

State Forests Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Summary¹
Forest Grove Community Auditorium
1915 Main Street, Forest Grove, OR 97116
Friday, April 28, 2017

In Attendance

Barrett Brown, Adam Meyer, Lisa Phipps, Lisa Heigh, Maria Davila-Bores, Paul Lulay, Zach Haas, Commissioner David Yamamoto, Tom Scoggins, Valerie Grant, Leslie Shaw, Marganne Allen, Rex Storm, Andy White, Ron Zilli, Don Everingham, Dan Goody, Colleen Kiser, Jorge Rios, Barb Moore, Ty Williams, Shannon Loffelmacher, Kyle Kaupp, Evelyn Hukari, Jacqueline Sewart, Sherron Lumley, Wayne Auble and April Davis

Housekeeping - Rex Storm, SFAC Chairperson

- Member Introductions - All
- New Members
 - Maria Davila Bores
 - Commissioner David Yamamoto – FTLAC Member
 - Tom Scoggins – Liaison Member
 - Ben Deumling – unable to attend today
- Approval of Meeting Summary 6/22/16
 - Motion Passed with requested edits to Paul Lulay’s bullet on page 2 and Barrett Brown’s comment regarding 30% to be stricken
- Highlights from New Member Orientation 2/17/17
 - Encourage forest visits
 - Hardcopies of documents being referenced; FMP’s, IP’s, AOP’s, listing of forestry acronyms (in the FMP) and ownership maps
 - All members are welcome to attend the orientation
- State Forests Online Community – Sherron Lumley
 - In the past there has been an e-newsletter for the State Forests Online Community; Sherron re-launched it in March
 - Survey distributed to members; will collect this afternoon
 - Please submit your email address if you would like to receive it
 - It will distributed electronically for members not in attendance today.

AOP Guidance Review & Summary of Plans – Ron Zilli, State Forests Field & Policy Manager

- Ron provided an explanation of the relationship of the FMP – IP – AOP
 - FMP – Forest Management Plan
 - Strategic Plan – covers all 6 Districts with State Forests
 - Adopted by the BOF Administrative Rule; Equals GPV
 - Contains: Guiding principles, assessment of forest resources at the plan level, resource management goals, management strategies, and guidance for IP’s, Asset Management, etc.
 - Originally adopted in 2001; its’ been modified once
 - Based on forest structure
 - Strategies were developed over a 6 year period
 - IP – Implementation Plan
 - Tactical Plan – each District has one
 - Approved by State Forester; Achieves goals of FMP

¹ Meeting summary reflects key issues, discussions and decisions, not verbatim language.

- Contains: Detailed assessment of Forest Resources present on the district, description of how the FMP strategies will be applied on the district, numeric objectives of resource “outputs” (e.g. timber, stand structure, other) from the district for a 10-year period
 - AOP – Annual Operations Plan
 - Operational Plan
 - Approved by the District Forester: achieves IP objectives, consistent with IP/FMP strategies
 - Contains: Specific information on harvest objectives and forest projects to be accomplished during the fiscal year
- Currently our budget is \$33m p/year; FY18 revenue is around \$30m so there is a deficit
 - Approximately \$2m p/yr goes to T&E surveys
 - FY18 Budget instructions called for district to retain a flat S&S budget
 - Currently under a hiring freeze
 - Litigation \$575k for Linn Co lawsuit; we’ve also received a notice of intent; upcoming is the Elliott Forest transfer
 - Due to Elliot Forest management changes we will receive less revenue from CSL and an additional \$700k will come out of the FDF to cover personnel costs
- New to our guidance this year; introduced a revenue target for the FDF (36.25% of BOF Revenue) for each district to be achieved through a mix of regen and partial cut harvest
- Public Comment Process – Sherron Lumley, State Forests Public Information Officer
 - FY18 AOP – 45 day public comment period
 - Opened March 20th to May 4th
 - Started off with Statewide media release
 - Oregon.gov/ODF is where you can get more info
 - Comments accepted in writing, by phone, email
 - Every comment receives a personal reply
 - Most comments received so far have been regarding recreation, not harvest.
 - Western Lane’s will stay open longer
 - IP’s – have a 30 day public comment period
 - Western Lane had an IP revision; no public comments were received
 - All of this information is included in the newsletter this month, which is still live
 - Paul noted they are very hard to find on the website.
 - Email worked well and makes it easier to pass along to others within their communities.
 - Adam: Future Agenda Item: Provide overview of the Website for the Committee

FY18 AOP Overview –

- Panel Discussion with District Reps: Evelyn Hukari, West Oregon District; Kyle Kaupp, North Cascade District; Ty Williams, Astoria District; Colleen Kiser, Tillamook District; Wayne Auble, Forest Grove District
- West Oregon District – approximately 36k acres
 - 7 sales planned; 4 clearcut, 2 commercial thinning, 1 combo sale
 - 3 have light to sever ice damage from Nov 2014
 - 13% will come off CSL, the rest off BOF lands (from Lincoln, Benton and Polk counties)
 - Planned volume is below the target, but the revenue is above the minimum target
 - 2 sales in aquatic anchors
 - 1 mm detection for one of the sales

- 1 thinning are buffered up against some marbled murrelet circles
 - 1 minor modification change to IP of 67 acres from complex to general
 - 1 planned stream restoration project; ODF has provided logs for in-stream structure to be done in FY18
 - Reductions in money allocated to road maintenance; foregoing equipment replacement, YSM will be done by inmate crews and district staff
 - Recreation sites on district are maintained by clubs; no recreation staff on district
 - Hope to have all ice damage sites sold by FY19, possibly FY20
- Astoria District –
 - Managing on about 2500 acres this year
 - State forests staff has reduced from 4 to 3
 - 14 timber sale operations
 - 7 will have aquatic/riparian restoration project some will be grant funded
 - Since 1995; restored over 31 miles of stream, replaced, modified or removed over 116 fish barriers
 - Getting harder to find high net value sales; have been experimenting with sort sales
 - 2-3 sort sales this year
 - Have been doing work order contracts; where some project work is done prior to timber sale
 - Reduced camping season for this upcoming summer and reduced services at Northrup Horse Camp
- Tillamook District -
 - 9 sales planned across approximately 1500 acres
 - Trapping 2300 acres
 - Boomer trapping; nocturnal rodent that eats Douglas-fir aggressively
 - Bud capping 2200 acres; with inmate crews
 - 1 in-stream project had to be shelved due to financial reasons
 - Recreation staffing; 6-8 retirements coming up on the district in the next year, 2 seasonal recreation temps that they will not be hiring this season
 - Will be shortening the camping season by 2 weeks
 - Will not be implementing fees for the non-designated sites since it costs more in staff time to collect that what the agency receives
 - David Yamamoto stated that TC Commissioners have recognized that hiring freezes do not accomplish the financial goals they're thought to do
 - There is an exception process for critical positions to be filled.
- North Cascade -
 - 556 clear cut acres
 - District challenges
 - Green tree retention – FMP requires to leave 5 to 7 per acre
 - Lisa Heigh asked if the AOP could be extended to a 2-3 year planning process for flexibility
 - The district has 2 positions that are split 50/50 between reforestation and recreation and that has not changed for FY18
- Forest Grove –
 - Moving towards regeneration cuts
 - Reforestation
 - A lot of Phellinus on the district; limited species to plant, hemlock, cedar and alder
 - Alder was severely damaged by snow and ice; reconsidering whether to ever plant any more alder in the forest grove district

- There is a lot of Alder slash in the campgrounds, trails and roads
 - Recreation
 - Trails are becoming so popular (i.e. Kings Mtn) that we need to expand the parking due to safety concerns
 - Expanding the kids sand pile area at Brown's Camp
 - Re-route around the summit on Hwy 6
 - Has been planned over the last couple years
 - Focusing on public use and safety
 - Not changing the length of the campground season
- Other projects not captured in AOP
 - Wayne is working on several stream enhancement projects with the Upper Nehalem Watershed
 - Comm site administration; Round Top and South Saddle sites
 - Nelson's checkermallow
 - Barney
 - South Fork septic issues requiring a culvert replacement
- Adam asked about the Canadian tariff that just hit the news
 - Impacts are still TBD
- Still working on target shooting improvements

Public Comment

None

State Forests Division Updates –

- Growth & Yield – Mike Wilson and Tod Haren
 - Aging inventory
 - ODF implementation
- Coho NOI – Justin Butteris
 - NOI received in early March from 4 entities; Pacific Coast
- Legislative Session – Justin Butteris
 - Recreation Immunity Bill –
 - What is ODF's liability when people are using fee sites/recreation?
 - Case-by-case; injury has to be related to actual use
 - Senate Bill 116 – requests ODF to recognize the pass for Disabled Veteran's to be exempt from usage fees while recreating on state lands
 - HB2705 – ODF has 40-45 water usage sites; the bill is in regard to water measurement devices
 - HB3350 – creates the office of outdoor recreation
 - Would require ODF to coordinate with this office if created
 - Currently sitting in Ways & Means
 - Watching but no impact
 - HB2954 – appropriations bill,
 - SB144 – coastal resources bill
 - Removes exemptions for cultural resources uncovered on public land
 - Allows the State to prosecute these cases when the County declines
 - SB847 – allows transfer of lands between...
 - Does not have an emergency clause
- IP Updates – Ron Zilli
 - Western Lane District

- Completed last Monday
 - Safe Harbor agreement
 - Increasing their harvest up to 12mmbf
- North Cascade is the next likely District to undergo an IP update
 - Would take approximately 7 months to complete

Tillamook District Land Exchange – Jorge Rios

- Involves the Trask River County Campground and Sprague Memorial Wayside
- Rationale:
 - County is unable to apply for grant funding since they are not the owner
- Concerns or red flags?
 - Meetings are being done prior to the assessment being completed
- Initial appraisal was done
 - The difference was approximately \$111k with the County owing the State; the county is covering the cost of the additional appraisal

State Forests Division Updates Continued

- HCP Grant – Marganne Allen
 - We are applying for a grant for a habitat conservation plan (HCP).
- Paul asked if an HCP is specific to a particular species

Close Out – Rex Storm, SFAC Chair

- SFAC June Tour & Meeting
 - Scheduled for Thursday, June 22nd & Friday, June 23rd
 - We may not have a tour; still TBD.
 - Tour ideas
 - Active forest firefighting
 - Logging operation site visit
 - Watershed restoration project
 - Ready-to-sell timber sale; leave trees, working around recreation sites, aquatic buffers, land use changes, road construction, logging costs
 - 1/2 day trail maintenance/work party
 - Recreation event
- Topics for next meeting
 - October 27th – Volunteer for SFAC Member Presentation
 - Leslie Shaw
 - Valerie Grant
 - Paul Lulay
 - October items
 - Revisit HCP Grant
 - Future meeting topics
 - Legislative session update (for June meeting)
 - How and why the Tillamook is becoming a world-class trail system
 - Email additional items to April
- Action Items

Adjourn