



Smoke Management Advisory Committee (SMAC)

June 26, 2025, Meeting Summary

477.552 Policy. It is the policy of the State of Oregon:

(1) To improve the management of prescribed burning as a forest management and protection practice.

And

(2) To minimize emissions from prescribed burning consistent with the air quality objectives of the Federal Clean Air Act and the State of Oregon Clean Air Act Implementation Plan developed by the Department of Environmental Quality under ORS 468A.035 [1989 c. 920 S 2]

I. Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
9:00 – 9:15 a.m. (15 mins)	Welcome and Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Roll Call
9:15 – 9:25 a.m. (10 mins)	Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve February Meeting Summary• Agenda Approval
9:25 – 9:35 a.m. (10 mins)	Public Comment
9:35 – 9:45 a.m. (10 mins)	Committee Business – Continued <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April letter to State Forester
9:45 – 10:30 a.m. (45 mins)	Committee & Agency Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee members• DEQ• ODF• OHA• EPA
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. (30 mins)	Compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Process• Challenges• Process Review & Development• Database Update
11:15 – 12:00 (45 min)	Smoke Management Unit FY25 Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financials• Fund Balance• Agreements/Partnerships

12:00 – 12:45 <i>(45 min)</i>	Lunch Break
12:45- 1:05 <i>(20 mins)</i>	Smoke Rule Making Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update • Burn Fee Discussion
1:05- 2:35 <i>(90 mins)</i>	Spring Burning Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forecaster report • 2024 Annual Report & Metrics • 2025 W. Bend Project Update
2:35 -2:45 p.m. <i>(10 mins)</i>	Action Item Review/Next Meeting
2:45 p.m.	Adjourn

II. Participant Attendance List

Organization	SMAC Member	Attended	SMAC Alternate	Attended
SMAC Committee Member, Chair- Forest Service				
SMAC Committee Member, Vice Chair- Non-Industrial	Scott Hanson	In-Person		
SMAC Committee Member, Industrial	Chad Washington	In-Person		
SMAC Committee Member, Public	Leslie Neu-Lamping	In-Person		
SMAC Committee Member, BLM	James Dickinson	In-Person		
ODF - Facilitator	Stacy McCarter	In-Person		
ODF			Britny Hankins	In-Person
ODF			Michael Curran	In-Person
ODF			Levi Hopkins	In-Person
ODF			Christina Clemons	Virtual
ODF			Pete Parsons	Virtual
EPA			Erin McTigue	Virtual
EPA			Jake	Virtual
OHA			Gabriela Goldfarb	Virtual
			Beth Haley	Virtual
			Carol Trenga	Virtual
DEQ			Michael Orman	Virtual

III. Action Items

- Leslie Neu-Lamping suggested that the finance subcommittee have another meeting. Michael Curran suggested that wait until after the legislative session and run some new numbers to share with the group to track and use as a deciding factor on whether another meeting is needed.
- Christina Clemons to check into tables on the annual report. Once that is final, Stacy McCarter will ensure that this gets back out.
- Stacy will check with IT about the federal users in the smoke database and see if it can accommodate more users and what that cost would be.
- An ask was made for the next meeting to have information to show revenue by registration fee and burn fee and if possible, by burner type.
- An ask was made for what landowner type is causing divergence between registered acres and accomplished acres.
- Committee members to share slides with Stacy.
- An email will be sent out with the status of the rulemaking process. Planning for June 2026 to go in front of the Board of Forestry to initiate public hearings. Will work with other agencies to get a more defined timeline.

IV. Meeting Chat

- 09:29:15 From Carol Trenga (she/her) OHA: Sound is cutting in and out
- 09:29:27 From Erin McTigue, EPA R10: Reacted to "Sound is cutting in ..." with 👍
- 09:57:45 From Gabriela Goldfarb, OR Health Authority (she/her): I have to jump to a legislative meeting shortly, hope to return by 10:30p
- 10:10:44 From Amanda Rau (ODF): With fastrax, Jim Edmonds was managing the database from the USFS side which also probably helped.
- 10:13:40 From James Dickinson-BLM: I need to drop of for a bit, for a conflicting meeting, might make it back before break, otherwise will see you after break. Sorry. hard to keep empty calendars.
- 10:22:16 From Amanda Rau (ODF): USFS partially discontinued fastrax for reasons associated with IT security as well, I don't believe that discontinuation came from ODF, but I could be mistaken.
- 11:26:36 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): Still here. ODF and DEQ are on the same page about revisiting the agreement.
- 11:28:48 From James Dickinson-BLM: Good work Stacy
- 11:34:26 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): I'm not aware of a connection between fee structure and air quality objectives
- 11:47:53 From Christina Clemons, ODF, Smoke Mgt. Field Coord. : Acreage is fairly objective and easy for everyone to define while tonnage can be a bit subjective. One of my goals was to get everyone to estimate their tonnage the same, but there is still a lot of educating that I have to do every year as not everyone follows the same methodology in tonnage estimation.
- 11:48:11 From Beth Haley (she/her) - OHA: Reacted to "Acreage is fairly ob..." with 👍
- 11:48:12 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): Reacted to "Acreage is fairly ob..." with 👍
- 11:54:25 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): Interesting idea, James. I also see an opportunity to further incentivize emissions reductions.
- 11:55:02 From James Dickinson-BLM: Reacted to "Interesting idea, Ja..." with 👍
- 11:55:10 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): Use of ACIs, for instance

12:00:33 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): I have to jump to another call. I'll be back at 1 pm

12:00:57 From Gabriela Goldfarb, OR Health Authority (she/her): A little hard to hear - maybe move microphone closer?

12:41:29 From Amanda Rau (ODF) : Skilled prescribed fire practitioners from COFMS using appropriate ignitions patterns deserve big kudos.

12:46:18 From Christina Clemons, ODF, Smoke Mgt. Field Coord.: Reacted to "Skilled prescribed f..." with ❤️

13:14:29 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): Good question, James.

13:15:07 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): Would be interesting to see some metrics around "pace" and one around "scale"

13:15:42 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): So we can track whether we are seeing a changes in both. I think the goal is to see improvements in both of those.

13:16:19 From James Dickinson-BLM: Reacted to "Would be interesting..." with 👍

13:16:46 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): That's correct, Gabriela.

13:20:35 From Erin McTigue, EPA R10: well described, Gabriela!

13:21:49 From Erin McTigue, EPA R10: Reacted to "Would be interesting..." with 👍

13:22:09 From Beth Haley (she/her) - OHA: Reacted to "So we can track whet..." with 👍

13:32:20 From Amanda Rau (ODF): Reacted to "Skilled prescribed f..." with ❤️

13:32:21 From Amanda Rau (ODF): Removed a ❤️ reaction from "Skilled prescribed f..."

13:45:22 From Erin McTigue, EPA R10: nothing more to add, covered it well Trevor.

13:48:18 From Christina Clemons, ODF, Smoke Mgt. Field Coord. : Yes, the overall operations plans were very helpful from my perspective.

13:48:43 From Pete Parsons - ODF: West Bend communication and execution was extremely effective this spring, based on what got done, the degree of smoke impacts, and the minimal public complaints.

13:48:43 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): Reacted to "nothing more to add,..."
with 👍

13:51:22 From Erin McTigue, EPA R10: great job Trevor

14:00:30 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): I have to jump to another call.
Thanks aLL!

14:00:35 From Michael Orman, OR DEQ (he/him): Great discussion today.

14:02:34 From Erin McTigue, EPA R10: thanks!

14:02:39 From Beth Haley (she/her) - OHA: Thank you!

14:02:41 From Pete Parsons - ODF: Thank you.