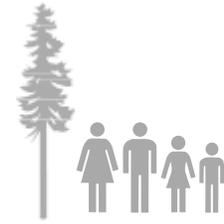




Committee for Family Forestlands Meeting Summary for January 14th, 2026



Under public notice made by news release with statewide distribution, a meeting of the Committee for Family Forestlands [an advisory body to the Oregon Board of Forestry with authority established in Oregon Revised Statute 527.650] was convened on January 14th, 2026, as a hybrid meeting.

Meeting recordings constitute the official record.

CFE Committee members participating:

Wendy Gerlach, Citizen-At-Large (Voting)
Becca Shively, Conservation Rep. (Voting)
Kate McMichael, Landowner-At-Large Rep. (Voting)
David Bugni, NW Landowner Rep. (Voting)
Jake Ryan, Industry Rep. (Voting)
Julie Woodward, OFRI Ex-Officio
Glenn Ahrens, OSU College of Forestry Ext. Ex-Officio
Mike Cafferata, OSWA Executive Administrator (Ex-Officio)
Mike Kroon, Deputy Chief – All Lands, Secretary

ODF Staff attending:

Heather Hendersen, Administrative Specialist
Jennifer Weikel, Wildlife Biologist
Josh Hanson, SFISH Coordinator
Thomas Whittington, Water Quality Specialist
Ben Deumling, BOF Member
Tim Holschbach, Deputy State Forester
Katie Blauvelt, Family Forestland Coordinator
Christina Helige, Forest Legacy Program Administrator
Mellony Hoskinson, GIS Specialist
Angela Malcolm-Stucker, SFO Implementation Coordinator
Cameron O’Neil, Communications System Analyst
Adam Coble, Water Quality & Monitoring Manager
Jennifer Ward, Habitat Conservation Plan Reporting and Training Unit Manager

Members not in attendance:

Maurizio Valerio, EO Landowner Rep. (Voting)
Gary Jensen, Southern Oregon Landowner Rep. (Voting)
Amanda Sullivan-Astor, Forest Policy Manager AOL Ex-Officio

Guests/Public:

Theresa Hauser
Travis Anderberg
Lorelle Sherman
Margaret Miller

Chair Comments.

- Chair Gerlach calls the meeting to order.
- Asks for comments on the agenda/meeting minutes.
- Recognized a quorum was established.
- Ask for public comments.
- Moved on to Chair updates.

Forest Resources Division Update, Budget Update, State Forester Hiring Update.

- Mike Kroon provides updates on the Forest Resource Division and within Forestry.
- Dave Bugni – Going back to the Habitat Conservation plan, the Adaptive Management committee received a synopsis of the key points of the plan. It would be good to distribute this out.
 - Jennifer Weikel (in chat) - David, I believe the document you received was not a summary of the HCP, but a subset of the content related to monitoring to inform the work of the Adaptive Management Committee related to effectiveness monitoring. I will be speaking to the committee about that document in a couple of weeks.
 - Dave Bugni (in chat) - Jennifer, just sent you an email of what I got from Terry.
- Katie Blauvelt provides an update on the unified management plan project.

Private Forest Accord Update.

- Jennifer Weikel provides a PowerPoint Presentation to the group on Private Forest Accord updates.
- Kate McMichael – Is there a clause or caveat in the Oregon legislation that if some things get delayed because the services are slow in responding to you, that the December deadline get pushed out (due to delay not fault of ODF) ? is there a clause to keep the revised Forest Practices Act in place or does it start from scratch again?
 - Jennifer Weikel – There is no clause, it is currently written as a drop dead.
- Margaret Miller (in chat) - Is the NEPA review process evaluating the conservation strategy outlined in the HCP, or the entire Forest Practices Act as amended by the Private Forest Accord? And will the NEPA review help address other litigation risks that may arise or shift from species covered by the HCP?
- Jennifer Weikel to come back to discuss further at future meeting.

Stream Mapping.

- Thomas Whittington provides PowerPoint presentation on Stream Mapping.
- Dave Bugni – Is it possible to get a copy of this PowerPoint? Being the newsletter editor for Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association, these are a conduit for folks, so we need to get information like this out to them. I would assume their main stop to get the latest and greatest would be to contact their Stewardship Forester? Will there be a protocol to periodically update the maps as new information is learned?
 - Heather Hendersen will email out a copy of the PowerPoint.

SFISH Program Update.

- Josh Hanson provides PowerPoint presentation on the SFISH Program updates.
- Mike Cafferata (in chat) - Supporting SFISH is a part of the regular OSWA legislative effort.
- Theresa Hausser – What holds more weight for the landowners, the “this will be straight forward” or the “bang for the buck”?
 - Josh Hanson – The prioritization is formula based, the formula is weighted by what is the benefit to fish. It does go through a committee review that allows other aspects to also be looked at.
- Dave Bugni – Is there a move afoot to impress upon legislatures the importance of this program and that the funding needs to be restored to the level of what it was originally promised?
 - Josh Hanson – Even if we get the 10 million annually, which is how the PFA was written, or even the 10 million bi-annually people will still be waiting due to the number of requests coming in.
 - Mike Kroon – As a state agency we can’t advocate for that, but you could have others do that for you.
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Discuss Committee Term Expirations – June.

- Due to time limitations, the group moved this discussion to the Roundtable.

BOF Update.

- Ben Deumling provides an update on the Board of Forestry.
- Dave Bugni – We just happened to have a discussion about this before the report during Josh Hanson’s presentation on SFISH, I think that the people at the upper levels need to be aware of the drastic dwindling in funding for that program. It needs to be brought to the right people so that this doesn’t go away.
 - Kate McMichael – That seems to fit in with meeting goals of habitat gain vs. habitat lost, etc. there are so many ways to track that aren’t just money.
- Mike Cafferata – What is the process to have a conversation about this? Is it limited to 2-minute testimony to the board? Will there be an opportunity to get together and talk about it?

- Ben Deumling – I don't have a clear answer for you, I think the 2-minute testimony is a great first step for that.
- Julie Woodward – I would also just encourage to ask internally what it is the staff can effectively measure and what is challenging to measure.
- Ben Deumling provides update on the executive order.
- Dave Bugni – Maybe at an upcoming meeting you could give us an update on the reforestation topic that we have brought forth.
- Theresa Hauser – Quick context question, is this coming off as more of a “oh my god we need a kick in the butt to get things done?” Is this “Nothing is happening here; we need something to be able to jump on this?” I'm not sure how to hear this.
 - Ben Deumling – I think the Governor's office could provide a better answer, but I think it's a bit of all of that.

Roundtable.

- Wendy Gerlach opens discussion on committee term expirations. She proposed David Bugni as the next chair.
- Kate McMichael – Supports the proposal for David Bugni to be the next chair.
- Mike Kroon suggests we speak on a vice chair as well. Discussion decided to wait to choose vice chair (wait to see who is interested).
- Wendy Gerlach moves for a vote for if we want to move forward with Dave Bugni as chair; all vote yes to propose Dave Bugni as chair.
- Wendy Gerlach opens discussion on the citizen-at-large and committee chair position.
- Becca Shively (in chat) - A potential candidate in Eastern Oregon could also be Alyssa Cudmore with Wallowa Resources, their Senior Forestland Program Manager (not a forestland owner either, to my knowledge) who works with My Blue Mountain Woodlands.
- Wendy Gerlach – Would anyone mind if I gave a short presentation on land trusts and how we typically partner with people and how they like to engage with the small forestland community at our next meeting?
 - Kate McMichael – I would love to have a segment of that be focused on the smaller groups, the under 100 and 50 acres.
- Glenn Ahrens – Tree School Clackamas is coming up March 21st; the catalog should go out most likely at the end of the week. It can also be found online.
- Julie Woodward – Update on the Partnership for Forestry Education: we are updating the resource guide. We also are putting on training for folks who work with forestland owners around the riparian rules. One is in Eastern Oregon and one in Western Oregon. Both are online.
- Chair Gerlach closes the meeting.