

STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the appointment of three new members and the re-appointment of six existing members to the Regional Forest Practice Committees.

CONTEXT

ORS 527.650 requires the Board of Forestry to establish a forest practice committee for each forest region. Each committee shall consist of nine members, most of whom must reside in the region. Members of each committee shall be qualified by education or experience in natural resource management, and not less than two-thirds of the members of each committee shall be private landowners, private timber owners, or authorized representatives of such landowners or timber owners who regularly engage in operations.

ORS 527.660 states “[E]ach forest practice committee shall review proposed forest practice rules in order to assist the board in developing rules appropriate to the forest conditions within its region.” Regional committees have provided a forum for the public; at each meeting members of the public may participate and offer information and suggestions. The Forest Resources Division Deputy Chief serves as the secretary for all three committees.

BACKGROUND

The last committee member appointments occurred last September. The committee positions have staggered terms so each year one-third of the committee members’ terms end. This approach ensures the continuity of committee work. The department contacted committee members whose terms expire in 2023, about their interest in continued service. Six members wished to continue serving: two members from Northwest, two from Southwest, and two from Eastern Oregon Regional committees. Additionally, there were six vacancies across the regions from previous members that resigned: one in Northwest, two in Southwest, and three in Eastern Oregon Regional committees. To fill those vacancies, the department and committee chairs searched for qualified nominees with diverse backgrounds. Based on these criteria the department is recommending the following appointments:

- Eric Kranzush for Northwest.
- Paul Oester for Eastern.
- Jeremy Grose for Eastern.

See attachment 1 for biographies. The search is underway for nominees to fill the remaining three vacancies: two on the Southwest Oregon Regional Committee to fill terms ending in 2024 and 2026 after resignations in May 2023 and July 2023, respectively, and one on the Eastern Oregon Regional Committee to fill a term ending in 2025 after a members resignation in July 2023. The full roster for each committee is in Attachment 2.

The recommendation shows current and new members for appointment and their term expiration dates as well as the vacancies noted. The terms are set to maintain the staggered term approach.

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends the Board make the following six reappointments and three new appointments:

<u>Northwest Oregon Region:</u>	<u>Term expires September</u>
Randy Silbernagel (p)	2026
Jill Bell	2026
Eric Kranzush	2026
<u>Southwest Oregon Region:</u>	
Dana Kjos (Chair)	2026
VACANT	2026
Darin McMichael	2026
VACANT	2024
<u>Eastern Oregon Region:</u>	
Chris Johnson	2026
Todd Kurtz	2026
Jeremy Grose	2026
Paul Oester (p)	2024
VACANT	2025

(p) Public Member

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Biographies for new appointments
- (2) Committee rosters

Northwest Appointments



Biography for Randy Silbernagel

Appointed September 1998. He graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in forest engineering in 1982. His career started at Freres Lumber Co., Inc. (Lyons, OR) supervising cutting, logging and reforestation contractors. In 1986 he started supervising road construction, maintenance and engineering work before retiring from Freres in 2017. Over the years, he has also served on numerous ODF committees: Headquarters Services Budget Committee, Fire Program Review Committee, Fire Protection Strategic Investments Committee and on two Forest Protective Association boards.



Biography for Jill Bell

Appointed September 2022. Jill is a native Oregonian who was born and raised in the timber community of Philomath. She has a Bachelor of Science in Forest Engineering and a Master of Business Administration, both from Oregon State University. Jill has been employed at Weyerhaeuser since 2003 and has had the privilege of working in various locations across the State of Oregon. Her early career was as a forest engineer and harvest manager, giving her a solid background in understanding and implementing the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Today Jill is an Area Manager of a 130,000 acre operating area in the Oregon Cascades. In her spare time, Jill enjoys volunteering with non-profit organizations focused on forestry education, including Oregon Women in Timber and Future Natural Resource Leaders. Additionally, she serves on various industry boards and associations. Jill is also an active Toastmaster and enjoys growing in her leadership and communication skills.



Biography for Eric Kranzush

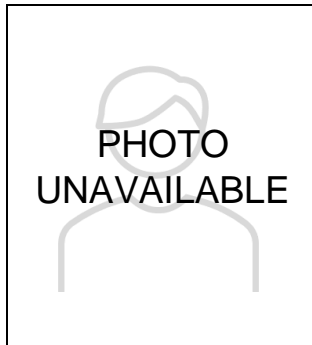
Eric Kranzush is a Forest Manager at Giustina Land & Timber Co. in Eugene, Oregon. Since graduating from the Oregon State University College of Forestry in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forest management, Eric has been involved in every aspect of company operations, from seed orchard management to timber harvesting. Eric was the recipient of the Oregon Society of American Foresters, "Forester of the Year Award" in 2007 and the National Society of American Foresters presented him with their "National Young Forester Leadership Award" in 2012. In 2014, Eric earned his MBA from the University of Oregon Lundquist College of Business. Currently, he oversees commercial thinning and final harvest logging operations on company lands.

Southwest Appointments



Biography for Dana Kjos

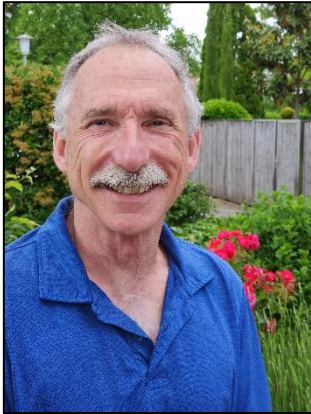
Appointed September 1994. Dana is a life-long Oregonian. Dana earned a B.S. in forest management from Oregon State University in 1991. After graduation, he began work as an Inventory Forester for International Paper Company in Reedsport, followed by three years on their forestry staff in Veneta. In 1995, Dana moved back to Reedsport, working as a logging supervisor, again for International Paper Company. Following the purchase of the International Paper Company lands by Roseburg Lumber Company, Dana became an employee of Roseburg Lumber Company, continuing in his current position as Logging Supervisor. Recently, Dana finished a four-year term on the Elkton School Board.



Biography for Darin McMichael

Appointed September 2019. Darin graduated from Oregon State University in 1997 with a degree in forestry. In 2000 he started with family-owned C&D Lumber Co in Riddle, Oregon as a silviculture forester & log buyer. In 2013 he took on the role of Timberlands Manager for the family's Silver Butte Timber Co that oversees 45,000 acres. Darin is an active Board member with the Douglas Forest Protective Association, the Rogue Forest Protective Association, and the Partnership of the Umpqua Rivers.

Eastern Appointments



Biography for Chris Johnson

Appointed September 2014. Chris graduated Oregon State University in 1992 with a degree in forest management. After graduating, Chris started as a cruiser for Crown Pacific in Gilchrist, OR where eventually became an area forester. Chris stayed with the tree farm when Interfor acquired the mill in Gilchrist in 2005 and was ultimately promoted to a Federal/State Timber Sale Appraiser and Administrator with Interfor. Chris left Interfor in May of 2013 to work as a contract marker and cruiser for the Forest Service, primarily in Region 1 with a few jobs on the Mt Hood National Forest. Chris worked as a side rod for Quicksilver Contracting in Tumalo, Oregon and is currently the Timberland Manager for CascadeTimberlands (Oregon), LLC.



Biography for Todd Kurtz

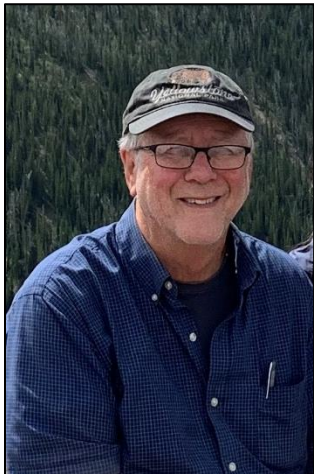
Appointed September 2022. Todd Kurtz is the Silviculture Area Manager for Manulife Investment Management Forest Management in La Grande, Oregon. Todd leads the layout and reforestation operations. Todd has worked for Manulife (formerly Hancock) since 2010 serving as a Reforestation Forester, Silviculture Forester, Logging Contract Administrator and Senior Forester. During his career in the woods, Todd has also worked for the United States Forest Service in Heppner, OR and as a logger for C&C Logging in Kelso, WA. Todd earned a bachelor's degree in economics with a minor in environmental science resource management from the University of Washington and an M.B.A. degree from Eastern Oregon University. Todd has lived in La Grande since 2013.



Biography for Jeremy Grose

Jeremy is a Senior Forester with Green Diamond. He has over twenty years' experience in forestry and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in forest products at University of Idaho. Jeremy started his forestry career in seasonal positions and has since worked in many roles including Project Manager, Unit Forester, Inventory Forester, and Procurement Forester for companies across the industry. Member of Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Society of American Foresters, South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative, and Hood River Stew Crew.

Eastern Appointments Continued



Biography for Paul Oester

Paul's professional experience was with the OSU Forestry and Natural Resources Extension program (1979 to 2017). In this role he delivered educational programs for woodland owners, loggers, natural resource professionals, youth and the general public, which included classes, workshops, tours, demonstrations and meetings. Part of this work involved producing newsletters, slide presentations, publications, handouts, news releases and videos, as well as working cooperatively with woodland owner associations, agencies, private landowners, NGO's and companies. Applied research and demonstrations were used to address local needs. While in LaGrande, he provided local management direction for management of the Oberteuffer Research and Education Forest (113 acres) with input from OSU's College of Forestry Research Forests staff. Some of the activities included maintaining fences and roads, weed control, precommercial thinning, planting, pruning and commercial thinning. Society of American Forests member since 1977. Lifetime member, Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals.

CURRENT REGIONAL FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

September 2023

NORTHWEST OREGON REGION

Member Name	Current Term Began	Current Term Expires	Recommended New Expiration
Mike Barnes (Chair)	09/2022	09/2025	
Randy Silbernagel (p)	09/2020	09/2023	09/2026
Jill Bell	09/2022	09/2023	09/2026
Eric Kranzush (NEW)		09/2023	09/2026
Aaron Zweber	09/2022	09/2024	
Jon Stewart	09/2021	09/2024	
Gregory "Wade" Stringham	09/2021	09/2024	
Tally Patton (p)	09/2022	09/2025	
Candace Bonner (p)	09/2022	09/2025	

SOUTHWEST OREGON REGION

Member Name	Current Term Began	Current Term Expires	Recommended New Expiration
Dana Kjos (Chair)	09/2020	09/2023	09/2026
[VACANT]		09/2023	09/2026
Darin McMichael	09/2020	09/2023	09/2026
Mikaela Gosney	09/2021	09/2024	
Erik Culley	09/2021	09/2024	
[VACANT]		09/2024	
Chris Arnold	09/2022	09/2025	
Garrett Kleiner	09/2022	09/2025	
Michael Scott	09/2022	09/2025	

EASTERN OREGON REGION

Member Name	Current Term Began	Current Term Expires	Recommended New Expiration
Bob Messinger (Chair)(p)	09/2021	09/2024	
Chris Johnson	09/2020	09/2023	09/2026
Todd Kurtz	09/2022	09/2023	09/2026
Jeremy Grose (NEW)		09/2023	09/2026
Elwayne Henderson	09/2021	09/2024	
Paul Oester (NEW)(p)		09/2024	09/2024
Paul Jones	09/2022	09/2025	
Bobby Douglas	09/2022	09/2025	
[VACANT]		09/2025	

(p) Denotes public member