: 10:47 AM

Is there a process to limit impacts on Tribal specific businesses and/or governments?

From RAC - Jon Jinings, DLCD to Everyone: 10:55 AM

That is a great question, Amanda.

From RAC - Leti Moretti (she/ella) to Everyone: 10:56 AM

Thank you all for the rich discussion. I need to leave this meeting at 10am and look forward to reviewing the meeting materials. Gracias.

From RAC - Jon Jinings, DLCD to Everyone: 10:56 AM

Thanks, Leti!

From RAC - Leti Moretti (she/ella) to Everyone: 11:00 AM

11am*

From RAC - Mary Kyle McCurdy, 1000 Friends (she/her) to Everyone: 11:01 AM

Thanks, Leti!

From RAC - Jon Jinings, DLCD to Everyone: 11:03 AM

If it isn't in rule it doesn't have the effect of law.

From RAC - Mary Anne Cooper, OFB to Everyone: 11:07 AM

John that's not quite right. The agencies will generally be given deference on their policies and they can absolutely interpret rule through policy guidance or just practice that has the effect of law. The bill doesn't specify that the criteria will be in rule, but glad that's the intent and plan - it should be done via rule so we get the benefit of a full public process.

From RAC - Lauren Smith, AOC to Everyone: 11:08 AM

Thank you Mary Anne. That was the point I was trying to get it.

From RAC - Amanda Astor, AOL to Everyone: 11:10 AM

We need to have the BOF do public hearings first...

From RAC - Amelia Porterfield, TNC to Everyone: 11:10 AM

SB 762 does specify that the criteria be put into rule: SECTION 33. ORS 477.027 is amended to read: 477.027. (1) By [administrative] rule, considering national best practices, the State Board of Forestry shall establish:



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(a) A definition of “wildland-urban interface.”

(b) Criteria by which the [forestland-urban] wildland-urban interface [shall] must be identified and classified.

From RAC - Erica Fischer, Oregon State University to Everyone: 11:11 AM

Yes, this reflects what I understand to be what ODF is saying. Thank you all for the great discussions today, I have to sign off unfortunately. As always, thank you Sam also for your facilitating.

From RAC - Amanda Astor, AOL to Everyone: 11:11 AM

Thanks Amelia!

From RAC - Lauren Smith, AOC: 11:12 AM

My concern is that Section 33 has to happen within the 100 days, so how would this timeline fit for the 2nd part of the RAC?

From RAC - Lauren Smith, AOC to Everyone: 11:13 AM

I guess- that is only (a) so we are fine- Nervermind

From RAC - Holly Kerns, AOCPD to Everyone: 11:13 AM

Great point about the other uses of this definition, Amelia. Thanks.

From RAC - Jim McCauley (LOC) to Everyone: 11:36 AM

Have to jet to another meeting. see everyone next week or later this week on RAC 2..

From RAC - Amanda Astor, AOL to Everyone: 11:36 AM

Jenna, I am more concerned with lessons learned from states like WA, CA and CO... not other state agencies in Oregon.

From RAC - Pam Hardy, WELC (she/they/ella) to Everyone: 11:39 AM

I agree with Amanda - it would be helpful to hear from other states (or other entities) who have examined this, and why they made the decision they did. However, I am interested in other Oregon agencies, and the definitions we already have locally. I could see a problem arising if we define the same word differently in different contexts.

From Public - Ryan Kragero, OFMA, Clackamas Fire Dist #1 to Everyone: 11:40 AM

I believe that most of these words have been defined as it relates to the WUI in the IWUIC. These existing definitions may give us a starting point / foundation for some of the foundational words for this process.

From RAC - Kyle Williams (OFIC) to Everyone: 11:40 AM

Here ya go Ryan - <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IWUIC2018/chapter-2-definitions>



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From RAC - Holly Kerns, AOC PD to Everyone: 11:40 AM

I think it's important to note that we knew all along this would be a short turn around for the definition. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think Mary Anne's concern is not the amount of time but how the time was utilized. That is a concern I have as well. We can't undo it, but we can be more focused going forward. Is that fair?

From Public - Peggy Lynch (she/her/hers) LWVOR to Everyone: 11:46 AM

Great most substantive mtg. Thank you.

From RAC - Mary Anne Cooper, OFB to Everyone: 11:46 AM

That's exactly it Holly. I would love for us to be more focused and more substantive going forward. This felt too much like a check the box exercise with a predetermined outcome.

From Public - Peggy Lynch (she/her/hers) LWVOR to Everyone: 11:49 AM

Announce time of Aug. 24th Sp BOF mtg. please

From ODF - Jason Cox to Everyone: 11:50 AM

Special Board Meeting is 10 a.m. August 24.

From ODF - Jenna Trentadue to Everyone: 11:50 AM

BOF meeting on the 24th is at 10am Link to view Board of Forestry Meeting available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/OregonDepartmentofForestry>

From RAC - Holly Kerns, AOC PD to Everyone: 11:53 AM

Thank you Jenna