



Oregon Board of Forestry

October 26 – October 28, 2026

Board Retreat and Field Tour Agenda

Board Retreat Agenda

The retreat will be open to the public, allowing for both in-person and virtual attendance. No decisions will be made during this meeting and there will be no opportunities for public testimony. Written testimony may be submitted by emailing the following address: boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov. Testimony will be accepted prior to the meeting date and up to two weeks after the meeting has ended. Submissions should include meeting date and agenda item number/topic header with the written submission.

The field tour is open to the public. **Members of the public wishing to join the tour are asked to RSVP by emailing boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov no later than end of day, Monday, October 19, 2026.**

Individuals must sign a waiver to participate in the field tour. Those attending the tour should dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared to wear provided PPE gear including hardhat and reflective vest. Closed-toe shoes are required for a moderate amount of walking over uneven terrain. The field tour will highlight the 2026 fire response in Southwest Oregon District. Restrooms will be available and boxed lunches will be provided. The scheduled times listed on the field tour schedule 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 who may require special accommodations for the tour should contact the Board Administrator at boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov, at least 72 hours prior to the event date. Due to the nature of the activities and area where the tour will be held, this item will not be available for livestream.

In-Person Location:

Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites
2525 Ashland Street
Ashland, OR 97520

Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/OregonDepartmentofForestry>

Day 1 – October 26, 2026

Public Retreat

1:00 p.m.	1. Board Member and Executive Team Introductions, Welcome to Southern Oregon <i>Acting Chair Ben Deumling, State Forester Kacey KC, Dave Larson (Southern Oregon Area Director), Dan Quinones (SW Oregon District Forester), Members of the Board</i> This item serves as an opportunity for the Board members to provide areas of experience and interest for the board and for the ODF executive team to provide responsibilities and oversight.
2:15 p.m.	2. Agency Overview <i>Wendy Heckman (Deputy Director Agency Administration), Kate Skinner (Deputy State Forester), Kyle Williams (Deputy Director Fire Operations)</i> This item serves as an opportunity to review agency responsibilities, organizational structure, summary of the Board of Forestry's role and how it fits with larger policy context in Oregon.
3:00 p.m.	3. Break



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3:25 p.m.	4. Vision for Oregon's Forests <i>Acting Chair Ben Deumling, State Forester Kacey KC, Joy Krawczyk (Public Affairs Director)</i> Overview of Vision for Oregon's Forest and how it fits into ODF operations.
4:00 p.m.	5. Executive Session <i>Department of Justice staff</i> This item is closed to the public, except for members of the press who are permitted to attend by law. This Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection as well as to consult with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties of a public body regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed as authorized by ORS 192.660(2)(h).
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn Day 1

Day 2 – October 27, 2026 Field Tour

Tour overview will start at 8:00 a.m. at Ashland Springs Hotel (2525 Ashland Street, Ashland, Oregon).
Tour will depart at 8:30 a.m. and arrive back at Ashland Springs Hotel at 3:00 p.m.

Stop 1	6. Field Tour – Evans Creek <i>Dave Larson (Southern Oregon Area Director), Dan Quinones (SW Oregon District Forester), Nick Haile (Forest Manager)</i>
Stop 2	7. Field Tour – Landscape Restoration <i>Dave Larson (Southern Oregon Area Director) Nick Haile (Forest Manager)</i>
	LUNCH
Stop 3	8. Field Tour - TBD <i>Dave Larson (Southern Oregon Area Director) Nick Haile (Forest Manager)</i>
6:00 p.m.	Buffet Dinner for Board and Guests



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8:00 a.m.	9. Executive Order 25-26 Climate Resilience Workplan <i>John Tokarczyk (Acting Resource Planning Manager), Kate Skinner (Deputy State Forester)</i> This is an information item.
8:30 a.m.	10. Board of Forestry Workplan <i>Kate Skinner (Deputy State Forester), Michael Curran (Fire Protection Chief), Mike Wilson (State Forests Division Chief), Josh Barnard (Forest Resources Division Chief), Justin Hallett (Administration Division Chief)</i> This is an information item.
9:30 a.m.	11. Board Discussion <i>Board of Forestry members</i> Workplan priorities and discussion.
11:00 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.	12. Next Steps and Looking Ahead <i>Oregon Department of Forestry staff</i>
12:00 pm	Adjourn

NOTE: Times listed on the agenda are approximate. At the discretion of the chair, the time and order of agenda items—including the addition of breaks—may change to maintain meeting flow.

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