

# Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee

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Oregon Department of Forestry  
Salem, Oregon

## Draft Minutes August 22, 2008

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

### **Absent Committee Members**

John Griffith, Coos County Commissioner  
Mike Propes, Polk County Commissioner

### **Present Department Staff**

Mike Cafferata, Deputy Chief, State Forests Division  
Jeff Foreman, Public Information Officer  
Tom Savage, Astoria District Forester  
Berta Bodi, Office Manager, State Forests Program  
Mike Bordelon, NWOA Director  
Dan Shults, SOA Director  
Kate Skinner, NWOA  
Don Everingham, State Forests Program  
Doug Decker, NWOA  
Jeff Foreman, Public Information Officer

### **Opening Remarks**

Tim Josi mentioned that he attended the Board of Forestry workshop on Monday. It was a pretty arduous event. Ron was there and did a great job. He spent all day before the Board and I think we can all be very proud of his efforts on our behalf.

Tim has drafted a letter for the committee's consideration. He is going to make some changes to it during the break but will distribute it later in the meeting for discussion.

Tim also mentioned a statewide poll that asked, among other questions, the following question: Legislators in Salem have considered requiring the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests to be managed primarily for timber production with the revenue going to schools and local government. Would you favor or oppose such legislation? 70% of the people polled would favor this legislation, 17% opposed, 13% not sure.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

### **Department of Forestry Updates**

Department staff provided updates on the fire situation. Mike Cafferata mentioned that Nancy Hirsch was absent because she is out on a fire near Sisters. Department staff are also helping out with this fire. NWOA has 98 staff, 13 engines and 5 south fork crews working the fire at this time.

### **AOP Objectives for 2010 (Attachment 1)**

Ron Zilli distributed a handout and discussed harvest level guidance in the AOP. The question was asked if the Department would be able to change direction quickly if given other direction from the Board in November. The answer was yes, we would be able to add alternative sales to the planning and review process.

There was further discussion of the economic needs of the region and the importance of timber dollars.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Clatsop/Tillamook State Forests Workgroup Update**

Ron Zilli provided some discussion on the work of the Performance Measure Workgroup. Conversations have been had about what it is going to take for the Board to reach an agreement in November. What are the questions that they need to identify that we, as staff, need to answer? Ron outlined open houses to further communicate work group progress. The first open house is next Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, in Forest Grove to go over the methods we are using to accomplish this assignment. We will be highlighting the things we did with inventory updating, the stand structure algorithm refinements that were made, the status of the growth and yield table development, model construct update, landscape design update. We will also be talking about the species of concern framework. There will also be a day in September where we will be actually running models and will be inviting anyone interested in seeing how the model works.

Ray Wilkeson commented, that his impression has been that the reason the species of concern strategies were part of the process for the last several years was because the state thought it was necessary to be successful in getting an HCP. If the state decides to no longer pursue an HCP, why is it necessary to have a species of concern strategy at all? Ron referred to the current Forest Management

Plan (FMP) that was developed to achieve greatest permanent value and the 16 key species that are listed in there. Our plan states that if we were not going to go for an HCP then we would need to transition to a more robust species of concern strategy that would not be linked to an HCP. Discussions were had regarding what a more robust strategy might be.

Tim Josi handed out a draft letter addressed to the Board of Forestry from the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties (CFTLC) and the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) for review. (Attachment 2) This letter urges the Board to stay with the performance goals established in November 2007 to increase complex structure while increasing revenues. It was voted on and approved that Tim will make the suggested changes and send the letter to the Board.

### **Revenue Projection Update (Attachment 3)**

Don Everingham provided an update on the current revenue projections. He discussed some market factors that are influencing our current revenue projections and provided an update on a revenue projection workgroup that has been put together to further refine our revenue projection process. Don also provided a brief overview of the 2008 Timber Sale Status and Schedule. Tim Josi stated that for Tillamook County they would like to see at least 5 years out in the projections. Other committee members agreed.

Chris Jarmer commented on the good job the Department has done in putting together and selling salvage sales. The sales have been well designed. Tony Hyde thought it would be good for the Board to hear this at the upcoming meeting. He will be attending the meeting and will mention it during the public comment period.

### **Land Acquisition Status Update (Attachment 4)**

Marvin Brown provided an overview on the land acquisition in Central/Eastern Oregon. There was a good discussion of the value of working forests and what might happen if the forest were broken into parcels and resold. Tim Josi expressed concern about what would happen when the forest matured and was ready for harvest. Was there a way to write into the deed that the forest was to be a working forest generating revenue? Another concern was the ability of the ODF to pay off the purchase/maintenance price of the new forest without hindering the ability to manage current forestlands in a prudent manner. With these concerns, FTLAC would be supportive of a land purchase if it would be a revenue creator in the long run while also helping Oregon retain working forests and the values they provide.

Marvin stated that he would think about how to meet the concerns of the Counties. Tim commented how important it is that the counties are in favor of this acquisition.

### **Elliott State Forests HCP Update**

Jim Young led a discussion on the status of the Elliott HCP. Dan Shults also provided some background and information regarding proposed revisions to the HCP. He also briefly discussed the lawsuit filed against the US Fish & Wildlife Service for failing to reinitiate consultation because there is new information about how harvesting affects the northern spotted owl. The lawsuit states that the US Fish & Wildlife needs to take a look at our HCP and see if it is still providing adequately for the spotted owl. Our new HCP does take this information into account. There is a lot of uncertainty around the lawsuit and ODF is working to understand the different possibilities for the Elliott.

### **Closing Comments and Adjourn**

None

Next meeting: October 17, 2008.