



Oregon Board of Forestry – Public Field Tour

Thursday, April 28, 2022

The Board of Forestry is meeting in Central Oregon April 27 and 28 for a regular business meeting and public field tour. An agenda for the April 27 business meeting is available on the Board's [meetings webpage](#). The following agenda is for the April 28 public field tour.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The theme of the public field tour is *Living with Fire*. The tour will include four stops. Discussion will focus on the nexus of fire response, adapted communities, mitigation treatments, recovery efforts, and building resilience in wildland urban interface areas. Each tour stop will include a 20-minute presentation and an opportunity for Board members to engage with the presenters. Upon conclusion of the tour, the Board will discuss key takeaways.

The field tour presentations and subsequent discussions will be recorded and posted on the department's [YouTube page](#) following the tour.

Field Tour Itinerary

9:00 – 9:15 Arrive at Tour Stop 1: Tetherow Country Club, 61240 Skyline Ranch Rd, Bend, OR 97702, lawn behind The Pavilion. ODF staff will direct foot traffic.

9:15 – 9:30 Welcome by State Forester Cal Mukumoto, Board Chair Jim Kelly, and ODF Eastern Oregon Area Director Brian Pew

9:30 – 10:30 **Tour Stop One: Suppression in the Wildland Urban Interface**
Discussion will focus on living with fire and will set the stage for the remainder of the day. The setting was chosen specifically due to the history of this piece of land, which includes the footprint of the Awbrey Hall fire in 1990. The Awbrey Hall fire burned approximately 3,500 acres and 22 homes in a 10-hour timeframe and has been the impetus of significant change in the management of forest fuels in the Wildland Urban Interface, how land use development has evolved, and how multiple agencies and partners work together to provide for the safety of landowners in these areas. The outcomes of a fire over 30 years ago have elevated the need for close collaboration among these agencies. The mitigation and land management efforts in this area, on the west side of Bend, provide a backdrop for discussion of the passage of SB 762, as well as the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act and how those can be leveraged as we look to advance fire protection in Oregon.

Speakers: ODF Protection Division Chief Mike Shaw, ODF Central Oregon District Assistant District Forester Gordon Foster, Bend Fire and Rescue Chief Todd Riley, Deschutes County Emergency Manager Nathan Garibay

10:30 – 11:00 Transit time to Tour Stop 2: Drive through Tree Farm Subdivision (follow ODF signs) to observe examples of building construction and landscaping designed to be fire resilient and arrive at Tour Stop 2: Phil's Trail Head parking area.

11:00 – 12:00 **Tour Stop Two: All-Lands Mitigation and Restoration**
Discussion will highlight the 10+ year history and milestones of The West Bend Project. Speakers will address some of the key challenges of collaborative work that crosses multiple ownerships and discuss strategies for maintaining momentum and focusing on implementation. Topics will include landscape level work in the area, challenges of working in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), and building and funding landscape scale mitigation and restoration projects.

Speakers: ODF Protection Division Chief Mike Shaw, ODF Forest Resources Division Chief Josh Barnard, ODF All-Lands Initiative Unit Manager, Jeff Burns, USFS Central Oregon Fire and Aviation Staff Officer Kevin Stock, USFS Deschutes NF Natural Resources Staff Officer Kristin McBride.

12:00 – 12:30 Transit time to Tour Stop 3: Aspen Hall (Shevlin Park), 18920 Shevlin Rd, Bend, OR 97709.

- 12:30 – 12:45 Set up for presenter during lunch hour and public/board find seating.
- 12:30 – 2:00 **Tour Stop Three and Lunch: Shared Stewardship and Federal Forest Restoration Program**
 Discussion over the lunch hour will focus on additional tools for all-lands mitigation and restoration. The conversation will begin with an overview of Shared Stewardship and development of a 20-year strategy to achieve resilient landscapes in Oregon. Following this overview, ODF staff will describe the Federal Forest Restoration Program and the role it plays in mitigation and restoration on federal lands, with a focus on Central Oregon landscapes.
(Note: Members of the public must provide their own lunch and water)
- Speakers: ODF Planning Branch Director Ryan Gordon, Assistant to the ODF Eastern Oregon Area Director Ryan Miller, ODF Federal Forest Restoration Program Lead Kyle Sullivan, Deschutes County Commissioner Phil Chang, ODF 20-year Strategic Plan Coordinator Nathan Beckman
- 2:00 – 2:30 Transit time to Tour Stop 4: Arrive at Shanda property, site of previous wildfires; location (Lat., Long.): 44.086213, -121.446135.
- 2:30 – 3:30 **Tour Stop Four: Post-Fire Restoration**
 Speakers will discuss forest landowner impacts and challenges of post-fire restoration and recovery and discuss what is needed to support landowners in post-fire recovery. Statewide and local perspectives will be shared.
- Speakers: ODF Forest Resources Division Chief Josh Barnard, ODF Central Oregon District Protection Supervisor Chase Duncan, ODF Family Forestland Coordinator Nate Agalzoff, Shanda Executive Director of Timber Operations Chris Johnson
- 3:30 – 4:00 Board offers closing comments about the tour.
- 4:00 – 4:15 Depart from the last tour stop.

Public Participation at Field Tour

- Please dress and prepare appropriately for local weather and a moderate amount of walking over uneven terrain.
- There will be no online option for participation, but video from each tour stop will be posted to [ODF's YouTube Channel](#) following the tour.
- Members of the public wishing to join the tour must provide their own transportation, lunch, and water.
- If you require special accommodations for the tour, contact the Board Administrator at hilary.olivos-wood@odf.oregon.gov.
- The scheduled tour times listed on the itinerary are approximate. Oregon Department of Forestry has the discretion to modify the tour presenters, stop locations, or timing if unforeseen circumstances occur.

Safety

In case of emergency, please dial 911.

Note that the route to the last stop is on an unimproved road. Standard compact vehicles are allowed on the one-lane road, and no need for 4 wheel drive is anticipated

The Department and Board will remain in compliance with safety guidelines or measures as it relates to COVID-19, locally (deschutes.org), statewide (OHA.gov), and nationally (CDC.gov).

Tour Directions

Tour Stop 1: Tetherow Country Club

- ➔ Turn right onto Skyline Ranch Rd – 1.0 mi
- ↪ At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on Skyline Ranch Rd – 1.5 mi
- ← Turn left onto NW Skyliners Rd – 0.7 mi
- ➔ Turn right onto Tree Farm Dr – 210 ft
- ← Turn left to stay on Tree Farm Dr – 0.7 mi
- ➔ Turn right onto Ridgeline Dr – 0.3 mi
- ← Turn left onto Golden Mantle Loop – 0.6 mi
- ➔ Turn right onto Tree Farm Dr – 0.7 mi
- ← Turn right to stay on Tree Farm Dr – 210 ft
- ➔ Turn right onto Skyliners Rd – 0.3 mi
- ← Turn left onto FS 4604 Rd – 0.5 mi
- ➔ Turn right – 180 ft

Tour Stop 2: Phil's Trailhead

Take Skyliners Rd to Northwest Mount Washington Drive in Bend – 5 min (2.0 mi)

Head east toward FS 4604 Rd – 180 ft

- ← Turn left onto FS 4604 Rd – 0.5 mi
- ➔ Turn right onto Skyliners Rd – 1.5 mi
- Follow Northwest Mount Washington Drive and NW Shevlin Park Rd – 6 min (2.8 mi)
- ↪ At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto Northwest Mount Washington Drive – 0.4 mi
- ↪ At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on Northwest Mount Washington Drive – 0.7 mi
- ↪ At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto NW Shevlin Park Rd – 1.8 mi – Drive to your destination – 31 s (358 ft)
- ➔ Turn right – 128 ft

Tour Stop 3: Aspen Hall/Shevlin Park (lunch)

- ↓ Head south toward NW Shevlin Park Rd – 230 ft
- ➔ Turn right toward NW Shevlin Park Rd – 128 ft
- ➔ Turn right onto NW Shevlin Park Rd – 56 s (0.3 mi) – Continue on Bull Springs Rd. Take B-S Logging Rd/NF-4606 and Couch Rd to Columbia Southern Rd – 15 min (4.7 mi)
- ← Turn left onto Bull Springs Rd – 1.2 mi
- ➔ Turn right onto B-S Logging Rd/NF-4606 – 1.7 mi
- ← Turn left onto Couch Rd – 1.4 mi
- ← Slight left onto Columbia Southern Rd – 410 ft –
- ↑ Continue straight to stay on Columbia Southern Rd

Tour Stop 4: location (Lat., Long.): 44.086213, -121.446135

