



# News

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### **State Land Board to meet October 15 in Salem**

*Agenda items include adoption of a Forest Management Plan and board appointments for the Elliott State Research Forest, and adoption of a school lands management plan*

SALEM, Ore. – The State Land Board will meet on Tuesday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of State Lands building in Salem.

The day will begin with the 20<sup>th</sup> annual State Land Board Awards ceremony. Every year, the Land Board honors exceptional projects and partners for their contributions to enhancing Oregon's natural resources. Award recipients are:

- *Stream Award*: The Dalles Dog River Pipeline Replacement
- *Stream Award*: North Fork Walla Walla River Restoration
- *Partnership Award*: Rangeland Program Partners
- *Catalyst Award*: Chad Hoffman, Lane County Public Works

The Land Board meeting will begin immediately after the awards ceremony, and agenda items the Land Board will consider include:

- **Adopt the initial Forest Management Plan for the Elliott State Research Forest.**  
The proposed plan demonstrates how forestland will be managed to sustain its diverse values, address fundamental research questions regarding working forests in the context of climate change, and achieve the specific ecosystem goods and service outcomes envisioned for the Elliott.
- **Appoint the remaining three voting members of the Elliott State Research Forest Board of Directors.**  
The board will serve as a key structure in shaping the future management of the research forest through public oversight, accountability, and engagement. The remaining three appointments are intended to achieve a full complement of relevant experience that is not otherwise represented by current board members, including forest operations, forest products, research, and Tribes.

- **Adopt an updated Asset Management Plan for school lands.**  
The plan guides management of rangelands, forestlands, and other lands dedicated to funding K12 public schools for the next ten years. Updates include an increased focus on renewable energy, partnership projects, and wildfire resiliency.

The Land Board will also hear a presentation from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries on geologic carbon sequestration.

### **Meeting Details and Agenda**

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.  
Department of State Lands  
Land Board Room  
775 Summer St. NE, Salem

The full meeting agenda and materials are available on the [DSL website](#). The meeting will be livestreamed to the [DSL YouTube channel](#).

The public may [submit written testimony or sign up to provide spoken testimony](#) (in person, by video, or phone) during the meeting. **Advanced sign-up is required, and the deadline is 10 a.m. on Monday, October 14.**

If you need assistance to participate in this meeting due to a disability, please contact Arin Smith at 503-986-5224 or [arin.n.smith@dsl.oregon.gov](mailto:arin.n.smith@dsl.oregon.gov) at least two working days prior to the meeting.

Visitors are not permitted to bring backpacks, bags, or large purses into the Department of State Lands building prior to, during, or following Land Board meetings. Purses, medical bags, and diaper bags are permitted, but may be subject to inspection by the Oregon State Police.

*About the State Land Board and the Department of State Lands:* The State Land Board consists of Governor Tina Kotek, Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade, and State Treasurer Tobias Read. Established by the Oregon Constitution in 1859, the Land Board oversees the state's Common School Fund. The Department of State Lands is the Land Board's administrative agency, managing the lands and resources that help fund Oregon's public schools and protecting the state's waterways and wetlands for the many benefits they provide.

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