

**Oregon Board of Forestry  
Forestry Program for Oregon Subcommittee  
August 16, 2023 7:30-8:55 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, Brenda McComb
- ODF leadership: Ryan Gordon, Ryan Greco, Mike Wilson
- ODF technical staff: Danny Norlander, Hilary Olivos-Rood
- Oregon Consensus Facilitator: Robin Harkless

<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>By When</u>
Direct connection with Tribes to inform description of tribal relations for Vision doc	ODF staff including Tribal Liaison Deanna Grimstead, follow up conversation with BOF at October Board retreat	October, ongoing
September BOF agenda item for Vision development	Robin send for review by subcommittee, confirm with Hilary for board meeting notice	August 21 to Hilary (draft sent to Subcommittee August 16)
Assign 'call out box' content development	BOF volunteer pair with ODF staff	At the September 7 BOF meeting
Draft initial description/definition of Climate Leadership goal	Danny Norlander	To Subcommittee for review prior to Sept. 7 BOF meeting
Prepare Intent/Context document for BOF / ET review and discussion	Robin - merging Principles in current FPFO draft with 'cover memo' being developed by Subcommittee members Joe and Brenda	Share with Subcommittee for quick feedback prior to submitting in the packet materials for Sept. 7 BOF meeting

Review draft language for Forest Complexity strategy	BOF/ ET	September 7 BOF meeting
Rename the FPFO to 'Vision for Oregon's Forests'	All	Use this working title beginning now, review and discuss any further reframe with full Board / ET in the Fall or Winter

### **Tribal Engagement**

Cal Mukumoto and Ryan Gordon reported from the previous day's Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) where they discussed invitation to tribes to engage in discussions with the Board at the October board retreat and also shared that a summit is being developed for rolling out the state's Landscape Resiliency Strategy. The Tribes, they reported, were wondering why they had not been engaged with the agency sooner and indicated an interest in connecting. The tie to the FPFO, Ryan suggested, could serve as an anchor body of work to center the conversation in October. Cal reflected his desire to build in intention and strategy within the FPFO that focuses on developing and defining the organization's relationship with Tribes in Oregon. Everyone agreed that tribal engagement is important, and they want to better understand from the tribes how and on what.

### **Climate Leadership Goal**

The subcommittee members present generally agreed to adopt the strategies from the approved Carbon and Climate Change Plan (CCCP) for this Goal. They suggested a clear description/definition needed to be developed similarly to the other goals and agreed that Staff should make a first draft.

**Action:** Danny Norlander will initiate a first draft description of the Climate Leadership goal, borrowing from language in the CCCP, for subcommittee review. A draft and the list of strategies from the CCCP will be shared with the full Board and ET at the September 7 BOF meeting. Strategies that will be included from the CCCP are listed below:

*Silviculture: Establish a just and equitable transition to climate-informed silviculture and climate-smart forestry that optimizes climate mitigation and adaptation, while maintaining a sustainable flow of wood products to ensure long-term resource benefits and viability of the forest products industry and flow of long-lived forest products.*

*Fire: Modernize Oregon's complete and coordinated wildfire protection system to respond to the increased severity of wildfire. Promote fire and smoke-adapted*

*communities in the wildland urban interface and beyond, to mitigate the impacts of climate-induced increases in wildfire severity.*

*State forests management: Lead by example and demonstrate climate-smart forest management on State Forests to achieve adaptation, mitigation, and the achievement of forest resource goals.*

*Restoration: Accelerate the pace, scale, and quality of climate appropriate forest restoration to increase the resilience to increased wildfire, drought, and biotic disturbance severity and incidence. Support implementation of the recommendations of the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response.*

*Urban forests: Increase the extent and resilience of urban and community forests to maximize the climate mitigation and health benefits of urban forest canopy.*

*Post-fire: Facilitate and encourage the reforestation of areas burned by wildfire and afforestation of low-productivity lands that are understocked or not in forest use.*

*Conservation: Support a strong, but flexible, Land Use Planning System as a cornerstone of maintaining Oregon's forests on private lands.*

*Research and monitoring: Maintain a research and monitoring program to track the status and trends of ecological, economic, and social indicators and the effects of climate change and to track progress related to this plan.*

## **Call-Out Boxes**

The group reviewed the list of 'call-out boxes' they had identified for inclusion in the FPFO. They discussed a proposal for developing this content, and agreed on the following:

- 1) The purpose and content for the call-out boxes are to provide context for the concept, a slightly deeper dive into the concept, and an attempt to clarify and define the concept. It could also include links or citations to other descriptor documentation.
- 2) Board members will be invited to volunteer to work on a call-out box with ODF staff - this will happen at the September 7 BOF meeting and drafts would be due for inclusion in the next iteration for sharing with the Board at the October retreat.
- 3) The list of call-out box topics identified to date, which may be expanded, includes:
  - a) Wildfire cohesive strategy
  - b) Diversity, equity, and inclusion
  - c) Tribal relations
  - d) Place Based Implementation
  - e) Ecosystem services

The group discussed the ecosystem services call-out box, reflecting on important features of this topic. This is a complicated concept that covers non-economic benefits from forests, needs to acknowledge multiple ownerships and the checkerboard pattern of ownership in Oregon, acknowledge baseline regulatory standards that guide management across different ownerships, and also acknowledge social expectations for management - all of which impact policy and management decisions.

The group also discussed the Tribal relations call-out box and agreed that this body of work should be informed by the tribes.

**Action:** ODF will work through its Tribal Liaison Deanna Grimstead to begin this engagement, and the hope is to incorporate tribal relations descriptions, strategies, and intent informed by conversations between the Board and Tribes in October. The group suggested that the first 'call-out' is to recognize the sovereignty of all tribal nations and to cite SB 77 referencing Oregon's orders around tribal consultation and other G2G requirements and commitments. It was also suggested that co-stewardship and integrating traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) practices into forest management should be included in the strategies of the FPFO.

### **Intent/Context Preamble**

Brenda and Joe worked together with Robin on articulating a set of intentions and context items that have been discussed by everyone throughout the FPFO development process. These were very similar to the set of Principles developed by ODF ET and which have been previously included in iterations of the FPFO. The subcommittee members present agreed that this item will be an important piece of the FPFO doc, and that revisiting these intentions and acknowledgment of context will be important to affirm with the full Board and ET in September.

**Action:** Robin will work to merge the efforts and have a draft for discussion at the September 7 Board meeting.

### **Renaming the FPFO**

The group reviewed a potential rename for the FPFO and landed on a "**Vision for Oregon's Forests**" as a working title for now.

### **Vision for Oregon's Forest: Process**

Community Engagement - OKT: Ryan Gordon shared that OKT has worked with the Agency to finalize survey questions that will go out for broader community engagement in the Fall/Winter. Separately, he suggested that a public review of the Vision draft will occur in early 2024.

Vision for Oregon's Forests Process Timeline 2023: Robin shared an updated work plan for this effort with the group. Of note:

- A comprehensive draft of the Vision, including a preamble, principles, goals, and strategies, is expected to be shared and reviewed at the October Board retreat.
- A template for tracking and measuring progress on the goals, and fully integrating the Vision direction into the organization's work, will be developed by ODF staff and rolled out at the October Board meeting.
- Robin and Ryan will assist with reviewing and calling out areas where the document could better hang together (i.e., similar 'altitudes' across all goals and strategies; consistent language for terms throughout the doc) - this will be prepared for the Board's comprehensive review of the Vision document in October.

### **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 8:55 a.m.
- The August 16, 2023, audio (1:21:33, 37.2 MB) posted online at, <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Documents/fpfosub/20230816-bof-fpfosub-audio.mp3>