

STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the appointment of one new member to the Regional Forest Practice Committees.

CONTEXT

ORS 527.650 requires the Board to establish a forest practice committee for each forest region. Each such 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 Private Forests Deputy Chief serves as the secretary for all three committees.

BACKGROUND

The last reappointments to the regional committees occurred in September 2015. A recent resignation requires a new appointment for the Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practice Committee. Attachment 1 shows current members and their term expiration dates. The recommended expiration column shows the term expiration date set to maintain the historic staggered term approach. Attachment 2 contains the biographical information for the new nominee, Lon Casebeer.

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends that the Board make the following new appointment:

Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practice Committee:

Lon Casebeer term expiring September 2016

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Current Regional Forest Practice Committee Membership.
- (2) Biographical Information for New Nominee to Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practice Committee.