

Public Hearing Summary

Topic: Continuation of State Forest Implementation Plans for Astoria, Tillamook, Forest Grove, West Oregon, and Southwest Oregon Districts.

Date/time: April 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Non-staff present: Amanda Astor, Association of Oregon Loggers; Doug Cooper, Hampton Lumber; Greg Jacob, State Forests Advisory Committee; Laura Wilkeson, Hampton; Mike Totey, Oregon Hunters Association; Roger Rocka; Scott Gray, Stimson; Seth Barnes, Oregon Forest Industries Council.

Meeting began at 5:31 p.m. with presentation on Implementation Plan continuations from State Forests Operations Deputy Ron Zilli and Policy Analyst Justin Butteris, who also served as hearings officer.

Hearing began at 5:42 p.m. and the following comments were received:

Amanda Astor, AOL: Offered AOL's support for the method of IP continuation, recognizing it is a time of flux and the agency must operate under the current plan passed by the Board of Forestry.

Seth Barnes, OFIC: Indicated OFIC supports robust harvest on state forest to support community needs as well as industry infrastructure for social benefits. Would like to see more aggressive harvest, including in areas of "zombie alder" and Swiss needle cast-infected areas with a path toward restoration. Supports continuation of the IPs while the HCP planning effort is underway.

Laura Wilkeson, Hampton: Supported extension of implementation plans in light of resources committed to HCP/FMP and Santiam State Forest restoration processes. Supports restoration of unproductive areas to support continuous harvest volume in Forest Trust Land counties. Stated that annual growth rate in state forests far exceeds harvests, and that continuations represent a modest approach.

With no one indicating they'd like to provide further comment or ask questions, the hearing closed at 5:52 p.m.