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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the appointment of new members and the re-appointment of existing members to the Regional Forest Practice Committees.

CONTEXT

ORS 527.650 requires the Board of Forestry to establish a forest practice committee for each forest region. Each committee shall consist of nine members, a majority of whom must reside in the region. Members of each committee shall be qualified by education or experience in natural resource management, and not less than two-thirds of the members of each committee shall be private landowners, private timber owners, or authorized representatives of such landowners or timber owners who regularly engage in operations.

ORS 527.660 states “[E]ach forest practice committee shall review proposed forest practice rules in order to assist the board in developing rules appropriate to the forest conditions within its region.” Regional committees have provided a forum for the public; at each meeting members of the public may participate and offer information and suggestions. The Forest Resources Division Deputy Chief serves as the secretary for all three regional committees.

BACKGROUND

Committee member appointments occur annually in September. The committee positions have staggered terms, and each year one-third of the committee members’ terms end. This approach ensures the continuity of committee work.

The department contacted committee members whose terms expire in 2025 about their interest in continued service. To fill pending resignations and existing vacancies, the department and committee chairs searched for qualified nominees with diverse backgrounds. Attachment 1 details the biographies of all new and reappointing members. Attachment 2 details the full roster for each committee.

The following recommendation shows current vacancies, recommended member reappointments and new appointments, and term expiration dates. The term expirations maintain the staggered term approach.

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends the Board make the following reappointments and new appointments:

| <u>Northwest Oregon Region:</u> | <u>Term Expiration (September)</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mike Barnes (Chair) (r) | 2028 |
| Candace Bonner (r) | 2028 |
| Rob Van Curler (n) | 2028 |
| VACANCY | 2026 |
| VACANCY | 2027 |

| <u>Southwest Oregon Region:</u> | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Chris Arnold (r) | 2028 |
| Michael Scott (r) | 2028 |
| Hunter Kjos (n) | 2028 |
| VACANCY | 2026 |
| VACANCY | 2027 |
| VACANCY | 2027 |

| <u>Eastern Oregon Region:</u> | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Bobby Douglas (r) | 2028 |
| Tim Rude (n) | 2028 |
| Travis Erickson (n) | 2028 |
| VACANCY | 2026 |
| VACANCY | 2027 |
| VACANCY | 2027 |

- (r) Reappointment
- (n) New Appointment
- (p) Public Member

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Biographies for appointments
- (2) Committee rosters

BIOGRAPHIES FOR REGIONAL FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

September 2025

NORTHWEST OREGON REGION



Biography for Mike Barnes, Chair

Mike Barnes is a forest consultant where he represents several forest and timber landowners to include Richen Tree Farms, Inc. and JTF, Inc.



Biography for Candace Bonner

Candace Bonner is a small forest owner. She grew up in Hawaii and has a B.A. from University of Hawaii at Manoa, an M.D. from John A. Burns School of Medicine, board certification in Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine, and an M.P.H. in Epidemiology from University of California Berkeley School of Public Health. She moved to Oregon in 1990 with her two young children to stay ahead of climate change. She became a small forest owner in 2002; her property crossed by a large salmon spawning stream accessed by steep hiking trails. To better manage her forest land, she enrolled as a part time student in Natural Resources Technology at the local community college, focusing on forestry and on wildlife biology, while continuing to work as a physician. In 2019, she took on a reforestation project for the Trails Club of Oregon on their Nesika property above Multnomah Falls in the total burn area of the 2017 Eagle Creek fire. She continues to manage her own property for wildlife habitat conservation, climate change mitigation, and maintenance of recreational trails.

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Biography for Rob Van Curler

Rob Van Curler is the Region Engineering Lead for the Willamette Region with Weyerhaeuser where he trains and mentors nine engineering specialists across Weyerhaeuser's Oregon operation. He joined Weyerhaeuser in 2018 and has held several roles including Engineering Specialist and Harvest Manager. His experience includes work as a forestry consultant with Pacific Forestry and as an Engineering Specialist for Roseburg Forest Products. He has a B.S. in Forest Engineering from Oregon State University. He is a lifelong Oregonian, growing up in the small town of Mapleton, where his family owns a small tree farm.

SOUTHWEST OREGON REGION



Biography for Chris Arnold

Chris Arnold is the Harvest Manager for Lone Rock Resources where he oversees harvesting performed across Lone Rock Resources property. He joined Lone Rock Resources in 2007 to work on one of the company yarder crews. In his time at Lone Rock Resources, he has worked as a forester, a logging administrator for their coastal ownership, and a logging administrator in the Umpqua Valley. His experience includes timber management, road layout, neighbor relations, harvest unit layout and preparation, and management of active harvest operations. He also spearheaded the salvage logging efforts on the company tree farm after the record-breaking snowstorm of February 2019 in the Umpqua Valley and managed the salvage efforts following the Archie Creek Fire. He is proud to serve on the Southwest Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee representing private timber owners.



Biography for Michael Scott

Michael Scott manages Mason, Bruce & Girard's North Bend office. He is focused on supplying field services for their forestland owner clients along the southern Oregon coast. He has over 14 years of experience in the timber industry and a B.S. in Forestry from Humboldt State University. His first job out of college was working on a private 585,000-acre ranch in Northern New Mexico preparing and administering timber sales, cruising timber, and wildland firefighting. He then moved to Northern California to work for a private consulting firm where he managed a satellite office. His main responsibilities were timber cruising, timber marking, and timber sale layout where he led crews from Southern Oregon to the central Sierra Nevada. After that he moved to Central Arkansas and worked for a timber company as their District Forester on an 80,000-acre district. His responsibilities included harvest planning, contract administration, road maintenance and silviculture.

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Biography for Hunter Kjos

Hunter Kjos (Black-Priest) is a forester with Mason, Bruce & Girard (MB&G), based in the Roseburg office. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, with a Forest Management and Restoration and Fire Option from Oregon State University. Hunter brings over 7 years of experience in the forestry industry, including hands-on roles operating heavy equipment for Foglio Trucking and working at Roseburg Forest Products' Lebanon Seed Orchard. Since joining MB&G in 2021, she has been involved in a wide range of forestry operations such as harvest planning, timber sale layout, silviculture planning and implementation, road inventory, maintenance and construction, GIS mapping, data management, and contract administration. She played a role in salvage layout following the Archie Creek Fire and continues to be actively involved in silviculture planning and reforestation in the affected areas. Hunter also serves as President of the Douglas County Chapter of Oregon Women in Timber, a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of forests, trees, and wood products in our daily lives. The organization promotes public understanding of sustainable forestry and its vital role in both environmental stewardship and economic health.

EASTERN OREGON REGION



Biography for Bobby Douglas

Bobby Douglas has worked in the timber industry for over 16 years. He is a Timber Resource Analysts for Green Diamond Resource Company. He is a California Registered Professional Forester. He has a B.S. in Wildlife Resources from the University of Idaho and an M.B.A. with a concentration in Business Analytics from Southern Oregon University.



Biography for Tim Rude

Tim Rude is the Owner/Operator of Rude Logging LLC and Rude Land and Timber LLC, and he manages over 1200 acres of his private timber land. Since his start in 1993, he has gained experience in most aspects of logging from starting out bumping knots to owning and operating a logging company. He is knowledgeable in pre-erosion control, riparian area repair and protection, aspen restoration, road work, working near stream, and his experience includes yarder logging. Rude Logging currently specializes in steep slope mechanized logging and ground based whole tree yarding. Rude Logging has been an Oregon Professional Logging Company certified since 2004. Tim is on the Executive Board of Directors of Associated Oregon Loggers and the Natural Resource Advisory Committee for Grant County.

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Biography for Travis Erickson

Travis Erickson is an experienced Natural Resource Manager with over 25 years of expertise in sustainable land use, ecosystem management and conservation planning. With a strong background in environmental science and resource policy, he specializes in developing and implementing strategies that balance ecological preservation with community and economic needs. He is skilled in environmental compliance, stakeholder engagement, and the integration of scientific data into practical land management solutions. He is currently serving as the Area Forest Manager for Collins Timber Company, managing timber and other natural resource assets for sustainable forest, watersheds, wildlife habitat function. He holds a degree in Forestry from Humboldt State University, and is a California Register Professional Forester. Throughout his career, he has collaborated with government agencies, tribal entities, NGOs, and private landowners to plan and implement forest resilient and post wildfire forest restoration. His passion for mixed conifer and dry pine forest drives his commitment to landscape, cross-boundary post-wildfire forest and watershed restoration.

CURRENT REGIONAL FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

September 2025

NORTHWEST OREGON REGION

| Member Name | Current Term Began | Current Term Expires | Recommended Expiration |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mike Barnes (Chair) (r) | 09/2022 | 09/2025 | 09/2028 |
| Candace Bonner (r) | 09/2022 | 09/2025 | 09/2028 |
| Rob Van Curler (n) | | 09/2025 | 09/2028 |
| Randy Silbernagel (p) | 09/2023 | 09/2026 | |
| Eric Kranzush | 09/2023 | 09/2026 | |
| [VACANT] | | 09/2026 | |
| Aaron Zweber | 09/2024 | 09/2027 | |
| Dave Wells (p) | 09/2024 | 09/2027 | |
| [VACANT] | | 09/2027 | |

SOUTHWEST OREGON REGION

| Member Name | Current Term Began | Current Term Expires | Recommended Expiration |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chris Arnold (r) | 09/2022 | 09/2025 | 09/2028 |
| Michael Scott (r) | 09/2022 | 09/2025 | 09/2028 |
| Hunter Kjos (n) | | 09/2025 | 09/2028 |
| Dana Kjos (Chair) | 09/2023 | 09/2026 | |
| Steve Swanson | 09/2024 | 09/2026 | |
| [VACANT] | | 09/2026 | |
| Kale Woosley | 09/2024 | 09/2027 | |
| [VACANT] | | 09/2027 | |
| [VACANT] | | 09/2027 | |

EASTERN OREGON REGION

| Member Name | Current Term Began | Current Term Expires | Recommended Expiration |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bobby Douglas (r) | 09/2022 | 09/2025 | 09/2028 |
| Tim Rude (n) | | 09/2025 | 09/2028 |
| Travis Erickson (n) | | 09/2025 | 09/2028 |
| Todd Kurtz | 09/2023 | 09/2026 | |
| Jeremy Grose | 09/2023 | 09/2026 | |
| [VACANT] | | 09/2026 | |
| Bob Messinger (Chair) | 09/2024 | 09/2027 | |
| [VACANT] | | 09/2027 | |
| [VACANT] | | 09/2027 | |

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