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Forest Biomass Work Group to meet June 1, Salem

What does a power system operator look for when purchasing energy resources? How do small resources fit into the big energy picture? These and other questions will be explored at the next Forest Biomass Working Group meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, June 1, in the Tillamook Room at Oregon Department of Forestry headquarters, 2600 State St., in Salem.

At the meeting, a four-member panel will present information on key issues related to energy production from forest biomass. The panelists include:

- John Prescott, PNGC Power, vice-president for Power Supply. Topic: What does a system operator look for when purchasing resources?
- Lisa Schwartz, Oregon Public Utilities Commission, senior analyst of the Electric/Natural Gas Division. Topic: Regulator issues.
- Debra Malin, Bonneville Power Administration, account executive for Renewable Energy Marketing. Topic: How do small resources fit into the big picture, and what is BPA's role in the region?
- Bruce Griswald, PacifiCorp, manager of the Commercial Trading Department. Topic: Qualifying resources: What are they and do they fit in?

Following the panel presentation, time will be set aside for questions from the Working Group members.

A working lunch will be provided for committee members, and they will have opportunity at that time to share news items with the group. In the afternoon, subgroups of the Forest Biomass Working Group will report on their progress and plans.

The June 1 meeting is open to the public.

Accommodations for people with disabilities, and special materials, services or assistance can be arranged by calling the Department of Forestry's Forest Resources Planning Program at least 48 hours before the meeting - (503) 945-7411, text telephone (503) 945-7213 (in Salem).

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