



Oregon Board of Forestry – Public Field Tour

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Board of Forestry is meeting in Enterprise on April 26 and 27 and will host a public field tour, community social and strategic planning retreat. An agenda for the series of events scheduled in the Northeast Oregon area is available on the Board's meetings webpage.

The theme of the public field tour is *Community Forestry – collaboration, resilience, and infrastructure ties to healthy economies*. The tour will include three stops:

- 1) Minam Wildlife Area located northwest of Wallowa
- 2) Whiskey Creek, northeast of Wallowa
- 3) East Moraine Community Forest, near Wallowa Lake

The discussion will focus on collaborative partnerships, new stream rules implementation, and the benefits of community forests in Northeast Oregon. Each tour stop will have informal presentations from federal and state agencies, private forestland managers, county, tribe, and non-profit affiliates with an opportunity for Board questions. Upon conclusion of the tour, the Board will discuss key takeaways.

There will be no online option for participation, but audio from each tour stop will be posted on the department's meeting webpage following the tour, <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Pages/bofmeetings.aspx>.

Field Tour Itinerary

- 7:30 Meet at the Wallowa County Fairground, Cloverleaf Hall. Check-in at the conference room connected to the main hall.
- 8:00 Welcome by State Forester Cal Mukumoto and Matt Howard, ODF Northeast Oregon District Forester. Vehicle assignments are confirmed at registration.
- 8:00 – 8:05 Groups divided by vehicle assignments and loaded into ODF vans or field vehicles.
- 8:15 – 9:00 Travel time to the first stop
- 9:00 – 10:00 **Tour Stop One: Minam Wildlife Flat Area**
The discussion will speak about historical use, the purpose for acquisition, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) involvement, phase 1 and phase 2. Additional topic on wildlife areas in the Grande Ronde watershed, purpose, operational activities, and role of an Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) Forester.

Speakers: Steve McClelland, Manulife Land Sales Support Manager, Jon Paustain, ODFW Regional Wildlife Habitat Biologist, Dan Marvin, Wildlife Area Manager, and Sarah Anderson, ODFW Wildlife Forester

Reference links: <https://youtu.be/ADMmzy9bpSM> video about the Minam Wildlife area and recent acquisition efforts.
- 10:00 – 11:15 Travel time to the second stop
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Tour Stop Two: Whiskey Creek**
The discussion will focus on the recently updated Forest Practice Act stream rules, a practical application of the stream rules on the eastside, and an update on the overall implementation of the Private Forest Accord.

Speakers: Tim Cudmore, ODF Stewardship Forester, Joseph Goebel ODF Stewardship Forester, Todd Kurtz, Manulife Silviculture Area Manager, Mike Kreachbaum, Manulife Forester, and Josh Barnard, ODF Forest Resources Division Chief

12:30 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:15 Travel time to the third stop

2:15 – 4:00 **Tour Stop Three & field tour close out at East Moraine Community Forest**

The discussion will highlight the purpose and acquisition of this community forest, funding-related, cultural elements, collaborative participation, and diverse management objectives. Additional perspectives will include grazing, forestry, and recreation nexus with this project.

Speakers: John Hillock, Wallowa County Commissioner, Kathleen Ackley, Wallowa Land Trust, Nils Christoffersen, Wallowa Resources Executive Director, Larry Nall, Forestry Consultant, Marci Schreder, Wallowa Resources Program Director, Nakia Williamson, Nez Perce Tribe Cultural Resources Director, and Amy Singh, U.S.F.S Forest Legacy Program Manager.

Reference links: <https://morainecampaign.org/> webpage lists benefits for supporting the East Moraine acquisition, a map of the location, a description of the geology, and a video spotlighting the intention for this work. <https://co.wallowa.or.us/east-moraine-community-forest/>, the Wallowa County webpage highlights the community vision for East Moraine, the associated management plan, values, and the history of the land.

4:00 p.m. Field tour concludes

Public Participation at Field Tour

- Please dress and prepare appropriately for local weather and a moderate amount of walking over uneven, rocky, or snowy terrain. Close-toed shoes and warm attire are recommended.
- Members of the public wishing to join the tour must provide their own lunch and water.
- There will be no online option for participation, but a recording highlighting the tour stops will be posted to the ODF [Board meeting webpage](#) following the tour.
- If you require special accommodations for the tour, contact the Board Administrator at hilary.olivos-rood@odf.oregon.gov, at least 72 hours prior to the event date.
- The scheduled tour times listed on the itinerary are approximate. Oregon Department of Forestry has the discretion to modify the tour presenters, stop locations, tour route, or timing if unforeseen circumstances occur.
- Individuals confirmed to attend the tour must sign a ride-along waiver before a seat assignment is provided. In an effort to limit the number of vehicles traveling on forest roads, participants are asked to consider riding in the vehicles provided by ODF, or if not, carpooling in all-terrain vehicles.
- In case of an emergency, please dial 911.

The Department and Board will remain in compliance with safety guidelines or measures as it relates to COVID-19, locally (oregon.gov/oha/pages/Wallowa-County), statewide ([OHA.gov](https://oha.gov)), and nationally ([CDC.gov](https://cdc.gov)).

Parking and Building Access for Tour Initiation

Cloverleaf Hall, Wallowa County Fairgrounds

600 NW 1st St, Enterprise, OR 97828

Parking is complimentary and located adjacent to the fairgrounds arena, off of NW Garfield St.

ODF vehicle passengers will be returned to Cloverleaf Hall upon the conclusion of the tour.



Stop 1) Minam Wildlife

Latitude 45.6075 N

Longitude -117.7298 W

One-way direction of traffic with a turnaround located at the bottom of the road.

Stop 2) Whiskey Creek

Latitude 45.6258 N

Longitude -117.3978 W

One-way direction of traffic with a narrow area to turnaround, located at about mile 6 up the road. Assistance to turnaround may be required.

Stop 3) East Moraine

Latitude 45.300 N

Longitude -117.199 W

Park at the base of the trailhead. If you pass the parking area, there are turnouts located near the trailhead, and walk to meet at the base of the trail.

Google map link, <https://goo.gl/maps/f29GzyhJsXrzg4A18>

Recommend downloading a map before travel, as some areas have limited service.

