

STAFF REPORT

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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 Forest Industry position (Jake Ryan).

CONTEXT

The CFF, a standing committee to the Board, provides advice to the Board and the State Forester on matters relating to family forestlands, including maintaining a viable family forestland base in Oregon, and maintaining and enhancing the contributions that family forestland owners make to Oregon, including timber availability and the protection and enhancement of watersheds and fish and wildlife habitat. The CFF also evaluates the impact of forest policies 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. Additional information on the CFF can be found [here](#).

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the appointment of Jake Ryan as the Forest Industry representative 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

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

Voting Member	Appointed	2025	2026	2027	2028
Citizen at Large Wendy Gerlach (Chair)	2020		June 30 X		
Conservation Community Kaola Swanson (Vice Chair)	2019	June 30 X			
Forest Industry Jake Ryan	2025				June 30
Southern Oregon Area Gary Jensen	2021			June 30 X	
Landowner at Large Kate McMichael	2021			June 30 X	
Eastern Oregon Area Maurizio Valerio	2021			June 30 X	
Northwest Oregon Area David Bugni	2023		June 30		

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

Jake Ryan



Jake Ryan graduated from Oregon State with a BS in Forest Operations Management and a BS in Business Administration. He began working for Interfor in July of 2020 focusing on cruising and appraising timber sales in Washington. He moved into his current role as the log buyer for Interfor's Longview sawmill in October of 2021. In his current role he works to procure timber for the sawmill by working with a variety of suppliers including small private landowners in NW OR and SW WA. Jake's interest in forestry is credited to his grandfather, Vince Cooney. Growing up Jake spent many days on his grandfather's tree farm which is certified through the American Tree Farm System and attending Oregon Small Woodland Association tours. This developed a love for active forest management and a continuing desire to be a better steward of the forest. In Jake's spare time, he enjoys backpacking, traveling, finding new swimming holes, fishing/hunting, and camping with friends.