

State Forests Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Summary¹
Forest Grove Community Auditorium
1915 Main Street, Forest Grove, OR 97116
Friday, October 27, 2017

In Attendance

Adam Meyer, Lisa Phipps, Barrett Brown, Zach Haas, Ben Deumling, Denise Lofman, Paul Lulay, Tom Scoggins, Valerie Grant, Leslie Shaw, Ron Zilli, Brian Pew, Rex Storm, Mike Cafferata, Don Everingham, Wayne Auble, Barb Moore, Joe Travers, Dan Goody, Ty Williams, Joe Koch, Shannon Loffelmacher, Teresa Alcock, Tyler Robbins, and April Davis

Housekeeping - Rex Storm, SFAC Chairperson

- Member Introductions - All
- Approval of Meeting Summary 6/23/17
 - Approved as written
- Review of Membership Term Limits
 - Members nearing the end of their terms are Adam Meyer and Leslie Shaw. Memberships are for 3 years with an unlimited number of terms. Members are encouraged to re-apply. The recruitment will start next month.

2017 Fire Season – Teresa Alcock, Fire & GIS Analyst

- Burned 44k acres of ODF protected land
- The eclipse on August 21st generated a huge planning effort by ODF.
- Fires are detected by cameras, detection planes, landowners/contractors/public reports, and fire crew patrols.
- Safety record was very good this year.
- State Forests provides a lot of fire support and fire management since they are full time employees and have the training and experience.
- Do you think the public understands the different funding streams?

2017 AOP Accomplishment Reports – Don Everingham, NWOA Assistant Area Director; Ty Williams, Astoria Assistant District Forester; Joe Koch, West Oregon GIS Planner; Shannon Loffelmacher, North Cascade Assistant District Forester; Joe Travers, Tillamook; Wayne Auble, Forest Grove Assistant District Forester

- Ben asked if ODF had surpassed the targets - are were on track to do that? Mike said all districts are either very close or have met their targets. Tillamook District is a little behind on volume targets.
- State Forests is impacted by employees participating in the statewide fire effort. Combined with other factors there is no slack in the system.
- Paul Lulay has concern that they are 41 mbf short in Tillamook. What is needed in Tillamook to get them to 100% in the long-term?
 - The road system in Tillamook needs a lot of work. Their roads crew can handle a max of 15 miles of new road per year.
- On the recreation side; they have done phenomenal work. This report doesn't capture all the work they have done.
- Tom Scoggins – The cost for the T&E surveys is a cost that is being put upon ODF by the Feds. Seems like an inordinate amount of money to be spending.
- Denise Lofman – Would like to know how the budget reductions have impacted recreation, etc. The public learns very quickly where ODF can't get to, to manage. The limited number of seasonals impacted campgrounds and other rec sites; basically we were just able to keep them open, much

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

lower level of public interactions. TFC – visitors were up, less donations, they were closed one day a week this summer, less staffing. Astoria partnered with OET to keep Northrup Creek open this summer. It closed the day after Labor Day, but it will be reopened during the month of November for hunters to use. Through the OET volunteers at Northrup, they've done some project work for ODF; able to reduce the number of work days for South Fork crews to be working there which resulted in a \$25k savings.

- With all the reductions in staffing and budgeting it is important to paint the picture correctly when doing accomplishment reporting.
- Perhaps a “Challenges & Impacts” section needs to be added to this report. Accomplishments at full staffing vs. accomplishments w/reduced staffing.
- Adam Meyer – would like to see this report digitized.

Business Improvements –There are several business improvement efforts ongoing; Intra-Agency Coordination, South Fork, marketing, REI, Workforce Futuring and IP revisions and modifications.

- Marketing (How we sell our logs) - Brian Pew, Deputy Chief of State Forests
 - Improve timber marketing strategies that increase FDF revenues and reduce operating expenses
 - Streamline current timber marketing practices
 - Several projects prioritized for further analysis include: project work and work order contracts, market timing, minimum bid appraisal system, planning/layout optimization, pulp marketing, and strategies for stands that don't pay for themselves.
 - Looking at doing T&E surveys on a work order. It's controversial and so it may not happen.
- REI – Ron Zilli
 - Develop a sustainable financial and organizational structure to support current and future recreation, education, and interpretation programs and better meet increasing demand, changing demographics and evolving types of uses.
 - REI's mission is to create lasting and diverse outdoor recreational, interpretive, and educational experiences that inspire visitors to enjoy, respect and connect with Oregon's state forests.
 - Next steps: finalize vision development process, developing budget guidance for REI in FY18, develop options to create staff capacity (further explore opportunities with donations, grants, concessionaire, sponsors, partnerships and volunteer coordination), further develop and implement an REI communications plan.
 - Zach – Good to see that we're taking a renewed look into recreation.
 - Adam asked if there were any legal hurdles to doing partnerships with private entities.
- Workforce Futuring – Brian Pew
 - Creating a blueprint to build the future of State Forest's workforce
 - Goals include; being collaborative, nimble, technological and engaging
 - Scope: establishing core business, staffing levels, position duties, organizational structure contracting strategy location of positions
 - Putting on a workshop for managers next week.
 - Adam Meyer – asked if there was much conversation with other agencies to see if there was any overlap.
 - Looking at having the blueprint done by April 2018 with a 3-year implementation plan.
- IP Revisions and Modifications

Lunchtime Presentation – Leslie Shaw, SFAC Member

- Leslie is a member of OHA. They do all sorts of volunteer projects in the woods; scotch broom eradication, trash clean up, re-seeding grass, etc.
- They usually use a shooting mat when they are target shooting.

Division Updates – Ongoing Business

- Lawsuits
 - Linn County Class Action Lawsuit – pre-trial hearings will happen in January.
 - NOI Coho – ready if it moves forward
- HCP Grant Process – Agreement with the services for how you handle threatened and endangered species. First step would be to do a business case analysis. Second phase would be the effort; develop plan. Third is NEPA and federal side of things.
- FMP – revitalizing efforts with BOF in January.
- Division Work Plan

Public Comment

None

Close Out – Rex Storm, SFAC Chair

- Looking Ahead
 - Opportunities for input from SFAC. Doodle Poll for level of involvement; could be anywhere from receiving updates, providing input, and very interested in being involved. Topics include:
 - Workforce Futuring Project
 - HCP
 - FMP
 - Implementation levels of FMP
 - Marketing
 - REI Workgroup
 - IP modifications
 - Tentative 2018 Meeting Dates – watch email for confirmed dates
 - New member orientation would be sometime in Feb/Mar
 - April 27th
 - Summer tour – week of June 18th
 - Fall Meeting – October 19th
- Potential Future Meeting Topics
 - Tour ideas – Eagle Creek or Bull Run watershed (outside ODF)
 - Nehalem
 - Tour of the 5 structure types
 - A tour highlighting project investments
- Action Items

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