

# **FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION**

## **ANNUAL RULE REVIEW MEETING REPORT 2025**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This report describes the annual meetings the State Forester conducted during 2025, to ensure proper coordination among state agencies with an interest in the forest environment and Forest Practice rule sufficiency. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 629-605-0110 states, “The State Forester shall, at least once each year, meet with other state agencies concerned with the forest environment to review the Forest Practice Rules relative to sufficiency. The State Forester shall then report to the Board of Forestry a summary of such meeting or meetings together with recommendations for amendments to rules, new rules, or repeal of rules.”

Annual meetings are offered individually to natural resource agencies and other agencies that often collaborate or coordinate with the Department on forest resource issues. In addition to discussing forest practice issues, meetings are used to discuss a range of Department programs and state agency coordination. A decision to hold a formal meeting is based upon the relative importance of the issues identified during pre-meeting planning, the adequacy of ongoing coordination, and the preference of the invited agency.

### **SUMMARY OF MEETING RESULTS**

There were no specific recommendations for Forest Practice rule changes. Topics discussed, potential action items, and follow-up actions occurring as a result at the meetings are described in this report.

### **MEETINGS HELD IN 2025**

08/06/25	Oregon Forest Resources Institute
10/06/25	Department of State Lands
10/13/25	Oregon Department of Agriculture
10/30/25	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
11/19/25	Department of Land Conservation & Development
12/15/25	Oregon Health Authority – Public Health Division
02/09/26	Columbia River Gorge Commission

No Response: Oregon State University Extension / OSU College of Forestry  
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Department of Geology & Mineral Industries  
Oregon Department of Emergency Management  
Oregon Parks & Recreation Department  
Oregon Department of Transportation

Declined: Oregon Water Resources Department  
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon Department of Revenue

# Oregon Forest Resources Institute

August 6, 2025

## ATTENDEES:

### **Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI)**

Jim Paul, Executive Director

Julie Woodward, Deputy Director

### **Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)**

Kate Skinner, Interim State Forester

Tim Holschbach, Interim Deputy State Forester

Josh Barnard, Forest Resources Division Chief

Mike Kroon, All Lands Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division

Kyle Abraham, Forest Practices and Monitoring Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division

Chrystal Bader, Executive Support

## TOPICS:

- Partnership for Forestry Education
- Public Opinion Survey
- OFRI Initiatives / Projects

## ACTION ITEMS:

1. ODF to look into OFRI attending / presenting at January 2026 BOF meeting; will also determine if another forum is appropriate for broader outreach (ODF Leadership Team or All Staff Meeting).
2. ODF Public Affairs (Joy Krawczyk) to reach out to Jordan Inca (Public Affairs Specialist) if contact not already made, to ensure coordination and collaboration needs are being met for both agencies.
3. Potential for orientation of new State Forester if no prior knowledge of OFRI.

## **Department of State Lands**

**October 6, 2025**

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### **Department of State Lands (DSL)**

Kaitlin Lovell, Director

Bill Ryan, Deputy Director of Operations

Chris Castelli, Deputy Director, Land Management

Darren Goodding, Forester – Elliott State Forest

Ryan Singleton, Forester (non-Elliott & non-ODF managed lands)

#### **Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)**

Tim Holschbach, Interim Deputy State Forester

Josh Barnard, Forest Resources Division Chief

Scott Swearingen, Field Support Manager, Forest Resources Division

Mike Wilson, State Forests Division Chief

Chrystal Bader, Executive Support

### **TOPICS:**

- Agency Organizational Structure
- Elliott State Research Forest
- Forest Land Conversions
- Private Forest Accord Implementation Update
- HCP Update
- MOA Review

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. ODF (Tim) to follow up with DSL (Ryan) on current landowner rates.
2. ODF (Tim) to follow up with DSL on ODF's plans for the Elliott State Forest sign currently in the History Museum (Bldg. A – Salem ODF HQ) as they would like to display it at Shutter Creek.
3. DSL to follow up with ODF (Kyle A) regarding attendees and assistance with coordination of interagency trainings.
4. Future follow up needed on Senate Bill 1501 pass through protection for other HCPs.
5. ODF (Tim) to follow-up with DSL on additional payment to BLM for fire suppression costs related to HB 3940.

## Department of Agriculture

October 13, 2025

### ATTENDEES:

#### **Department of Agriculture (ODA)**

Lisa Charpiloz Hanson, Director

Jonathan Sandau, Deputy Director

Lindsay Eng, Deputy Director

Isaak Stapleton, Natural Resources Division Director

Chris Benneman, Plant Conservation and Protection Division Director

#### **Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)**

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Josh Barnard, Forest Resources Division Chief

Kyle Abraham, Forest Practices and Monitoring Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division

Mike Kroon, All Lands Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division

Matt Mills, Emerald Ash Borer Support Specialist, Forest Resources Division

Adam Coble, Forest Health & Monitoring Manager, Forest Resources Division

Chrystal Bader, Executive Support

### TOPICS:

- Land Use Conversions
- TMDL Reporting & Collaboration
- Private Forest Accord Implementation
- Water Quality
- Pesticides
- SOD / EAB

### ACTION ITEMS:

1. ODF to send interagency MOU on land use conversions to ODA for review.
2. ODF and ODA to work toward more collaboration on TMDLs.
3. ODF to follow up with ODA (Chris Benneman) as more is learned about SOD funding.

## Department of Environmental Quality

October 30, 2025

### ATTENDEES:

#### **Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**

Leah Feldon, Director  
Jennifer Wigal, Water Quality Division Administrator  
Michael Orman, Air Quality Planning Section Manager  
Benjamin Benninghoff, Stormwater Program Manager  
Mia Pan, Program Analyst, Watershed Management

#### **Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)**

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Josh Barnard, Forest Resources Division Chief  
Kyle Abraham, Forest Practices and Monitoring Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division  
Mike Kroon, All Lands Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division  
Scott Swearingen, Field Support Unit Manager, Forest Resources Division  
Adam Coble, Forest Health & Monitoring Manager, Forest Resources Division  
Jennifer Ward, HCP Reporting & Training Unit Manager, Forest Resources Division  
Levi Hopkins, Deputy Chief, Policy & Planning, Fire Protection Division  
John Tokarczyk, Resources Planning Unit Manager  
Chrystal Bader, Executive Support

### TOPICS:

- Agency Organizational Structure
- TMDLs and CZARA
- Forest Practices Act
- Smoke Management / Biomass Utilization
- Forest Conversions

### ACTION ITEMS:

1. ODF and DEQ will work to identify liaisons for EQC and BOF.
2. ODF to share final 2025 interagency meetings report with DEQ.
3. DEQ to reach out to Governor's Office congressional liaison (Annie McCollough) for status of "Alternatives to Burning" report.
4. DEQ (Jennifer Wigal) to reach out to ODF (Kyle A.) regarding pesticide application general permit update.

## **Department of Land Conservation & Development**

**November 19, 2025**

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### **Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD)**

Brenda Bateman, Director  
Kristin Greene, Deputy Director  
Josh Hardage, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer  
Alexis Hammer, Legislative & Policy Manager  
Lisa Phipps, Ocean / Coastal Services Division Manager  
Gordon Howard, Community Services Division Manager  
Matt Crall, Planning Services Division Manager  
Palmer Mason, Interagency Policy Coordinator

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Mike Kroon, All Lands Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division  
Adam Coble, Forest Health & Monitoring Manager, Forest Resources Division  
Scott Altenhoff, Urban & Community Assistance Program Manager, Forest Resources Division  
Jennifer Ward, HCP Reporting & Training Unit Manager, Forest Resources Division  
John Tokarczyk, Resources Planning Unit Manager  
Christie Shaw, National Fire Plan Coordinator, Fire Protection Division  
Chrystal Bader, Executive Support

### **TOPICS:**

- Agency Organizational Structure
- State Agency Coordinator Program Agreements
- CZARA
- Community Green Infrastructure
- Implementing Updated Forest Practices Act
- Wildfire Adapted Communities Guide / Model Code 2026
- Habitat Conservation Plan Update

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. ODF (Kyle A.) to follow up with DLCD (Gordon) regarding City of Tigard request.

## **Oregon Health Authority – Public Health Division**

**December 15, 2025**

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### **Public Health Division, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)**

Dr. Naomi Adeline-Biggs, Public Health Director  
Andre Ourso, Center Administrator for Center for Health Protection  
Gabriela Goldfarb, Manager for Environmental Public Health Section

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Jennifer Ward, HCP Reporting & Training Unit Manager, Forest Resources Division  
Levi Hopkins, Interim Deputy Chief of Policy & Planning, Fire Protection Division  
Chrystal Bader, Executive Support

### **TOPICS:**

- Agency Organizational Structure
- Prescribed Burning & Smoke Management Program
- Electronic Notification Subscriber Portal
- Pesticide Topics
- Occupational Health Issues
- Drinking Water Topics
- Urban & Community Forestry
- Private Forest Accord Implementation

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. ODF (Scott A.) to follow up to connect on Urban & Community Forestry Program.
2. Prescribed Burning/Smoke Management coordination.

## **Columbia River Gorge Commission**

February 9, 2026

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### **Columbia River Gorge Commission**

Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director

Lisa Naas Cook, Climate Program Manager

Mike Schrankel, GIS Manager

#### **Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)**

Tim Holschbach, Interim Deputy State Forester

Josh Barnard, Forest Resources Division Chief

Kyle Abraham, Forest Practices and Monitoring Deputy Chief

Mike Kroon, All Lands Deputy Chief

John Tokarczyk, Resources Planning Unit Manager

### **TOPICS:**

- Agency Organizational Structure
- Private Forest Accord
- National Scenic Area Wildfire Risk Reduction Efforts / ODF Landscape Resiliency
  - ODF programs / incentives / initiatives
  - ODF fuel treatment / wildfire mitigation efforts overview (tracking for Vital Sign Indicators)
- Wildfire Hazard Map Updates
- Climate Change Plans

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Connect Mike S. (DEQ) with Jennifer Ward (ODF) on access to FERNS shapefiles.
2. ODF to share recent Landscape Resiliency Report with CRGC.