



Smoke Management Advisory Committee (SMAC) January 29, 2026, 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 – 9:05 a.m. (5 mins)	Welcome and Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Roll Call
9:05 – 9:10 a.m. (5 mins)	Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June Meeting Summary Approval
9:10 – 9:30 a.m. (20 mins)	Committee & Agency Reports- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members • DEQ • ODF • OHA • EPA
9:30 – 9:50 a.m. (20 mins)	Fall Burning Overview
9:50 – 10:00 a.m. (10 mins)	Public Comment
10:00 – 10:15 a.m. (15 mins)	Break
10:15 – 10:45 a.m. (30 mins)	Smoke Management Fund Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Funding • Smoke Fund Balance • Revenue & Expenses • Projections
10:45 – 11:00 (15 min)	Rule Making Process- Update & Timeline
11:00 – 11:50 (50 min)	Rule Revision- Committee Input & Discussion
11:50- 12:15 (25 mins)	Acres Registered Vs Accomplished 2023-2025
12:15- 12:30 (15 mins)	Action Item Review Next Meeting- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Frequency • In Person Vs Virtual

12:30 p.m.

Adjourn

II. Participant Attendance List

Organization	SMAC Member	Attended	SMAC Alternate	Attended
SMAC Committee Member, Chair- Forest Service	Trevor		Jason McGovern	Virtual
SMAC Committee Member, Vice Chair- Non-Industrial	Scott Hanson	Virtual		
SMAC Committee Member, Industrial	Chad Washington	Virtual		
SMAC Committee Member, Public	Leslie Neu-Lamping	Virtual		
SMAC Committee Member, BLM	James Dickinson	Virtual		
ODF - Facilitator	Stacy McCarter	Virtual		
ODF-Admin Support	Shelby Berry			Virtual
ODF	Christina Clemons			Virtual
ODF	Nick Yonker			Virtual
ODF	Pete Parsons			Virtual
ODF	Sherri Pugh			Virtual
ODF	Levi Hopkins			Virtual
ODF	Michael Curran			Virtual
ODF	Amanda Rau			Virtual
ODF	Shauna Morris			Virtual
OMD	Dan Cleveland			Virtual
DEQ	Jennifer Horton			Virtual
DEQ	Michael Orman			Virtual
OHA	Gabriela Goldfarb			Virtual
OHA	Beth Haley			Virtual
EPA	Jake Wolf			Virtual
EPA	Erin McTique			Virtual
EPA	Gina Bonifacino			Virtual
TNC	Pete Caligiuin			Virtual
CFS	Travis Anderberg+			Virtual
	Eric Metzger			Virtual
	Jessica Keys			Virtual

III. Action Items

- **Welcome & Roll Call-** Stacy McCarter and Chad Washington gave a welcome and went through the Committee member roll call
- **Committee Business-**
June meeting summary approval was approved by Scott Hanson and a second was given by Leslie Neu-Lamping
- **Committee & Agency Reports-**
Committee members- Committee members gave comments and updates. No action items.
DEQ- Jennifer Horton gave an update. No action items.
ODF- Michael Curran gave updates including the new State Forester Kacey KC with a March 1st start date. Levi Hopkins gave an update on CRP Grant funding. Levi will send this grant information to Stacy McCarter for disbursement to Committee members and invited guests present at meeting.
OHA- Gabriella Goldfarb gave updates. No action items.
EPA- Erin McTique reported and provided the following updates:

Leadership changes over the past year -

- a. Casey Sixkiller transitioned out of his role as R10 Administrator and is now the Director of WA ECY.
- b. Emma Pokon joined as the new RA, coming from Alaska DEC.
- c. The previous air director, Krishna Viswanathan, moved to leadership of the R10 water division, and there is a new air program director, Angeles Herrera.

R10 continues to co-lead the Pacific Northwest Executive Task Force on Rx fire and smoke management, which was established in June 2024.

- d. The group is made up of executives from federal and state agencies in OR and WA and Tribal leaders. Any Tribe in OR and WA are welcome to participate.
- e. The goal of the group is to support increasing RX burning to reduce wildfire risk and support ecosystem resilience, while also mitigating smoke impacts to the public.
- f. This Task Force supports pilot projects, including the pilot in Bend, Oregon, now complete, and now a similar pilot in Central WA, currently underway.
- g. The end goal is to capture learnings from these pilots and collaboration to share out with other regions and communities trying to achieve similar goals. A 'playbook' is in progress.
- h. Next meeting of executives is 2/24. Charter dictates 2x a year meetings.
- i. Joint Statement of Intent to Cooperate on Rx fire and smoke management - https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/nfs/files/legacy-media/r06/2024-Joint_Statement_of_Intent_to_cooperate_2-20-2024.pdf

EPA continues to work with USFS to administer the Air Now Fire and Smoke Map. Over the last year new types of sensors have been added to the map, such as Clarity Node sensors, to continue to expand data coverage in the U.S.

R10 also hosted two virtual smoke management workshops this year, in April and November, on topics such as land management, forecasting, communication, and community preparedness for smoke. These were well attended.

- **Fall Burning Overview-**
Christina Clemons and Sherri Pugh presented the fall burning overview presentation. No action items.
- **Public Comment-**
No public comment was given.
- **Smoke management Fund Updates-**
Stacy McCarter gave the following updates:
Personnel Funding- Chart to be updated from LSR to LRP
Smoke Fund Balance- No action items.
Revenue & Expenses- Chad Washington requested that expenditures be listed by program.
Projections- Scott Hansen requested that revenues and expenditures be switched around to be consistent with past charts of projections.
- **Rule Making Process- Update & Timeline-**
Levi Hopkins gave update on the Rule making process and timeline. No action items.
- **Rule Revision- Committee Input & Discussion-**
Levi led discussion on Rule Revision. No action items.
- **Acres Registered Vs Accomplished 2023-2025-**
Stacy presented on registered acres vs accomplished acres.
Chad requested that the prescribed fire council is on the distribution list for upcoming Spring mitigation trainings.
- **Next Meeting-**
Next meeting will be held on 06/25/2026 in person from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Salem Headquarters Tillamook room. Calendar invite to come.

IV. Meeting Chat

- 09:07:19 From Erin McTigue EPA R10: I will provide a brief update on behalf of EPA.
- 09:07:42 From Chad Washington - OFIC: Great, thank you Erin.
- 09:15:31 From Erin McTigue EPA R10: I'd love to see that info, Levi, great news
- 09:25:30 From Gabriela Goldfarb, OHA (she/her): I neglected to mention - I have to attend a legislative session meeting at 10am, will return for the 10:45a rule making discussion or sooner if possible
- 09:35:46 From Michael Orman: Like Gabriela, Jennifer and I also have a meeting at 10 am. We will be back hopefully by 10:45.
- 10:45:00 From James Dickinson-BLM: I second that Chad! Thanks, Pete, for that history and response.
- 10:53:35 From Christina Clemons, ODF, Smoke Mgt. Field Coord.: Reacted to "I second that Chad! ..." with 👍
- 11:05:49 From James Dickinson-BLM: I love that perspective, Pete!
- 11:06:02 From Christina Clemons, ODF, Smoke Mgt. Field Coord.: Reacted to "I love that perspect..." with 👍
- 11:06:08 From Jason McGovern-USFS: Same traffic
- 11:06:19 From Christina Clemons, ODF, Smoke Mgt. Field Coord.: Reacted to "Same traffic" with 👍
- 11:17:37 From Amanda Rau (ODF): CRPs are already incentivized with the use of the 24-hour standard rather than the 1-hour under the previous rules.
- 11:49:23 From Erin McTigue EPA R10: could someone throw the date/time in the chat? To make sure I got it right? Thanks!
- 11:49:43 From Erin McTigue EPA R10: Thank you all again.
- 11:50:01 From Stacy McCarter - ODF: June 25th 9-3 Salem ODF Tillamook Room
- 11:50:10 From Erin McTigue EPA R10: Reacted to "June 25th 9-3 Salem ..." with 👍