Draft Board of Forestry Meeting Minutes

November 1 & 2, 2017

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In accordance with the provisions of ORS 526.016, a meeting of the Oregon Board of Forestry was held on November 1 & 2, 2017 at the Valley River Inn at 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, OR 9740.

Day 1: November 1, 2017

Chair Imeson called the public meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Sybil Ackerman-Munson Nils Christoffersen Tom Imeson Tom Insko Mike Rose Cindy Deacon Williams

Chair Imeson announced that pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i), the Board will meet in closed Executive Session at the conclusion of the public meeting. The purpose of the session was for the State Forester's annual performance review.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mike Rose motioned for approval of the consent agenda. Cindy Deacon Williams seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Sybil Ackerman-Munson, Nils Christoffersen, Mike Rose, Tom Imeson, Tom Insko, and Cindy Deacon Williams. Against: none.

With Board consensus, Items A through C were approved.

- A. SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 MEETING MINUTES
 - Action: The minutes of the September 6, 2017 Board meeting were approved.
- B. REQUEST OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR HIGH DESERT RFPA

Action: The Board approved the landowner's request to hold a public hearing on the subject of providing protection from fire for rangelands in northern Lake County, Oregon.

C. <u>PETITION FOR REHEARING AND/OR RECONSIDERATION – JOHN WEST</u> **Action: The Board Approved alternative A (2) in the case of John West.**

ACTION AND INFORMATION:

1. STATE FORESTER AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Listen to audio MP3 – (45 minutes – 21.2 MB)

State Forester Daugherty touched on topics including:

- The official ending of fire season across the state on October 20th, 2017.
- Changes large fires have brought.
- Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) in rest and recovery mode.
- New leave-with-pay processes.
- Prioritizing work.

- Board Retreat review: Stakeholder outreach and engagement, State Forests, Private Forests, and
 Protection Initiatives, East Side rate relief. There is a need to integrate initiatives into the Board's
 Strategic plans and make them cross divisional. Topics of emerging issues, climate change,
 Federal Forest Restoration Planning, budget dynamic and focused discussion on the Forest
 Management Plan and Fire.
- Improving financial viability as well as conservation outcomes.
- Working at the appropriate policy level.
- The creation of the Fire Caucus.
- The Governor's role in fire and the cap and invest program for carbon storage.

1A. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Craig Patterson gave public testimony. He explained about his family history with the timber industry and how many less jobs it has today. He went over statistics on timber amount and revenue of the Willamette National Forest in the last 20 years. He spoke about clear cutting and how that affects future generations and the consequences of current practices. He talked about what he considers myths of forest fire and the role of same age tree plantations in ground fires and crown fires. He believes that climate change is not the main factor in the fires we have had but that clear cutting is increasing remaining slash dry out on the ground. He recommends to the board to focus on jobs in rural communities and bring back CCC camps that provide housing and jobs to people in the timber industry.

Ray Jones gave public oral and written testimony (attachment 1). He commented on the Forest Management planning process and broke down his testimony into asset values and economic benefits. He asked the Board what the current return on asset value at the market value of five billion dollars is on the current management plan. He recommended a transparent way to evaluate plan options going forward. He suggests a good way of comparison would be with an optimized harvest plan and create a baseline that takes into account the economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits. He spoke about a land sale option and the economic benefits of that option. Milling infrastructure was another topic brought up and its effect on the Forest Management Plan. He asks that the Board examine the path forward keeping these points in mind.

Mary Scurlock, from the Oregon Stream Protection Coalition, gave public testimony. She reflected on the retreat and appreciated the public participation in that. Mentioned that the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and recommended that the Board look at the state of Washington's forest practices HCP and associated clean water assurances and she believes their model can be improved. She stated that a clear and robust analytic framework will be needed and the key to success on the HCP. It needs to consider the full range and types of forest values cost and benefits including the value of ecosystem function and their degradation. She also mentioned the attention to the adaptive management needs on private forests on the Siskiyou and the east side will also be a focus for her coalition. Concerned about the adequacy of the rules to protect drinking water. She quoted the Corbett Water Manager and his personal observations on logging and watersheds. She encourages the Board to get further monitoring of rule impacts on drinking water sources and to incentivize additional protection to focus on drinking water sources. She looks forward to the Trask watershed study presentation to be discussed in January and cautions the Board to not declare victory on issues premature without and adequate basis.

Rex Storm, from Associate Oregon Loggers, gave public oral and written testimony (<u>attachment 2</u>). He talked about improving the public and private policies that he believes now stifle the sustainable future of all Oregon Forests. He believes that the Board can influence the impacts of harmful public policy piece of the forest sector on sustainable forestry. He urges the Board to consider the urgent need for a report about the health of the forest sector.

2. FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

Listen to audio MP3 – (15 minutes – 7 MB)

Satish Upadhyay, Administrative Services Division Chief, provided an update on the Department of Forestry's financial status with reference to the Financial Dashboard summarizing the agency's biennial budget, expenditures and anticipated revenues.

Board discussion was brief, with questions on receivables, time tables for FEMA, and the Lloyds of London insurance policy.

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3. ANNUAL TOPIC: 2017 FIRE SEASON UPDATE

<u>Listen to audio MP3 – (46 minutes – 21.7 MB)</u>

Doug Grafe, Fire Protection Division Chief, provided a summary of the 2017 Fire Season (attachment 3) including; eclipse turnout, smoke impacts, number of fires, acres burned, cost, notable fires, technology, and Oregon's complete and coordinated fire protection system.

The Board discussed fire severity, jurisdiction, natural roles of fires and fire prevention. State Forester Daugherty addressed mitigation of risks through Federal forest restoration and roadside salvage.

The Board also asked questions about specifics of defensible space under higher risk conditions as has been occurring in recent years and requested that the forest service co-present to the board when the new analysis they are doing for fires has been complete.

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4. FOREST TRUST LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTLAC) TESTIMONY

Listen to audio MP3 – (27 minutes – 12.8 MB)

Tim Josi, the FTLAC chair, and John Sweet, FTLAC vice chair, presented the FTLAC testimony (attachment 4). Mr. Josi commented that the FTLAC meeting that was held was properly noticed. They commented that they were reporting on the majority vote. The vote was five to one with Clatsop County voting no. He spoke about wanting to have a FTLAC Board Member, selected by FTLAC, on the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Steering Committee. He emphasized that the HCP needs to recognize that State Forest Trust Lands are required to avoid take of Threatened and Endangered species, not recovery.

FTLAC continues to be supportive of exploration of the viability of an HCP. They have concerns over ODF processes that may result in unbalanced age class distribution and in turn create a scenario similar to the Elliott, will affect rural communities negatively, and create a loss of economic value of the state forest land asset. FTLAC feels the unbalanced age class distribution needs to be addressed through the Forest Management Plan.

The FTLAC also has concerns about ODF working on the HCP while also working on the Forest Management Plan Strategy (FMP) which may result in a less than favorable HCP or FMP. There is also concern about the HCP going through the NEPA process and what outcomes that may bring such as a no-action alternative based on the current FMP that would not be financially viable.

FTLAC suggests that the FMP include a departure from even-flow that would protect future assets and return to the Counties a portion of the State Forest Trust Lands to maintain economic value. They support an HCP that maximizes timber production and protects the economic value of the state forest trust lands.

The Board asked for clarification on the departure on the even - flow. Mr. Josi explained that this would include harvesting trees that are 60-70 years old so that they do not become economically withheld due to their likelihood to become habitat to Threatened and Endangered species.

Public Comment

Kathleen Sullivan, Clatsop County Commissioner and member of FTLAC, gave public testimony. She mentioned the County's support of the timber industry but also salmon. They find that much of their economy is driven by the recreational industries. Their citizens have given them the message that they want a balanced forest plan that maintains an active timber program but also helps restore endangered species and provides an active recreation program. They felt that this message of balance did not come through in the FTLAC meeting and did not represent much of the discussion at the prior meetings or the position of Clatsop County. The draft testimony submitted by Tim Josi that offered up two alternative approaches for the forest are approaches that are completely unacceptable to Clatsop County. Clatsop County produced over forty percent of the revenue last year for the state forests. Clatsop County urged the Board to recognize that the county does not agree with a departure from even-flow or a return to the Counties a portion of the State Forest Trust Lands. They support a strong focus on the HCP as a first step in revising the FMP because they are concerned about the timber revenues and the protection of rare habitat. Clatsop County believes that timber revenue is important, but that it should not be placed over all other interests.

Bob Van Dyke gave public testimony. He is concerned about a lack of clarity and difficulty in finding out what is going on with the FTLAC meeting that recently occurred and that noticing did not go through Oregon Department of Forestry as usual, but went through Council of Forest Trust Land Counties. He felt there was a lack of clarity and transparency to the public on this FTLAC call that happened.

State Forester Daugherty discussed the process of the FTLAC meetings and their noticing. For the meeting that Bob Van Dyke was referencing FTLAC did their noticing but ODF did not notify for them.

Susan Morgan, the natural resource policy person for Association of Oregon Counties, gave public testimony. The talked about their noticing of the meeting for FTLAC and how it was appropriately noticed. Moving forward they would like to make sure the process has a more transparency with the public.

The Board requested FTLAC give them information on all counties, not just the majority vote. Also to increase meeting notice to all stakeholders.

Public Written testimony submitted: <u>Barbara Rippey Testimony</u>, <u>Barry Marshall Testimony</u>, <u>Betsy McMahon Testimony</u>, <u>Carolyn Eady Testimony</u>, <u>Jacob Van Buskirk Testimony</u>, <u>Louise Christianson Testimony</u>, <u>Michael Cook Testimony</u>, <u>OFIC Testimony</u>, <u>Roger Rocka Testimony</u>, <u>Roger Dorband Testimony</u>, and <u>Ted Chu Testimony</u>.

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5. WESTERN OREGON HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANNING UPDATE

Listen to audio MP3 – (31 minutes – 14.8 MB)

Liz Dent, State Forest Division Chief and Cindy Kolomechuk presented on the steps and planning for putting together a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The Board of Forestry and subcommittee have been

asking State forests to explore options for financial viability and improving conservation outcomes as well as a pursuit of a programmatic Endangered Species Act compliance tool. Take avoidance was discussed and the benefits of having a habitat conservation plan. Current surveys are expensive and inefficient so an HCP could be a better option to plan conservation outcomes while managing timber production, and could address financial viability and durable conservation strategies over the long term.

Exploring a Habitat Conservation Plan is a:

- Long expensive process
- Takes up resources
- Takes some level of certainty

The State Forest Division is taking a deliberate measured approach to see if an HCP is in the best interest of the state and would meet Greatest Permanent value on state lands.

Cindy Kolomechuk talked through a three phased approach to the HCP and details involved. This HCP covers state forest lands west of the cascades including Board of Forestry lands and common school forest lands and does not include common school forest lands associated with the Elliot.

- 1. HCP initiation, scoping, and stakeholder engagement gather data and information to determine if ODF should move forward with an HCP.
- 2. Assess where things are at, if there is a business case then a strategy development will be implemented.
- 3. NEPA analysis and consultation which includes an environmental impact statement, and complete the habitat conservation plan.

State Forests has applied to a Fish and Wildlife Service habitat conservation planning assistance grant to help move this process forward. This is still in process, but if it is approved then they are looking at a three year timeframe for the process. If the funds are not awarded then critical needs will be focused on.

Liz Dent discussed how and why the Forest Management Plan will be pursued simultaneous to the Habitat Conservation Plan.

The Board asked about timing with the FMP and HCP and the incidental take permit in regards to alternative scenarios with and without the grant.

The economic analysis and framework was discussed by the Board and the participation of different parties including stakeholders. Liz Dent replied that the business framework is for the Oregon Department of Forestry, but other input will be taken into account. They are looking to align the financial goals, revenue to the county goals, harvest goals, and long term benefits for conservation.

A proposed process will be put in front of the board in January to look at how long it will take to get through the FMP process.

Given the diverse opinions of the different counties it is recommended by the Board that each county has a voice in the decision in the Forest Management plan conversation and not just the majority vote in the FTLAC.

The Board asked for info updates in the economic analysis as it proceeds.

Public Testimony

Seth Barnes, from the Oregon Forest Industries Council, gave public testimony. He felt that this process is different than normal in that it does not have alternatives or tradeoffs. He suggests to the Board to have a baseline created or benchmark and alternatives and tradeoffs outlined from that baseline. He believes this will help the Board better weigh the options. He believes this will allow for basic understanding of the

tradeoffs, allowing for an informed HCP conversation, and leaving the state with alternatives that could be pursued with or without that HCP.

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6. <u>COORDINATION TO DEVELOP LANDSCAPE SCALE PROJECTS THAT SERVE PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AND ADVANCE RESTORATION ON PUBLIC LANDS</u>

Listen to audio MP3 – (42 minutes – 19.7 MB)

Lena Tucker, Private Forest Division Chief introduced Chad Davis of Partnership and Planning program, Ryan Gordon from the Private Forest Division, and Katie Morrison and Jeff Burns from the Partnership and Planning Program.

Lena discussed new opportunities through the farm bill and is looking to improve internal communication and coordination in knitting together all the agency business lines to provide the best service and opportunities for landowners. The goal is to work across divisions to create greater efficiencies, leverage scarce resources, and address the needs of landowners and field staff.

Ryan Gordon, Katie Morrison, and Jeff Burns went over their presentation (attachment 16). They touched on:

- Reviewing the Forest/Social Landscape
- Funding
- Family Forest Landowner Assistance
- Federal connections
- Partnership and planning
- Field support and the cross program coordination working group

The Board asked about the process for field implementation issues to be brought to the committee. Ryan Gordon replied that they are working on a process, but that so far, it has naturally just happened. The Board was very supportive of the program and discussed defining goals and measuring success. State Forester Peter Daugherty discussed strategic planning and removing barriers.

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7. <u>URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY FUTURE CHALLENGES AND TRENDS IN OREGON AND NATIONWIDE</u>

Listen to audio MP3 – (43 minutes – 20.3 MB)

Lena Tucker, Private Forest Division Chief, introduced and provided background on Kristin Ramstad the urban and community forestry program manager. Urban forestry does not receive state funding, only federal funds.

Kristin Ramstad gave an update on the urban forestry program and went over the presentation (<u>attachment 17</u>). She talked about the importance of investments in urban forests. Multiple owners and managers are involved in urban forestry with many styles and objectives. Topics touched on in the presentation included:

- Maps of the urban forests
- The Core focus of Urban Forestry
- Tree City USA Program
- Urban and Community Forestry trends and challenges
- Western Competitive Grants
- Investment Focus
- Human health benefits

• Environmental and Social Equity

The Board asked about the growth of urban forestry and to what degree can we reconnect people in our urban centers to the 30 million acres of forests through these kinds of programs. Kristin Ramstad responded that Oregon Forest Resources Institute outreach has been crucial and helpful. She also mentioned the encouragement of small communities to participate, with the idea that one person can make a bigger difference in a smaller community then a larger one.

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8. FOREST HEALTH UPDATE

<u>Listen to audio</u> MP3 – (34 minutes – 16 MB)

Terry Frueh the former interim manager, for Forest Health and Monitoring introduced Sarah Navarro, Forest Pathologist, and Wyatt Williams, Invasive Specialist.

Wyatt Williams and Sarah Navarro went over the power point presentation on Forest Health (<u>attachment 18</u>). The presentation covered:

- Federal funding
- 2016 Forest Health Highlights
- Aerial survey status
- Gypsy moth and emerald ash borer
- Sudden oak death status
- Drought impacts

The Board asked about the acreage and if they see any changes in occurrences of forest insect damage by land ownership. They also asked about response and prevention management.

Terry replied that they do have the data, it is available and there are differences among ownership. To address prevention they utilize silvicultural techniques. They are also working with landowners and collaboratively with the federal agency to address multiple land ownerships prevention techniques.

The Board asked about increasing fire incidents and how that interacts with Sudden oak death. Staff responded that some of the infested areas did burn and was beneficial to disease control. It also removed some of the hosts which may minimize spread in those areas.

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9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Imeson proceeded with the formal Executive Session announcement and entered session at 3:15pm.

The Board of Forestry entered into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the State Forester Annual Review [ORS 192.660(2)(i)].

No decisions were made during Executive Session.

The Board exited the Executive Session with no further business before the Board, Chair Imeson adjourned the public meeting at 5:00pm.

Day 2: November 2, 2017

Chair Imeson called the public meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Sybil Ackerman-Munson Nils Christoffersen Tom Imeson Tom Insko Mike Rose Cindy Deacon Williams

Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) joined the Oregon Department of Forestry

State Forester Peter Daugherty gave a welcome and summary of the day's projected tour events and schedule.

Richard Whitman gave an introduction into the joint authority of both agencies in the protection of Oregon's water and air quality. Kathleen George is now the presiding chair of the EQC.

1. WATER QUALITY PROTECTION

<u>Listen to audio</u> MP3 – (33 minutes – 15.7 MB)

Kyle Abraham and Gene Foster, manager of Watershed management for Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) gave a brief overview of the relationship and responsibilities between DEQ and ODF on water quality work.

They covered in their presentation (attachment 1):

- DEQ regulations and laws that pertain to water quality based on the Clean Water Act.
- ODF regulations and laws that pertain to water quality based on the Forest Practices Act.
- Monitoring strategy.
- Petitions and communications between the EQC and ODF Board members.
- Best Management Practices.
- 2011 Forestry Program for Oregon.

Sam Baraso asked about forestry exemption and petitions between the agencies. Gene Foster walked through the steps of a petition and what that entails. State Forester Daugherty mentioned that legislatively directed authorities and relationships are set up to encourage collaboration and cooperation between the two agencies.

Current work related topics:

- Sediment delivery to streams from landslide prone areas and forest roads.
- Thermal loads following harvest on private forestland.
- Pesticides.
- Compliance Audits.
- ODF Private Forest Monitoring strategy.

Kathleen George asked some clarifying questions about these topics and asked for additional data. EQC Commissioner Wade Mosby asked about the fires in the Gorge and follow up studies in regards to sediment and impact on water and protection.

State Forester Daugherty responded that the collaboration between the state and federal side was strong relating to fire protection. He mentioned a recovery team that comes in to study the burned areas to look at landslide prone problems and to address possible impacts to the fire recovery and water quality impacts. Gene Foster mentioned that DEQ also works with the federal side after large burns to mitigate issues with water resources.

The Board asked about Federal budgets, capacity, and resources and how that comes into play on a regional level. State Forester Peter Daugherty addressed this with the ability of any state agency to participate and work on federal land under the Good Neighbor Authority. Richard Whitman addressed this question by mentioning some plans that are in place and will be revised to address these kind of issues.

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2. SMOKE MANAGEMENT AND PRESCRIBED BURN

Listen to audio MP3 – (58 minutes – 27 MB)

Doug Grafe, Oregon Department of Forestry Division Chief of Fire Protection, David Collier from the Department of Environmental Quality and Kirstin Aird from Oregon Health Authority (OHA) presented on smoke management topics (attachment 2).

They gave an update on

- The Smoke Management Review Committee and a look ahead at recommendations.
- Vulnerable populations to smoke and fire.
- Policy.
- Prescribed Burns.
- Wildfire Risk.
- Smoke Impacts and intrusions.
- Next Steps.
- Smoke protected areas and timing of smoke concentrations.
- Wildfire Smoke Response Protocol.

Commissioner Mosby from EQC asked Kirstin about the smoke situation they had in Bend and the difference between the smoke management stipulations between the school and the radio station recommendations for time spent outside. Kirstin replied that is the school board that makes that determination and not the OHA. OHA handles the public response in general, but not the schools do not have to follow their recommendation or guidance.

The Board asked about if there is a level where there is exceptions if you have property in certain areas or under a certain amount of slash. They also wanted to know about the air monitoring stations and what their coverage is. Doug Grafe responded that the first concern is boundaries and jurisdiction. He touched on the monitoring and how that is done and what they measure. Sam Baraso from EQC asked about best management practices and how well have we been tracking that over time? Doug Grafe mentioned that the forest service has looked at treated landscapes and where fire has come across to show the role of those treatments and how it changes fire behavior. The Board asked about the smoke management differences and emissions based on fire behavior. Doug Grafe addressed this, saying that this is something they are looking into in their Smoke Management Review committee and that overall the more catastrophic the fire, the more organic material is consumed and put into the air.

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A Video and Presentation was given by Grant Smith, Veneta District Forester, in introduction to the field tour; Video: (Attachment 3), Presentation: (Attachment 4).

The group left for the Field Tour of a slash burn in Crow, OR. Lunch stop at the Veneta office.

Veneta Office presentations:
Nick Yonker (Attachment 5)

Amanda Stamper (Attachment 6)

3. LESSONS LEARNED FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION

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Recognition of the Steering Committee and the prescribed burn acres that are burned annually. A thank you to Amanda Stamper as well.

Commissioner Mosby asked if other states burn the PolyEthylene (PE). Doug Grafe responded that it isn't regulated or unregulated at this time. They know that PE will be a part of the five year review but don't have a full picture of other state's practices on it at this time.

Commissioner Kile asked why there would be a need for a bigger piece of PE on the slash piles and if cost comes into play. Doug Grafe responded that they are looking into emission reduction techniques and for opening the window for burning and a larger piece of PE could play into that. Commissioner Kile also asked what constitutes an intrusion during a controlled burn off of a nephelometer reading. Doug Grafe defined an intrusion and explained how the intrusions are measured. David Collier clarified that any smoke event is classified as an intrusion, but there are different levels and it is best to look at intent and impact to make an accurate assessment of that intrusion. The Board and staff discussed the nuances of detection and intrusions. The Regional Haze Report and improvement of the air quality due to the efforts of both agencies were commented on by Commissioner Kile.

Kathleen George thanked everyone for coming and State Forester Daugherty mentioned the effectiveness monitoring plan.

The EQC gave a special thanks to David Collier.

Peter Daugherty gave thanks to Jenna Nelson, Grant "Link" Smith, Doug Grafe, Amanda Stamper, Nick Yonker, Roseburg Forest Products, Dave Cramsey, Mellissa Cano, Megan Ehnle, Chrystal Bader, and the Veneta office.

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Chair Imeson adjourned the public meeting at 3:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Peter Daugherty

Peter Daugherty, State Forester and Secretary to the Board