

STAFF REPORT

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Work Plan:	Forest Resources Division
Topic:	Board Updates
Presentation Title:	Forest Practices Interagency Meeting Report
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SUMMARY

This agenda item summarizes the 2024 annual meetings held with other state agencies regarding the sufficiency of the Forest Practice Rules and proper coordination with other agencies with an interest in the forest environment.

BACKGROUND

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 629-605-0110 states “The State Forester shall, at least once each year, meet with other state agencies concerned with the forest environment to review the Forest Practice Rules relative to sufficiency. The State Forester shall then report to the Board of Forestry a summary of such meeting or meetings together with recommendations for amendments to rules, new rules, or repeal of rules.”

ANALYSIS

Annual meetings are offered individually to natural resource agencies. In addition to discussing forest practice issues, meetings are used to discuss a range of Department programs and state agency coordination issues. A decision to hold a formal meeting is based upon the relative importance of the issues identified during pre-meeting discussions, the adequacy of ongoing coordination, and the preference of the invited agency.

There were no specific recommendations for Forest Practice rule changes.

RECOMMENDATION

This agenda item is information only.

ATTACHMENT

- 1) Annual Rule Review Meeting Report 2024

FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION
ANNUAL RULE REVIEW MEETING REPORT 2024

Introduction

This report describes the annual meetings the State Forester conducted during 2024, to ensure proper coordination among state agencies with an interest in the forest environment and forest practice rule sufficiency. OAR 629-605-0110 states, “The State Forester shall, at least once each year, meet with other state agencies concerned with the forest environment to review the Forest Practice Rules relative to sufficiency. The State Forester shall then report to the Board of Forestry a summary of such meeting or meetings together with recommendations for amendments to rules, new rules, or repeal of rules.”

All state natural resource agencies were invited to meetings, as were several additional agencies that often collaborate or coordinate with the Department on forest resource issues. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) field and program staff contributed input regarding issues of interagency coordination. Oregon Department of Forestry staff asked the other agencies for items to discuss at the annual meeting. A decision to hold a formal meeting is based upon the relative importance of the issues identified during pre-meeting discussions, the adequacy of ongoing coordination, and the preference of the invited agency.

Summary of Meeting Results

There were no specific recommendations for rule changes. Topics discussed, potential action items identified, and follow-up actions occurring as a result at the meetings are described on these pages.

Meetings held in 2024:

10/21/24	Columbia River Gorge Commission
11/05/24	Oregon State University
12/19/24	Department of Land Conservation and Development
01/14/25	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

No Response: Department of State Lands
Oregon Health Authority
Oregon State University College of Forestry
Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
Oregon Department of Agriculture
Oregon Department of Revenue
Oregon Department of Emergency Management
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Declined: Oregon Water Resources Department
Oregon Department of Agriculture
Oregon Department of Transportation

Columbia River Gorge Commission

October 2, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC)

Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director
Mike Shrankel, GIS Manager
Lisa Naas Cook, Climate Program Manager
Rashawn Tama, USFS Project Manager for Natural Resources for CRGC
Aiden Forsi, USFS NEPA Planner for CRGC

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Cal Mukumoto, State Forester
Kate Skinner, Acting Deputy State Forester
Josh Barnard, Forest Resources Division Chief
Mike Kroon, All Lands Deputy of Forest Resources Division
Kyle Abraham, Forest Practices and Monitoring Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division
Tim Holschbach, Deputy Chief Policy and Planning of Fire Protection
Danny Norlander, Climate and Forest Health Specialist
John Tokarczyk, Resource Planning Manager
Samantha Hoffman, Executive Support

TOPICS:

- Status of the Oregon Wildfire Hazard Map effort
- Update from ODF on how they're implementing their Climate Change and Carbon Plan
- Any other ODF climate-related work that may be relevant to our work in the National Scenic Area
- We would like to provide an update on implementation of our Climate Change Action Plan (including efforts to reduce fire risk)
- Private Forest Accord Update
- Post Fire Recovery

ACTION ITEMS:

- Send Danny and Nathan's contact information to Lisa

Oregon State University

November 5, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Oregon State University (OSU)

Tom DeLuca, Dean for OSU College of Forestry
Holly Ober, Associate Dean for Science Outreach and Program Leader for Forestry &
Natural Resources Extension

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Cal Mukumoto, State Forester
Kate Skinner, Interim Deputy State Forester
Josh Barnard, Forest Resources Division Chief
Mike Kroon, All Lands Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division
Kyle Abraham, Forest Practices and Monitoring Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division
Tim Holschbach, Deputy Chief - Policy and Planning of Fire Protection
Nicole Stapp, Forest Resources Policy Advisor
Derrick Wheeler, Legislative Coordinator
Levi Hopkins, Deputy Chief of Policy and Planning for Fire Protection
Christina Helige, Forest Legacy Program Administrator
Chris Scott, Forest Legacy Program Specialist
Samantha Hoffman, Executive Support

TOPICS:

- Private Forest Accord Update
- Post Fire Recovery
- Upcoming legislative session, including projections, harvest tax, other items of interest (ODF)
- Tualatin Mountain Forest project overview (OSU)
- FNR Extension updates (OSU) – Update on the Fire Team (risk/liability issues)
- Prescribed Fire Program (Certified Burn Manager Program)
- Building ODF-OSU partnerships to support research/management/policy connections (ODF/OSU)

ACTION ITEMS:

- Overview of the training done on the accord that Forest Resources has done so far with the extension services of OSU
- Follow-up with Brandon Kaetzel on providing harvest tax estimate changes for Tom
- Cal to work with Eleni on adding a panel to our Board of Forestry meeting on January 9. Cal to send Tom the ODF vision document.
- Cal will talk with HR and then reach out to Holly and Tom on the possibility of getting a few interns back at ODF.
- Holly to reach out to Mike Kroon on details for Tammy Cushing coming to OSU for training in December on the Small Forest Landowner topic.

Department of Land Conservation and Development

December 19, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

Brenda Bateman, Director
Kristin Greene, Deputy Director
Gordon Howard, Community Services Division Manager
Alexis Hammer, Legislative Policy Manager
Matt Crall, Planning Services Division Manager
Lisa Phipps, Manager of Oregon Coastal Division

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Cal Mukumoto, State Forester
Josh Barnard, Forest Resources Division Chief
Mike Kroon, All Lands Deputy Chief
Kyle Abraham, Forest Practices and Monitoring Deputy Chief of Forest Resources Division
Tim Holschbach, Wildfire Hazard Map Liaison
Derrick Wheeler, Legislative Coordinator
Samantha Hoffman, Executive Support

TOPICS:

- Progress on implementing the Forest Practices Act and its impact on CZARA funding
- Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan update – the Wildfire Mapping portion
- Community Green Infrastructure
- Post-Fire Recovery

ACTION ITEMS:

- Director Bateman would like a common set of talking points for agency directors around the progress on CZARA when asked by the legislature.
- DLCD would like a copy of the wildfire hazard map.

Department of Environmental Quality

January 14, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Jennifer Wigal, Water Quality Division Administrator
Steve Mrazik, Water Quality Manager
Sara Slater, Water Quality Manager
Benjamin Benninghoff,
Michael Orman, Air Quality Manager

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Josh Barnard, Forest Resources Division Chief
Kyle Abraham, Forest Practices and Monitoring Deputy Chief for Forest Resources Division
Mike Kroon, All Lands Deputy Chief for Forest Resources Division
Nicole Stapp, Policy Advisor for Forest Resources Division
Levi Hopkins, Deputy Chief of Policy and Prevention for Fire Protection
Marcus Kauffman, Biomass Resource Specialist
Chrystal Bader, Executive Support

TOPICS:

- TMDL, FPA, CZARA, other
- Smoke management / biomass utilization
- Forest conversions
- 2025 legislative session planning and coordination

ACTION ITEMS:

- ODF to send DEQ Forest Resources Division org chart
- Need to schedule meeting to plan for remaining court ordered TMDLs
- Plan to meet to revisit DEQ/ODF MOU
- Connect UCF program with DEQ staff on Green Infrastructure
- Plan for joint DEQ/ODF trainings related to forest conversion
- Review Forestland Conversion MOU to see if updates are needed