

Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee

Oregon Department of Forestry Salem, Oregon

Draft Minutes February 15, 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
Chuck Hurliman, Tillamook County Commissioner
Patricia Roberts, Clatsop County Commissioner
Sam Patrick, Clatsop County Commissioner, Vice-Chair

Absent Committee Members

Anthony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner
Mike Propes, Polk County Commissioner
John Griffith, Coos County Commissioner

Present Department Staff

Jim Paul, Assistant State Forester and Secretary for FTLAC
Ed DeBlander, Asset Management Unit Manager
Jeff Foreman, Public Information Officer
Ron Zilli, Policy & Planning Unit Manager
Berta Bodi, Office Manager, State Forests Program
Mike Bordelon, Northwest Oregon Area Director
Rob Nall, State Forests Operation Coordinator
Ross Holloway, State Forests Program
Steve Laam, District Forester, West Oregon District
Andy White, Northwest Oregon Area
Doug Decker, Northwest Oregon Area
Tom Savage, Northwest Oregon Area

Opening Remarks

October 2007 minutes were approved.

Development of Clatsop and Tillamook Management Strategies to Meet Performance Measure Targets: Update (Attachment 1 & 2)

Ron Zilli provided an update on this topic. He discussed the Options Development Workgroup that was convened, based on direction from the Board. The Board set targets as a result of the groups work. The program was directed to develop management strategies that would aspire to meet the highest levels possible of all 9 performance measures. In response to that direction a project team has been assembled. The group is planning on utilizing our existing tools as much as possible, including the H&H Model.

The committee expressed their concerns about losing Pam Overhulser and in the Program filling the vacancy left by her. This is a very crucial position.

Mark Rasmussen asked the about the species of concern and how all that fits into this and where the direction will come from. Ron stated that until we get direction from the Board to do something different the current Forest Management Plan and the Implementation Plan stay in place.

Public Comments

None

Department of Forestry Updates

Jim Paul provided an update on the testimony he gave to the Legislators this morning. The information he shared with them was the information in Attachment 1 that Ron Zilli handed out. He also provided them some details about what the Board has been doing since the adoption of the performance measures last year and then gave them a preview of what is coming up next November.

Jim also commented about the Coho being officially listed effective sometime in May. He also discussed the changes coming at the Executive Staff level. Ted Lorensen will be retiring June 1st and Jim will be taking over as the Division Chief of Private Forests. We just advertised for the State Forests Division Chief position and we will be doing interviews towards the end of March and hope to have a new person on by the end of April or the first of May. Marvin has asked Jim to be available at an advisory level through the end of November.

Agency-wide Revenue Outlook (Attachment 3 & 4)

Clark Seely gave a presentation on the Department's 2008-2011 Revenue Outlook and provided a handout of the most recent national economic forecast. This presentation included information on the appreciation/depreciation of home values and the effects on the timber and wood products markets.

December 2007 Storm Salvage Planning (Attachment 5)

Mike Bordelon provided information on the 2007 Storm Damage. There was extensive damage to parts of the region. This storm was a little bigger in magnitude than in 2006.

State Forests Revenue Projection tool (Attachment 6 & 7)

Ed DeBlander gave an update on the \$6.4 revenue distribution project. We are ready to make the first distribution next week. He then discussed the revenue projection tool. This tool is used to provide a six year projection for tracking the 5100 fund balance and it also currently provides a six year projection for the common school fund revenues. We have put a workgroup together to review the current tools and to design a spreadsheet for all districts to use to produce the local projections for the individual counties. We want everyone to start using the same spreadsheet so we all have the same information.

Recreation Assessment Follow-up (Attachment 8)

Ross Holloway provided information about the Recreation Assessment Project. Ross, Doug Decker and John Barnes are working with district staff on this project. They are sorting through the findings of the 2nd party assessment to figure out what the agency needs to do to make improvements to the program.

Discussion of Agenda Items for next meeting.

We will have Ron and Ed back. Jim Paul asked for the committee to provide input as to what they would like to hear about at the next meeting. There was a request for an update on Swiss Needle Cast and more information about LIDAR.

Closing Comments and Adjourned

Tim Josi commented that this was a very good meeting. We got a lot of very good information.

Next meeting: April 25, 2008.