



- BACKGROUNDER - Board of Forestry

Promoting and practicing sustainable forestry

An overview

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The Board is Oregon's primary forum for developing statewide policy on forest management and sustainability.

The Board serves a vital role in shaping public debate and policy on state, private and federal lands, addressing sustainable management of Oregon's 28 million forested acres.

The Board's duties include:

- Supervising all matters of forest policy within the state's jurisdiction.
- Appointing the State Forester, and providing general supervision of the forester's management of the Department of Forestry.
- Adopting rules regulating forest practices.

The Board's seven members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the state Senate. No more than three members may receive any significant portion of their income from the forest products industry. At least one member each must live in northwest, southwest and eastern Oregon.

Members serve a four-year term, or until their reappointment or replacement has been confirmed. Members cannot serve more than two consecutive terms.



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The *Forestry Program for Oregon*, the Board's guiding strategic document, sets out a mission and vision for Oregon forests.

Features of this vision include:

- Maintaining a base of healthy forestland that provides a sustainable flow of environmental, economic and social benefits for Oregonians.
- Public and private landowners willingly making investments to create healthy forests.
- Openness in decision-making. The Board is highly committed to incorporating public and stakeholder input – obtained through advisory committees and other means – into its work.

The Board's vision is based on three principles:

- Use of internationally recognized indicators of forest sustainability.
- Maintaining a mix of public and private forestland ownerships and management goals across the landscape and over time.
- Cooperative, non-regulatory methods as the preferred way to achieve public benefits – such as clean water and wildlife habitat – on private lands.

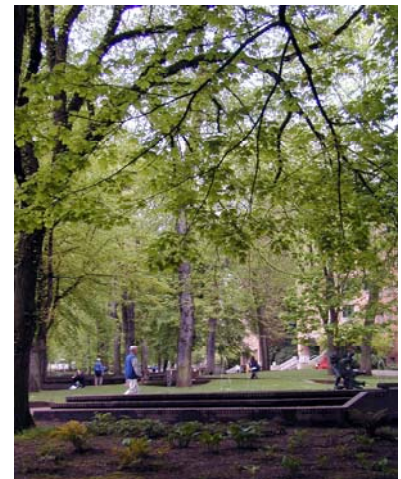
A strategic plan to guide the work (Cont.)

Work priorities

The *Forestry Program for Oregon* recognizes that Oregon's forests fit into a global environment and economy, that forests are diverse and constantly changing, and that our understanding of them is also evolving. It calls for active management – the well-planned use of science-based forest practices and decision-making – to achieve its goals.

Faced with many complex issues and responsibilities, the Board has developed a set of priorities and work plans. Following is a sampling of the Board's priority items:

- **Managing state-owned forests.** The law requires the Board to produce a broad range of benefits for Oregonians from state-owned lands. The Board uses an adaptive management approach, under which management plans can be changed as necessary in response to new scientific information.
- **Forest regulation and viability.** The Board addresses a variety of issues, including stream and habitat protection, in reviewing and approving rules governing timber harvest and other activities on private land. The Board's work also includes addressing the loss of forestland to other uses, effects of Measure 37, and supporting the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds and other voluntary conservation efforts by landowners.
- **The future of federal forests.** These lands make up 58 percent of Oregon's forested acreage, and are critical to Oregon's overall well-being. Governor Kulongoski has directed the Board to work with a broad range of groups to craft a unified vision for how these lands should be managed.
- **Connecting with urban populations.** As Oregon becomes increasingly urban, the Board is developing ways – through education and through direct service in developed and developing areas – to serve urban residents.
- **Managing wildfire risk.** The Board's work addresses a variety of fire issues, including risks related to the growing number of homes in forested areas, build-up of forest fuels in some areas, and smoke management, which seeks to minimize effects on populated areas of smoke from controlled forest burning.
- **Invasive species.** The Board periodically reviews its priorities, and as a result has added plans to address the growing effects of non-native species in Oregon's forests.



Current Board members

The members have extensive involvement and expertise in natural resource management and in government, with backgrounds that include service on other boards and commissions, and professional recognition in their fields. The current members are:

Stephen Hobbs, Executive Associate Dean of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University, chairs the Board. His work has included serving as director of the Coastal Oregon Productivity Enhancement Program, a multidisciplinary research project to improve understanding of forest and stream resources in the Coast Range and how they can be managed more effectively. He holds a bachelor's degree in forestry and a Ph.D. in forest science. **Term:** Feb. 1, 2004 – Jan. 31, 2008.

Current Board members (Cont.)

Barbara Craig is a natural resources attorney with the law firm of Stoel Rives LLP, of Portland. She also is a professional forester. Her law practice involves Endangered Species Act issues, including the shortnose and Lost River suckers, the Oregon silverspot butterfly and the northern spotted owl. **Term:** Feb. 1, 2004 – Jan. 31, 2008.

Larry Giustina has been managing general partner of Giustina Land and Timber Co. of Eugene since 1990. His family has been in the wood products business for three generations. His father helped institute Oregon's forest practices rules while on the Board of Forestry in the early 1970s. Giustina holds a bachelor's degree in business. **Term:** May 1, 2002 – April 30, 2006.

Chris Heffernan, a rancher and farmer from North Powder, owns and actively manages 1,332 acres of grazing and forest lands. He owns the North Slope Hay Company, Inc., and manages H & H Ranches, an alfalfa farm and livestock grazing operation. Heffernan holds a bachelor's degree in agriculture education. **Term:** May 1, 2001 – April 30, 2005.

William Hutchison is a partner in the Portland law firm of Foster Pepper Tooze LLP. He has been engaged in forestry and natural resource issues throughout his 37-year career. His practice emphasis is on agricultural cooperative, corporate, real estate, and environmental law. In addition to his JD degree, he holds a bachelor's degree in economics. **Term:** July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2006.

Jennifer Phillippi is Business Manager of Rough & Ready Lumber Company of Cave Junction, and President of Perpetua Forests Company. A third-generation family sawmill and forest landowner, she grew up in a rural, forested area and has a particularly close connection to the woods. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting. **Term:** Feb. 1, 2004 – Jan. 31, 2008.

Diane Snyder is executive director of Wallowa Resources, a non-profit corporation established in 1996 to promote community, forest and watershed health while creating family-wage jobs and business opportunities. A fourth-generation Wallowa County resident, she has extensive experience in land-use planning, community development, and state and local government. **Term:** May 1, 2002 – April 30, 2006.

NOTE: The Governor plans to propose reappointments or new appointments for Senate confirmation in 2007 to address the term expirations among current members.

For more information

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