

Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee

Oregon Department of Forestry Salem, Oregon

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Pursuant to notice made by press release to newspapers of general and local circulation throughout the state and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the committee and the members of the committee, a regular meeting of the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) was held at the Department of Forestry in Salem, Oregon.

Present Committee Members

Tim Josi, Tillamook County Commissioner, Chair
Mike Propes, Polk County Commissioner
Patricia Roberts, Clatsop County Commissioner
John Griffith, Coos County Commissioner

Absent Committee Members

Sam Patrick, Clatsop County Commissioner, Vice-Chair
John Griffith, Coos County Commissioner
Chuck Hurliman, Tillamook County Commissioner
Anthony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner

Present Department Staff

Mike Cafferata, Deputy Chief, State Forests Division
David Clouse, Quality Assurance Program Director
Jeff Foreman, Public Information Officer
Tom Savage, Astoria District Forester
Berta Bodi, Office Manager, State Forests Program
Andy White, District Forester, Tillamook and Forest Grove Districts
Steve Wilson, NWOA Assistant to Area Director
Mike Bordelon, NWOA Director
Dave Lorenz, SOA, Assistant to Area Director
Greg Cline, District Forester, North Cascade District
Dan Shults, SOA Director
Steve Laam, District Forester, WO District

Opening Remarks

Minutes approved from previous meeting.

Department of Forestry Updates

Mike Cafferata introduced himself and briefly told a little about his background and experience with the Department of Forestry.

He also provided an update regarding the passing of Bob Gustavson.

Recreation Action Planning (Attachments 1, 2, and 3)

Doug Decker gave a reminder on what the Recreation Assessment was and how we have responded to that as an Agency. The questions were asked if we could quantify the economic impact that the recreation plans are having on the counties and how is staff time being paid for? Doug did not know what the economic impacts for the counties are but he believes that recreation in the forest does indeed have an economic benefit to the counties and the local business info-structure. It was suggested to come up with a strategy to tap into some State Parks funds to help pay for recreation on State Lands. Tim asked if the Department has had any conversations with State Parks about the potential for shared partnerships. There have been conversations and agreements with State Parks from the beginning. HB2501 joined the Department and Parks to develop the original recreation plan. The choice was made for Forestry to be the lead agency for maintaining, development and running the recreation program.

Public Comments

None

State Forests Board Agenda Topics on the Horizon (Attachment 4)

Rob Nall reported on the results of the 2009 Annual Operation Plan public comment period and agency responses. He also discussed the Clatsop and Tillamook Strategies and achievement of the BOF performance measures

Rob mentioned the new staff positions that we have brought on board to help us be more effective and timely.

Board Decision making and Review Framework (Attachments 5 & 6)

Rosemary Mannix filled in for Jeff Brandt and discussed the Board decision making and performance measure review framework. She explained the roles of the science team versus the policy team. The policy team is charged with making sure the Board policy is met. Tim asked that the group hear from the policy team and the science team so the counties can provide their input.

2009-2011 Budget and Legislative Concepts

Mike Cafferata provided a brief update on the 2009-2011 Budget Process and the effects of the current economy. The question was asked if we have considered extending the length of our timber sale contracts to try to bridge a little across this low spot. The West Oregon District recently extended two contracts to make them more attractive to purchasers. We took some of the project work out of them and extended the contracts. Tom Savage mentioned that in our budget preparation this year we are looking at reductions to our base budgets instead of the addbacks that we have done in the past. We are not cutting any positions but we are really looking at filling vacant positions when they come up.

Ted Lorensen discussed the Legislative Concepts. One concept that has been laid out is the one that relates to the possible acquisition by the State and other parties of land in Central Oregon. This is very tentative and would require legislation to make it happen. We are exploring a number of funding opportunities.

Mike Cafferata then discussed the Program Option Packages for the State Forests Program. One package we have goes along with this legislative concept. If we do this we may need a position to manage the land. The other one is to add 4 new positions if we end up increasing our harvest levels.

Clark Seeley provide a little more information about the 2009-2001 Budget. (Attachment 7) We will be submitting out Agency Request budget on September 1st. The Board will be considering it at their July meeting in Portland. The Governor will then begin his process of considering what the agencies have requested and create the Governor's budget in time for completion and reporting to Legislature on December 1st. Even though the Board will consider the budget request at their July meeting we will still have an opportunity to make adjustments in August before we make our final submittal. Nancy, Mike and Clark will continue to talk about the budget with the group over the next few months.

2007 Customer Service Performance Measure Survey

Since there were only 2 members left Tim asked Gil Riddell to schedule a conference call for the end of July so the committee can answer the survey questions then.

Closing Comments and Adjourn

None

Next meeting: August 22, 2008.