

**Oregon Board of Forestry  
Forestry Program for Oregon Subcommittee  
July 19, 2023 7:30-9:30 am  
Facilitator's Summary**

Subcommittee Purpose: Collaborative work forum for Board and Agency leadership to advance efforts to jointly develop a modern Forestry Program for Oregon. The subcommittee will serve until completion of the FPFO, targeted for December 2023.

**In Attendance:**

- Board members: Ben Deumling, Joe Justice, Brenda McComb
- ODF leadership: Ryan Gordon, Ryan Greco, Dave Larson, Mike Wilson
- ODF technical staff: John Tokarczyk, Danny Norlander, Hilary Olivos-Rood
- Oregon Consensus Facilitator: Robin Harkless
- Guest: Wendy Willis and Sarah Giles, Oregon's Kitchen Table

<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>By Whom</u></b>	<b><u>By When</u></b>
Work on refining Tribal G2G relationship, culturally appropriate engagement and co-management strategies in specific areas including: "Call-out box", potentially expanding Principle; and strategies within Resilient Communities and Healthy Ecosystems Goals	ODF staff including Tribal Liaison Deanna Grimstead	Before August 16 Subcommittee meeting
Refine / expand 'ODF Economic health' strategy	Mike + ET - share with Joe for feedback	Before August 16 Subcommittee meeting
Capture 'call-out box' item for Place Based approach	ODF staff	Before August 16
Capture 'call out box' item for Fire Management	ODF staff	Before August 16

Capture a 'call out box' for DEI including reference to the organization's internal strategy document	ODF - Ryan Gordon lead	Before August 16
Draft language for Forest Complexity strategy	Mike Wilson, will share with Joe for review	Before August 16
Draft a 'call out box' for 'protected public resources on private lands' that includes water quality, air quality and biodiversity	ODF staff (with help from Brenda?)	Before August 16
Add Oregon's Kitchen Table (OKT) community engagement process updates to future Subcommittee meeting agendas	Robin	July - December

## **FPFO Content**

Resilient Communities Goal: Additional work was done on strategies related to this goal, in red as follows:

### **Access**

- *Promote access on all forestlands that is both inclusive and welcoming, for a wide range of needs that are important to all Oregonians.*
- *ODF will work with partners to incentivize access across forest ownership types in a manner that respects private ownership, recognizes landowner objectives, and avoids natural resource damage.*
- *Suggest 7/19: Recognize cultural issues impacting access, in addition to a distinct section on tribal co-management / G2G relationship.*
- *Suggest 7/19: Add tribal engagement principle specifically in principles. The tribal G2g relationship.*
  - *Action: ODF staff will work on this.*

## Economic viability/vitality

- Next generation - invest in high school and community college programs that
- Focus on forestry
- Embrace new technology and pilot projects for non-traditional forest products
- Create jobs in forest management, focused on climate mitigation and adaptation
- Develop scalable and adaptable infrastructure for the forest sector economy
- Work with the legislature to ensure ODF's economic health:
  - Question about this item. Staff noted this seems to be related to fire funding.
  - Expand beyond Legislature - working with others to ensure economic health. "Ensure ODF's economic health."
  - Keep this strategy in, it is important. But expand to include other entities.
  - Suggestion to broaden concept beyond economic health to include what enables ODF to implement programs (including funding, authority, etc.).
  - Action: Move this strategy to Organizational Excellence Goal and consider the comments and suggestions from today in refining it. Mike Wilson will work with the Executive Team and Joe prior to the August 16 Subcommittee meeting.

## Management across ownerships

- **Tribal Co-Management:** DRAFT language from ODF staff:
  - (Move to a 'Call-Out Box' and/or Principles) Federally Recognized Tribes are sovereign nations, and as such, will be respectfully engaged government-to-government. The Department will engage at a government-to-government level to partner in stewardship, respecting and integrating non-Western forms of science and knowledge. Part of this unique relationship recognizes the importance of cultural diversity, different tribal governmental priorities, and the intensive work required to engage in meaningful consultation during forest management planning and implementation. Meaningful engagement takes time and patience.
  - Collaborative forest management practice recognizes the rich history possessed by the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon individually, collectively, and regionally. These practices are holistic in that humans are inextricable from what Western Science defines as natural systems. Human ecological systems recognize environmental change, human behavior, and management are cyclical at seasonal, annual, decadal, and centennial time scales. Such broad temporal and holistic perspectives are necessary for successful shared stewardship of forests for cultural and natural resiliency. Recognized tribes include Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower

Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Coquille Tribe, Klamath Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Burns Paiute Tribe.

- Add succinct strategies that speak to this principle.
- **Action:** John T and ODF staff will work to refine and assign locations for various components related to tribal engagement, G2G relationship and co-management strategies.
- *PFA: Move to backdrop/context. Not a planning doc so does not necessarily belong here (not a strategic item)*
- *Placeholder: 20 Year Strategy This speaks more to strategies across ownerships, keep in.*

### **Wildfire resiliency**

- Involving advancement of building codes, defensible space, strategic fuel reduction, and prescribed burning.
- Reference 20-Year Landscape Resiliency Plan
- **SEE BELOW** for discussion on broader Wildfire Management Strategy.

### **Place-Based Strategies (Make this a 'call-out box')**

### **Diversity of Human Communities**

- *Background/context: Move language to "call-out box" item. Note about consideration of all. Note this is a policy related specifically to DEI. Refer to the DEI internal doc. Is anyone missing from the list? Brenda + Ryan Gordon + staff. A wide variety of factors overlap to affect Oregonians' values and interests related to forests and natural resources. Some of those factors include age, race, ethnicity, country of origin, gender identity, personal and family experiences, sexual orientation, occupation or vocation, geographic location, community or Tribal culture, physical abilities, and individual beliefs.*
- *To nurture and sustain healthy and productive communities, we must consider the needs and interests of every community member, particularly those whose needs and interests have been overlooked, disregarded, or left out in the past. This requires us to build relationships with, engage with, and listen to everyone in our communities, with particular attention to those who are most vulnerable or have been excluded from public decision making. **Connected to OKT engagement work.***

### **Functional Ecosystems**

Comments and suggested changes are in red below:

Add: reference to Climate Change and Carbon Plan (CCCP related to carbon sequestration (also see Climate Leadership Goal)

**Forest complexity:** *Ensuring good mix of species, forest types, age class, densities etc. across the landscape. Comment: language will need to be carefully considered. This will look different depending on the place. Complexity that enables long term goal for the system - place based. Spatial and temporal scales reflective of ecological function. Unprecedented climate impacts. Make sure this looks through the lens of the Goal. Will include ecological, economic, ecological components.*

Action: Mike Wilson will initiate a draft.

**Fire resilient ecosystems -**

**7/19 suggestion add specific Wildfire Management strategy: Anchor into national Cohesive strategy. Resilience, response and community preparedness. Holistic strategy around this.**

**Biodiversity:**

**Water quality:**

- **Given climate and legal constraints, challenge to develop strategies around these.**
- **Focus strategies for collaboration, coordination and planning across agencies will be critical. Beyond the HCPs and regulations, what strategies, all-lands, can be activated?**
- **Add “call out box” for this and biodiversity. (Same for biodiversity and air quality)**

**Add: Air quality strategy**

**Social license:**

- **Educated and engaged communities**
- **Workforce capacity**
- **Communication: inward and outward looking related to conveying goals and activities guiding the Dept. Consistent and accurate flow of information/messages.**

Call-Out Boxes: It was suggested that deeper context will be helpful for some of the strategy themes in order to keep the document both concise AND informative around intentions. Call-out boxes identified included: Fire, Tribal Relationship and Engagement, Place-based planning, DEI, and Public Resources on Private Lands.

Climate Leadership Goal: To tee up this discussion for next month, Danny Norlander

reminded the group that the Department's CCCP, approved by the Board in November 2021, was developed concurrent with other state activities related to climate initiatives that included intersections with the Global Warming Commission and a related committee, Working Lands. Danny suggested coordination was and is happening in these spaces and will work with the Board to ensure connections from and to the FPFO in and from that broader work. For now, the draft FPFO concept includes language taken directly out of the CCCP. This will be a primary focus of the next Subcommittee meeting. Anyone who is interested in working on this in advance was encouraged to reach out to Danny or Robin.

## **FPFO Process**

Community Engagement - OKT: Wendy Willis joined the group to share a quick process update. More to come in August.

FPFO Process Timeline 2023: Robin reminded the group of the process timeline and expectations for the 2023 calendar year. The group discussed the approach for the September Board meeting, with the intention to look at the Climate Leadership goal and brainstorm/generate input from the broader Board and Executive Team. There will also be an informal opportunity to connect with other state natural resource Boards and Commissions to discuss visions and intersections. The September agenda item will be more fleshed out at the August 16 Subcommittee meeting.

## **Subcommittee meeting procedures**

- The public and participants accessed the meeting through phone and online video conference options.
- The meeting commenced at 7:34 a.m. and adjourned at 9:26 a.m.
- The July 19, 2023, audio (1:52:55, 51.6 MB) posted online at, <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Documents/fpfo/20230719-bof-fpfo-sub-audio.mp3>