



## SW Regional Forest Practice Committee Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024

Pursuant to public notice made by news release with statewide distribution, a hybrid meeting of the Southwest Regional Forest Practice Committee [an advisory body to the Oregon Board of Forestry with authority established in Oregon Revised Statute 527.650] was held in Roseburg, Oregon on March 19, 2024, hosted by the Oregon Department of Forestry Forest Resources Division. Present were:

### Committee Members

Chair Dana Kjos  
Garrett Kleiner  
Chris Arnold  
Michael Scott

### ODF Staff

Secretary Kyle Abraham  
Emily Gregorio  
Scott Swearingen  
Greg Erb  
Nicole Stapp  
TJ Ramos  
Adam Coble  
Kate Thompson  
Camille Collett  
Arden Guinn  
Jennifer Weikel  
Thomas Whittington

### Guests/Public

Lynn MacDonald  
Kelly Grover

### Welcome & Roll Call

- Chair Kjos called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
- Kyle Abraham and Chair Kjos noted no agenda changes or updates.
- Chair Kjos opened for public comment, no public comments noted.

### ODF Updates & Member Training Requirements

- Kyle Abraham led the following discussions:
  - Committees will have more in-person meetings, at least twice a year, with the goal of increased feedback and interaction with the committees.
    - Chair Kjos provided feedback around perennial surveys and damage, expressing he feels that they are dangerous and unnecessary. Chair Kjos suggested creating an option that allows you to not need to do it when there is mass impediment.
    - Chris Arnold provided feedback around stream surveys, expressing that streams on the map are being checked and are not actually streams.
  - Review of Kyle Abraham's history with ODF.
  - Review of Forest Resources organizational chart, noting the increase in capacity.
  - Update on outcome of legislative session.
    - Fire financing did not come to fruition.
    - Many limited duration positions in the agency transitioning to permanent.

- Waiting on clarity about full funding for programs that had partial funding last session.
  - Update on agency training done for Foresters.
  - **ACTION:** Reminder for this year’s Operator of the Year and to send in nominations.
- Emily Gregorio reviewed the training requirement completion.
  - **ACTION:** Emily Gregorio to send an email reminder with instructions to set up Workday login to committee members.

### Updates & Informing Post-Disturbance Harvest Rulemaking

- Nicole Stapp presented a slideshow. The following information was noted:
  - Catastrophic events are larger scale than an effecting an individual.
  - “Desired future conditions” are based on systematic evidence review.
    - **ACTION:** Emily Gregorio to send executive summary about desired future conditions for OAR 629-643-0300 to committee members.
  - Chair Kjos expressed concern about the 75-foot no-touch RMA buffer moving towards desired future conditions, and noted observing places that were previously hardwood dominated buffers are now moving more towards brush. Kyle Abraham and Scott Swearingen clarified that desired future conditions include many different elements.
  - Tethered logging rules are in process, there is nothing to share right now.

### HCP Updates

- Jennifer Weikel presented a slideshow.

### Planning and Priority for Guidance Development

- Scott Swearingen discussed the current Forest Practices Technical Guidance review schedule and progress.
  - Chris Arnold, Chair Kjos, and Michael Scott stated they would like to see priority on stream crossing guidance.
  - **ACTION:** Scott Swearingen to update and communicate the schedule for guidance creation to the committee members.
- Kyle Abraham discussed the committees’ roles in the review process. The following information was noted:
  - Chair Kjos requested visibility to member comments, and which were incorporated into the final iteration of a guidance. Kyle Abraham outlined the process of having committee members send their comments in to the committee email ([forestresources.committees@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:forestresources.committees@odf.oregon.gov)) for Emily Gregorio to compile and send to the agency subject matter experts with a following RFPC meeting to discuss.
  - The two-week review period to continue with expectation that committee members communicate if more time is needed.
  - Chair Kjos concerned we may get less comments with revised process and members may miss the deadline to submit.
    - **ACTION:** Emily Gregorio to send a reminder for Forest Practices Technical Guidance comments 3 days before due dates.

### Forest Practices Technical Guidance Comment Review

- Greg Erb reviewed Wet Weather guidance document and comments submitted.
- Arden Guinn reviewed FRIA guidance document for any comments.
  - **ACTION:** Committee members to send in any guidance comments in writing to Emily Gregorio.

### Closing Remarks

- Reminder that there are two member vacancies to be filled.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.**