

Oregon Board of Forestry
Forestry Program for Oregon Subcommittee
January 17, 2024, 7:30-9:30 am

Subcommittee Purpose: Collaborative work forum for Board and Agency leadership to advance efforts to jointly develop a modern “Vision” (formerly Forestry Program for Oregon). The subcommittee will serve until completion of the high level effort, targeted for December 2023 and extended to June 2024.

SUMMARY NOTES

Content Review: Vision for Oregon’s Forests (“FPFO”)

- Updated Intro: Joe, Ben, and Brenda reviewed updates they suggested to the ‘Context and Intent’ introductory section of the Vision. With alignment on the direction and a few minor suggested edits, this version will go forward.
- No additional *major* content concerns were flagged at this time. (See further down discussion about incorporating community engagement efforts into this work.)
- Cal shared his expectations for moving this Vision to a vote in June - with the pending requirement to submit a Strategic Plan to the Governor, the Dept. would like this vote to affirm direction forward for subsequent action plans.
- Joy provided a draft Strategic Plan template for the Governor’s Office that migrated the content over. The subcommittee was generally supportive and very appreciative of this effort to advance with a user-friendly document. Current content appears to have overlap of context and commitments with principles, and rework these into one section. One suggestion that Joy will take back is review for redundancies to keep it as concise as possible. Continuing subcommittee work on a joint mission statement is desired.

Follow up on Oregon Kitchen Table (OKT) outreach and board discussion - Sarah Giles and Wendy Willis joined the group to discuss the findings to date as follow up from the January Board discussion. They also discussed next steps and ways to crosswalk this work with the Subcommittee’s development of the Vision. High level points are included below:

- Education and interaction; and broader ongoing community engagement are not as explicitly incorporated in the Vision as much as the other key themes and values from the OKT work.

- Potential to look at the Department's commitments (e.g., State Forests REI) and ways to be more explicit about strategies to meet these needs going forward.
- Approaches considered for upcoming community conversations were deepening what has been done, exploring specifics of the plan, or seeking what implementation of the strategies on the ground may look like.
- Given an expressed interest/need in understanding Oregonians' desires to connect with the forests; ask "How can ODF be connected to Oregonians"?
- Consider adopting framing language that came out of the community engagement efforts, as a means to provide direct acknowledgment and reflection back to those communities.
- Information received from these conversations has potential to check the Subcommittee and department's assumption of priorities and principles (i.e., values).
- Discussion on integration of input and OKT report with Vision, and department/board desire to maintain community relationships established through this planning work.
- A metric for success is 'gaining trust'.
- An option for tribal engagement could be in joint efforts to educate the public about forestry and forest practices.
- The Department will work on specific activities for meeting its goals of improved Tribal relations. Questions remain about how to engage Tribes in the strategic work of the board and department.
- A high level report from OKT will be translated into 9 languages; likewise the Dept. is considering translation of its Strategic Plan with a minimum of transcribing Vision, Mission, Values and Goals into Spanish.
- Next steps with Community conversations: There will be 4 community conversation meetings with the following schedule to round out the OKT engagement activities.
 - (Zoom) Feb. 13 5:30-7:00pm
 - (*Cornelius) Feb. 15 5:30-7:00pm
 - (*Madras) Feb. 22 5:30-7:00pm
 - (Grants Pass) Feb. 28 5:30-7:00pm
 - To take this next step, OKT will focus on deeper conversations on two complex themes that came out of their community connector efforts- education and engagement; access and safety; and if time, a third related to views on sustainable forests.

- ODF will distribute dates, times, and locations for scheduling Subcommittee members. Asterisk (*) locations are pending.

Next steps for Subcommittee/Vision Finalization Process. Oregon Consensus passing the pen to Department Executive, Joy Krawczyk to advance the plan's drafting and finalize formatting for anticipated June 2024 completion.

- Key considerations for a shared Mission statement to be sent to Joy. Members to assist with further development.
- Process from January to June 2024 discussed relative to internal and external input, Subcommittee feedback review with Vision incorporation, and full board engagement before submitting the Vision to the Governor's Office.
 - This schedule was clarified at the meeting today but may change as the plan progresses:
 - January – finalize draft Vision with shared mission.
 - February – OKT community conversations and report completed.
 - January to March – internal and external feedback on draft language sought.
 - March - Subcommittee reconvenes to go over all results of OKT community engagement efforts; Department's internal review and migration of content to new format; and follow on from today's discussion with joint Mission and Principles sections. Develop a draft for ET/full Board to deliberate on in April.
 - April - full Board/ET discussion of new format draft.
 - April/May- public comment on draft
 - May- Subcommittee reconvene to discuss any revisions based on public comment.
 - June- Full Board vote on final draft Strategic Plan.
 - By June 30- Dept. submits Strategic Plan to Governor's office.
- Options to be designed with proposed timeframes outlining production, discussion, and decision points for Vision work. Feedback from internal and external sources may be sought and incorporated in phases.

Subcommittee meeting procedures

- The public and participants accessed the meeting through phone and online video conference options.
- The meeting commenced at 7:32 a.m. and adjourned at 9:18 a.m.
- The January 17, 2024, audio without breaks (1:45:37, 48.3 MB) posted online at,
- <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Documents/fpfosub/20240117-bof-fpfosub-audio.mp3>