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**SUMMARY**

This agenda item includes an update on the appointment for members of the Committee for Forestlands (CFF). One nomination has been submitted to fill the NW Landowner Representative position (David Bugni).

**CONTEXT**

The CFF, a standing committee to the Board, provides advice to the Board and the State Forester on methods to help improve the vitality of family forestlands, including improving owners’ ability to manage and market their timber and other forest products. The CFF continues to evaluate the impact of policy and regulatory changes on family forestland owners.

**BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

CFF members serve three-year appointments that generally run from July through June (Attachment 1). There are seven voting members, including four family forestland owners, one forest industry representative, one conservation community representative, and one citizen-at-large. The CFF currently has six ex-officio members representing Oregon State University College of Forestry, the State Forester, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, public land managers, logging/forestry consulting interests, and small forestland owner groups.

Currently, the CFF NW Landowner Representative position is vacant, due to the departure of Scott Hayes on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department recommends the appointment of David Bugni as the NW Landowner Representative member of the CFF. His biography is noted in Attachment 2.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) CFF Voting Members Appointment Schedule
- (2) New Member Nomination Biography

## Proposed Committee for Family Forestlands Voting Members Appointment Schedule

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Proposed schedule for CFF members' appointments / reappointments. New Voting Members, Chair and Vice Chair to be appointed by the Board of Forestry.

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Citizen at Large <b>Wendy Gerlach</b> (Chair)	2020				June 30 X
Conservation Community <b>Kaola Swanson</b> (Vice Chair)	2019			June 30 X	
Forest Industry <b>Eric Kranzush</b>	2023				June 30
Southern Oregon Area <b>Gary Jensen</b>	2021		June 30		
Landowner at Large <b>Kate McMichael</b>	2021		June 30		
Eastern Oregon Area <b>Maurizio Valerio</b>	2021		June 30		
Northwest Oregon Area <b>David Bugni</b>	2023				June 30

X = have or will have served two terms, not eligible for reappointment, and a new member must be nominated.

## David Bugni

David Bugni graduated from Oregon State University with a BS in Civil Engineering (1983) and a MS in Structural Engineering and Mechanics from the University of California, Berkeley (1984). David began his OSU studies in forest science then forest engineering prior to transferring to civil engineering in his senior year. He practiced structural engineering for over 30 years, owning his own business from 1996 - 2016 until retiring in 2016.

The Bugni family has been small woodland owners for 32 years on 101 acres in rural Estacada, Oregon. David and his wife have two grown children. David wrote the family's forest management plan in 2013 (updated in 2023). The family was the 2020 Clackamas County Woodland Farmer of the Year and the 2021 State of Oregon Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year. (They are currently being considered for Western Region Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year, with a decision expected later this year.) The Bugni's last commercial logging project, by contract, was a 20-acre thinning of 50 year old timber in 2014. Additionally, the Bugni family was awarded the joint ODF/ODFW "Fish & Wildlife Steward Award – Forest Lands" for 2019 for the Northwest Oregon region, Non-Industrial Forestlands category. In 2021, David received the Partnership Award from the Pacific Northwest Region of the US Forest Service for "example-setting land stewardship and outreach in aquatic restoration." David is also a Master Woodland Manager (OSU Extension Service).

David currently serves on the board of the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association (Secretary/Treasurer), is the Board Chair of the Clackamas River Basin Council, a member of the Clackamas Stewardship Partners, a member of the Clackamas County Climate Action Task Force, the President of the Friends of the Estacada Public Library and the past chair of the Estacada School Board (term ended in 2005). David is active on the Governmental Affairs Team of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) and is a board member of the Oregon Tree Farm System. In 2022 he also served on the OSWA Riparian sub-committee that assisted ODF during the drafting of rules for the Private Forest Accord and is currently a member of the ODF Adaptive Management Program Committee (AMPC).

The Bugni family has been active for many years in voluntary riparian area improvements and fish habitat restoration activities within, and adjacent to, the creek (a medium, type SSBT) that flows through their property and has been successful in receiving over \$500,000 in grants in support of such work on their property and adjacent neighbors' lands. In late 2021, David wrote a \$294,000 grant to the ODF Small Forestland Grant (SFG) program and was subsequently awarded funds for extensive fuels reduction work within his community under funding from SB 762. This project, "The George Community Fuels Reduction" treated about 120 acres across seven adjacent forestland owners' properties to reduce fuel loads through a combination of precommercial thinning, masticating, chipping, pruning and invasive weed control. In 2022, David was awarded a \$286,000 ODFW-funded grant to remove and replace a culvert on nearby property, which was a barrier to fish passage on Little Eagle Creek, with a new, much larger culvert that is in conformance with the design requirements of the Private Forest Accord.

When David is not participating in these activities, he is often found walking through the family's property enjoying the beauty of the surrounding forestland.