

OREGON BOARD OF FORESTRY
2023 Tour, Social, and Retreat in Wallowa County

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, Field Tour, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Enterprise, Oregon. Starting point at Cloverleaf Hall on Wallowa County Fairgrounds, 600 NW 1st St, Enterprise, OR 97828. The field tour itinerary will be posted a week leading up to the tour date. Members of the public wishing to join the tour are asked to bring their lunch and RSVP to boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov **by 5 p.m. Friday, April 21** to secure a seat with ODF. Carpooling is encouraged, and parking will be adjacent to the Wallowa County Fairgrounds. The field tour will highlight collaborative partnerships, new east side stream rules implementation, and forest legacy funding in northeast Oregon.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, Community Spotlight and Board Social, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Joseph, Oregon. Town Social will be in the Thunder Room, 405 W Wallowa Ave, Joseph, OR 97846. This informal event is open to the public, with an opportunity to connect with the Board members, and no online access is available. For any questions, contact Board Support at (503) 945-7210 or by email at boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov. Community Spotlight on Wallowa County with discussion on resilient forests, forest products infrastructure, and the tie to healthy economies.

Thursday, April 27, 2023, Retreat Day, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and located at Cloverleaf Hall, 600 NW 1st St, Enterprise, OR 97828. This hybrid retreat offers the Board and Department leadership the opportunity to connect and explore policy issues in an informal setting. No public comment or testimony will be accepted during the retreat, but the public can observe the retreat in person or via live stream on the department’s YouTube page. Retreat materials are available on the web <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Board/Pages/BOFMeetings.aspx>.

The link to view the Board of Forestry Retreat is available at
<https://www.youtube.com/oregondepartmentofforestry/live>

April 26th Field Tour Schedule

Northeast Oregon District

7:30 a.m.	Parking and building accessible at Wallowa County Fairground, walk to Cloverleaf Hall
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.	<u>Welcome comments & Vehicle assignments</u> Cloverleaf Hall, Wallowa County Fairground <u>A. Field Tour (RSVP)</u>Register in advance and online
8:15 – 9:00	Travel time to the first stop
9:00 – 10:00	<u>Tour Stop One</u> Minam Wildlife Area (NW of Wallowa)
10:00 – 11:15	Travel time to the second stop
11:15 – 12:15	<u>Tour Stop Two</u>Whiskey Creek (NE of Wallowa)
12:30 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:15	Travel time to the third stop
2:15 – 4:00	<u>Tour Stop Three & Field tour close out</u> East Moraine Community Forest
4:00 p.m.	Field tour concludes

April 27th Retreat Schedule

Enterprise, Oregon

Retreat Objectives: Continuation of Board and Executive Team member joint engagement in revising the Forestry Program for Oregon (FPFO), the strategic planning document for policy decisions.

Retreat Facilitator: Robin Harkless

- 9:00 Opening Comments and Debrief Community Event
- 9:30 Retreat Overview and Frame for the Day
- 9:45 FPFO Draft Overview
Vision, Joint Mission, Organizational Purpose, and Principles
Brief Recap of Climate Smart Forestry
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Goals Discussion
FPFO Subcommittee will share their latest thinking on the suite of Goals, and invite a deeper dive into building strategy ideas related to resilient communities.
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Goals Discussion Continued
- 1:30 Wrap Up + Closing Comments
Revisit the values work from the October 2022 retreat and the overall FPFO process plan. Discuss accomplishments, the FPFO Subcommittee's next steps, and the opportunities for engagement with this work.
- 2:30 Adjourn



Oregon Board of Forestry – Public Field Tour

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Board of Forestry is meeting in Enterprise on April 26 and 27 and will host a public field tour, community social and strategic planning retreat. An agenda for the series of events scheduled in the Northeast Oregon area is available on the Board's meetings webpage.

The theme of the public field tour is *Community Forestry – collaboration, resilience, and infrastructure ties to healthy economies*. The tour will include three stops:

- 1) Minam Wildlife Area located northwest of Wallowa
- 2) Whiskey Creek, northeast of Wallowa
- 3) East Moraine Community Forest, near Wallowa Lake

The discussion will focus on collaborative partnerships, new stream rules implementation, and the benefits of community forests in Northeast Oregon. Each tour stop will have informal presentations from federal and state agencies, private forestland managers, county, tribe, and non-profit affiliates with an opportunity for Board questions. Upon conclusion of the tour, the Board will discuss key takeaways.

There will be no online option for participation, but audio from each tour stop will be posted on the department's meeting webpage following the tour, <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Pages/bofmeetings.aspx>.

Field Tour Itinerary

- 7:30 Meet at the Wallowa County Fairground, Cloverleaf Hall. Check-in at the conference room connected to the main hall.
- 8:00 Welcome by State Forester Cal Mukumoto and Matt Howard, ODF Northeast Oregon District Forester. Vehicle assignments are confirmed at registration.
- 8:00 – 8:05 Groups divided by vehicle assignments and loaded into ODF vans or field vehicles.
- 8:15 – 9:00 Travel time to the first stop
- 9:00 – 10:00 **Tour Stop One: Minam Wildlife Flat Area**
The discussion will speak about historical use, the purpose for acquisition, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) involvement, phase 1 and phase 2. Additional topic on wildlife areas in the Grande Ronde watershed, purpose, operational activities, and role of an Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) Forester.

Speakers: Steve McClelland, Manulife Land Sales Support Manager, Jon Paustain, ODFW Regional Wildlife Habitat Biologist, Dan Marvin, Wildlife Area Manager, and Sarah Anderson, ODFW Wildlife Forester

Reference links: <https://youtu.be/ADMmzy9bpSM> video about the Minam Wildlife area and recent acquisition efforts.
- 10:00 – 11:15 Travel time to the second stop
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Tour Stop Two: Whiskey Creek**
The discussion will focus on the recently updated Forest Practice Act stream rules, a practical application of the stream rules on the eastside, and an update on the overall implementation of the Private Forest Accord.

Speakers: Tim Cudmore, ODF Stewardship Forester, Joseph Goebel ODF Stewardship Forester, Todd Kurtz, Manulife Silviculture Area Manager, Mike Kreachbaum, Manulife Forester, and Josh Barnard, ODF Forest Resources Division Chief

12:30 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:15 Travel time to the third stop

2:15 – 4:00 **Tour Stop Three & field tour close out at East Moraine Community Forest**

The discussion will highlight the purpose and acquisition of this community forest, funding-related, cultural elements, collaborative participation, and diverse management objectives. Additional perspectives will include grazing, forestry, and recreation nexus with this project.

Speakers: John Hillock, Wallowa County Commissioner, Kathleen Ackley, Wallowa Land Trust, Nils Christoffersen, Wallowa Resources Executive Director, Larry Nall, Forestry Consultant, Marci Schreder, Wallowa Resources Program Director, Nakia Williamson, Nez Perce Tribe Cultural Resources Director, and Amy Singh, U.S.F.S Forest Legacy Program Manager.

Reference links: <https://morainecampaign.org/> webpage lists benefits for supporting the East Moraine acquisition, a map of the location, a description of the geology, and a video spotlighting the intention for this work. <https://co.wallowa.or.us/east-moraine-community-forest/>, the Wallowa County webpage highlights the community vision for East Moraine, the associated management plan, values, and the history of the land.

4:00 p.m. Field tour concludes

Public Participation at Field Tour

- Please dress and prepare appropriately for local weather and a moderate amount of walking over uneven, rocky, or snowy terrain. Close-toed shoes and warm attire are recommended.
- Members of the public wishing to join the tour must provide their own lunch and water.
- There will be no online option for participation, but a recording highlighting the tour stops will be posted to the ODF [Board meeting webpage](#) following the tour.
- If you require special accommodations for the tour, contact the Board Administrator at hilary.olivos-rood@odf.oregon.gov, at least 72 hours prior to the event date.
- The scheduled tour times listed on the itinerary are approximate. Oregon Department of Forestry has the discretion to modify the tour presenters, stop locations, tour route, or timing if unforeseen circumstances occur.
- Individuals confirmed to attend the tour must sign a ride-along waiver before a seat assignment is provided. In an effort to limit the number of vehicles traveling on forest roads, participants are asked to consider riding in the vehicles provided by ODF, or if not, carpooling in all-terrain vehicles.
- In case of an emergency, please dial 911.

The Department and Board will remain in compliance with safety guidelines or measures as it relates to COVID-19, locally (oregon.gov/oha/pages/Wallowa-County), statewide ([OHA.gov](https://oha.gov)), and nationally ([CDC.gov](https://cdc.gov)).

Parking and Building Access for Tour Initiation

Cloverleaf Hall, Wallowa County Fairgrounds

600 NW 1st St, Enterprise, OR 97828

Parking is complimentary and located adjacent to the fairgrounds arena, off of NW Garfield St.

ODF vehicle passengers will be returned to Cloverleaf Hall upon the conclusion of the tour.



Stop 1) Minam Wildlife

Latitude 45.6075 N

Longitude -117.7298 W

One-way direction of traffic with a turnaround located at the bottom of the road.

Stop 2) Whiskey Creek

Latitude 45.6258 N

Longitude -117.3978 W

One-way direction of traffic with a narrow area to turnaround, located at about mile 6 up the road. Assistance to turnaround may be required.

Stop 3) East Moraine

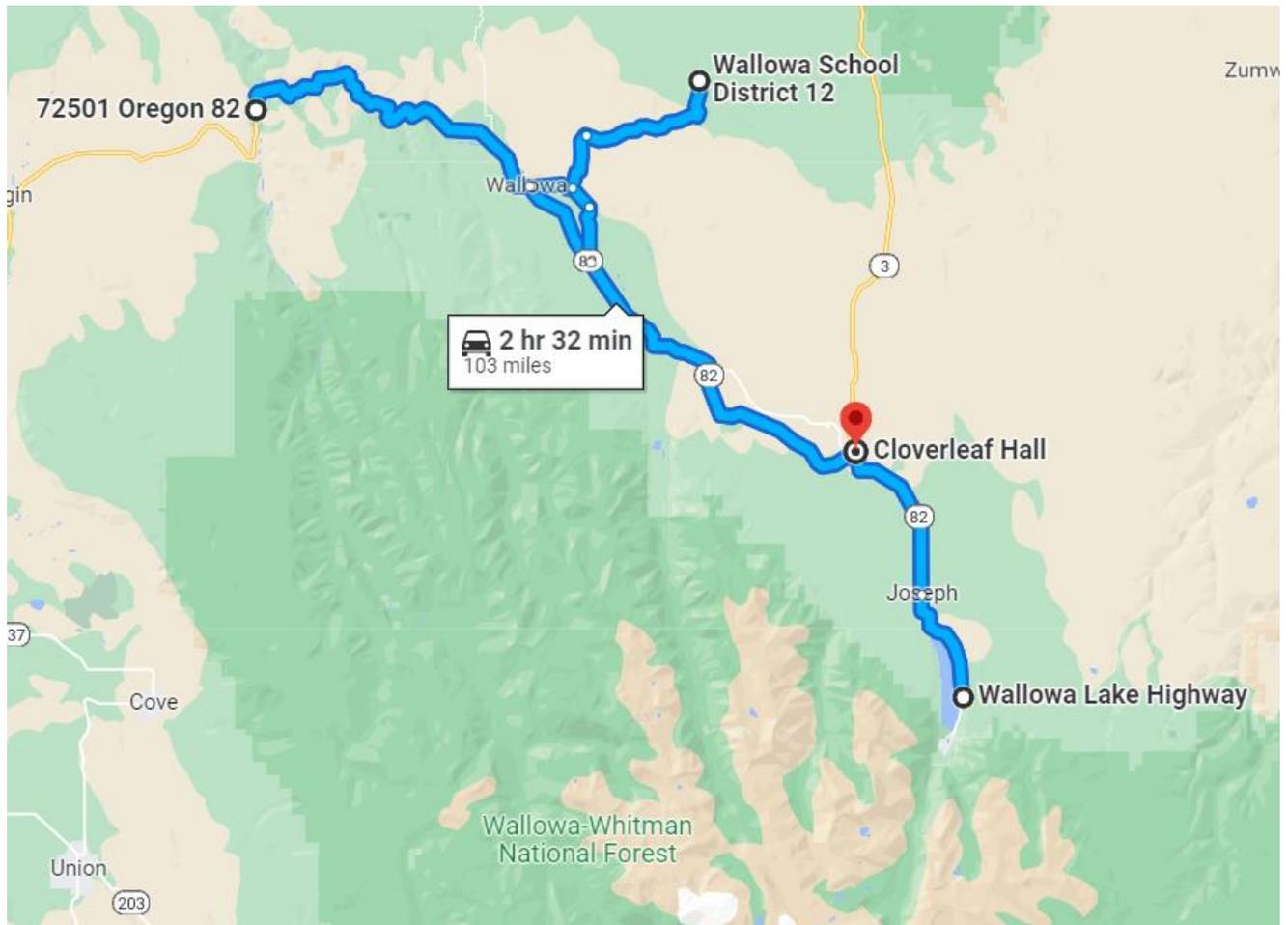
Latitude 45.300 N

Longitude -117.199 W

Park at the base of the trailhead. If you pass the parking area, there are turnouts located near the trailhead, and walk to meet at the base of the trail.

Google map link, <https://goo.gl/maps/f29GzyhJsXrzg4A18>

Recommend downloading a map before travel, as some areas have limited service.



Forestry Program for Oregon

Oregon Board of Forestry

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Strategic Planning Document

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Shared Vision -developed at October 2022 retreat

Complex and resilient forest ecosystems that endure and adapt

Joint Mission - developed by FPFO subcommittee on 1/18

The joint Mission of the BOF and ODF is to promote and guide management of Oregon forests and fire to benefit all Oregonians.

Values - under development, will be informed by October 2022 Board / ET retreat discussions and community engagement efforts within this process.

Agency Purpose - developed by ODF Executive Team and reviewed by FPFO subcommittee

Engage communities, staff, and resources to sustain and adapt forests and landscapes for social, economic, and ecological benefits.

Agency Principles - developed and refined by ODF Executive Team as of 4/13/23

- *Understanding and honoring the complexity of the relationships Oregonians have with their natural resources and recognizing the value of diverse objectives across ownerships.*
- *Creating and maintaining a diverse, equitable and inclusive organization that houses a well-trained, service-focused workforce.*
- *Honoring our government-to-government relationships with the Sovereign Nations the state of Oregon shares land with.*
- *Building and maintaining diverse, inclusive, and trust-based relationships with Oregonians, partners, urban and rural communities, and local governments through collaboration, communication, transparency and accountability.*
- *Using technology, best available science and recognized best practices to guide agency operations to build and enhance the resiliency of Oregon's forests, reduce the impacts of climate change, minimize wildfire impacts and encourage biodiversity.*
- *Promoting economic development and diversification in the forest sector that promotes the adaptive capacity of forests.*

About the Board of Forestry (est. 1907):

-under development, ODF Public Affairs drafting

About the Department of Forestry (est. 1911):

-under development, ODF Public Affairs drafting

Climate-Smart Forestry in Oregon for a Resilient Future

- drafted by ODF technical staff

Climate-smart forestry is a holistic approach for addressing the management needs related to the existential pressures exerted from climate change. Recent impacts go beyond the biotic aspects of the forest and include social dimensions including economics and State financial obligations. Abiotic and biotic forces are driving a divergence of existing ecosystems and the future environment.

The Oregon Department of Forestry and the Oregon Board of Forestry have accepted a definition of climate-smart forestry that includes three legs: adaptation, mitigation, and the social dimension (including communities and economic aspects). Building the Forestry Program for Oregon around this stool will help the Board and the Department be in line with each other on climate policy. It also helps to align the work the State is doing with its federal counterparts which have been directed to center climate-smart agriculture and forestry in their own work and processes.

So, what does a climate-smart forestry framework look like?

In previous iterations of the Forestry Program for Oregon, the Board has identified sustainable forest management as a key principle. Climate-smart forestry has been built out of sustainable agriculture and links with previous efforts to build criterion and indicators for sustainable forest management, like the Montreal Protocol.

Starting with **adaptation**. The changing environment has passed through tipping points that forests are unlikely to move back through. Forests see this through more extreme events, longer and more severe fire seasons, and a megadrought not seen since the dark ages (roughly 1200 years ago). These impacts do not spare any management approach or landowner. Adaptation policy can help forests adapt towards more resilient landscapes through human intervention. Changing forest structure, different management approaches, and incentivizing efforts to incorporate climate change into management decisions will be key. Additionally, providing tools that help forest landowners and managers assess their vulnerability to climate change can have broad benefits.

Next think of climate (or atmospheric carbon) **mitigation**. To reach internationally accepted targets (global temperature rise less than 1.5°C) to limit catastrophic impacts from climate change the global population will need to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as well as work on adaptation measures. Natural climate solutions like forests, agricultural lands, and blue carbon all offer options to increase this mitigation through biologic sequestration. Forests, especially those on the west side of the state, are widely regarded as being highly capable ecosystems for this needed sequestration. Policy approaches and levers that can be utilized include incentivizing practices to increase stored carbon in the forests, forest products, reducing emissions from forest activities (e.g., limiting slash burning and increasing alternative slash use), among others.

Social license to achieve the other parts of CSF comes from the **social dimension**, a bifurcated part of CSF. Made up of communities and economies, this social aspect of CSF considers the impacts of adaptation and mitigation action on people, personal and community health, and community and rural economies. Utilizing climate-smart forestry to create healthy, resilient forests that also provide ecosystem and economic benefits can help lift disadvantaged, underserved, natural resource dependent, and those living with intergenerational poverty. This adaptive management will require a sea change from past management and there are

opportunities for increased partnership with both public and private entities as well as community-based organizations and the people that they serve.

Climate-smart forestry will be used to stitch together the various aspects of this FPFO and will be present in each of the various goals that the Board and Department have mutually developed. More on this context, the structure of the goals and their assessment is on the following pages.

Terms and Definitions Key:

Goals are the high level policy areas of importance to the Board and Agency.

Each goal identifies partners ODF and the BOF need to achieve the goals, and the actions describe where ODF is assumed to lead the action, influence the action, or co-perform with action with others.

Strategies are the broad brushes that are used to successfully achieve a goal.

The strategies should reflect the Climate Smart Forestry lens to address climate adaptation, mitigation, and social dimensions of forestry.

Metrics gauge the measurable changes to specific goals and strategies. Metrics will be determined through:

- consideration of available data, resources, and ability to measure and track the metric;
- identifying those actions the board and department have the ability to alter or influence; and
- include the ability to look back in time as well as project into the future to ascertain if the Action and Strategy are meeting the intended targets.

Challenges identify barriers to achieving the goal. These can be social, economic or environmental.

Actions are the operational aspects of the FPFO and are largely identified by agency leadership working together with the Board.

Goals - goal headings developed / refined by FPFO Subcommittee, as of 4/19

NOTE FROM FPFO SUBCOMMITTEE (4/19 Subcommittee discussions)

- Adaptation, mitigation and social dimensions are different and important prongs that should show up as distinct strategies in all goals.
- Distinguish what the Agency and Board can directly lead on and what it can partner/influence others to do.

Maintaining biodiversity and promoting functional and dynamic ecosystems.

Definition/Identification: (Notes from FPFO subcommittee 4/19)

- This is the framework to support all other goals; is foundational and also should remain distinct / stand alone from the other goals.
- ***What is the range of ecosystem processes*** (disturbance resistance/resilience, full range of plant and animal species, clean water, long lasting resilient forest products system)?

Strategies: *to be developed and reflect the following three Climate Smart Forestry pillars*

1. Mitigation
2. Adaptation
3. Social

Metrics: *to be developed by the Agency after Strategies and Goals are determined*

Challenges:

Actions:

Partners, Partner Agencies and Constituents:

- Sovereign Tribes
- USDA Forest Service
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Forest Collaboratives and related groups
- Forest Industry and related groups

Climate Leadership:

Definition/Identification:

(Notes from FPFO subcommittee 4/19)

- ***What role do we play in climate leadership?***
- Opportunity to be visionary and bold.
- High level broad policies, directives and statements that help move the Agency and others forward.
- Areas for potential leadership include land management, regulatory, fire/mitigation.
- Engage with other Boards and Commissions on a more holistic vision.

Strategies: *to be developed and reflect the following three Climate Smart Forestry pillars*

1. Mitigation
2. Adaptation
3. Social

Metrics: *to be developed by the Agency after Strategies and Goals are determined*

Challenges:

Actions:

Partners, Partner Agencies and Constituents:

Resilient Communities

Definition/Identification

(Notes from FPFO Subcommittee):

- ***How do we define the role of forests in contributing to community resiliency?***
- Healthy life, livelihood, and access to the forests
- Human-centric goal - Includes economic opportunities, access to forests, human health.
- Communities across Oregon should be seen in this, and are affected differently. How can we capture the array of strategies to reflect various community interactions with the forest.

Strategies: *to be developed and reflect the following three Climate Smart Forestry pillars (4/27/23 Board Retreat topic)*

4. Mitigation
5. Adaptation
6. Social

Metrics: *to be developed by the Agency after Strategies and Goals are determined*

Challenges:

Actions:

Partners, Partner Agencies and Constituents:

Organizational Excellence: *drafted by ODF Executive Team, as of 4/13/23*

Definition/Identification

Oregon state agencies have an obligation to the Oregonians they serve to continually improve business processes to promote organizational efficiency and effectiveness in their delivery of services. This includes being transparent, accountable and fiscally responsible. In order to achieve this, ODF's operations must be integrated and aligned through shared common policies, goals and objectives that support direction provided by the Board, Executive Branch and Legislature. Engaging with partners, urban and rural communities, local governments and Sovereign Nations is essential. Operational excellence requires a well-trained, highly competent and diverse staff of professionals.

Strategies:

1. Create and maintain strategic and operational plans that support accomplishment of FPFO goals.
2. Collaboratively develop strategic and operational plans.
3. Work with other state and federal agencies to leverage efficiencies and opportunities to accomplish individual and shared goals and objectives.
4. Increase transparency into agency operations and performance through clear, accurate and easily accessible reporting.
5. Continue to build a strong and diverse agency workforce.
6. Establish and maintain visible regulatory programs with consistent enforcement of laws and rules.

Metrics:

1. Board, ODF staff, external agencies, stakeholders and public indicate that common themes of FPFO are clearly visible and understood in other agency plans.
2. Clear reporting of engagement process for plans from standing advisory committees and workgroups created for specific planning efforts.
3. Monitoring plans that clearly articulate the efficient use of ODF and external resources.
4. Usage statistics for dashboards and number of information requests received that are answered by existing dashboards.
5. Reporting on recruitment venues used and diversity statistics on candidate pools and resulting hires.
6. Number of agreements with colleges and universities, numbers of interns and diversity statistics on interns.

Challenges:

- Current unfunded positions in the Planning Branch to help coordinate plan development across the agency.
- Lack of consistent process for engagement of tribes, partners, stakeholders and public in planning processes. Some standing committees not being leveraged to their full potential.
- Monitoring positions and processes that are contained within different divisions.
- Lack of existing dashboards and integration of supporting information systems across agency.
- (Need HR help on challenges for recruiting)
- Lack of existing intern program and cost of sustaining program.

Actions:

- Transparency: Create and maintain dashboards for key metrics that are publicly available on ODF's external website. Provide internal and external access to areas of interest like status of enforcement actions, budget setting process, and public records requests.
- Workforce: Continue to incorporate DEI tools into ODF hiring practices and expand advertising of recruiting positions to broaden employee diversity.
- Workforce: Reconstitute and expand intern program.

Partners, Partner Agencies and Constituents:

- DAS
- Sibling state agencies
- Universities and community colleges