

ANNUAL RULE REVIEW MEETING REPORT

Introduction

This report describes the annual meetings the State Forester conducted during 2014, to ensure proper coordination among state agencies with an interest in the forest environment and forest practice rule sufficiency. OAR 629-605-0110 states, “The State Forester shall, at least once each year, meet with other state agencies concerned with the forest environment to review the Forest Practice Rules relative to sufficiency. The State Forester shall then report to the Board of Forestry a summary of such meeting or meetings together with recommendations for amendments to rules, new rules, or repeal of rules.”

All state natural resource agencies were invited to meetings, as were several additional agencies that often collaborate or coordinate with the Department on forest resource issues. The invited agencies that chose to meet included the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Department of Transportation (ODOT), Office of Environmental Public Health (OEPH), Department of State Lands (DSL), Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W) and OSU Extension Service (OSU).

The following invited agencies decided that a meeting was not necessary this year: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Governor’s Natural Resource Office (GNRO), Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department/State Historic Preservation Office (OPRD/SHPO), Oregon Emergency Management (OEM), Water Resources Department (WRD) and the Department of Agriculture (ODA).

Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) met with ODF staff at several other meetings during the year to discuss issues of interagency coordination.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) field staff was informed at least two months prior to scheduling the meetings and asked to provide input regarding issues of interagency coordination. Oregon Department of Forestry staff also asked the other agencies for items they would like to discuss at the annual meeting. A decision to hold a formal meeting is based upon the relative importance of the issues that have been identified during pre-meeting discussions, the adequacy of ongoing coordination, and the preference of the invited agency.

Summary of Meeting Results

There were no specific recommendations for rule changes. Topics discussed, potential action items identified, and follow-up actions occurring as a result at the meetings are described on the following pages.

Overview of Individual Meetings

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Meeting Date: July 9, 2014

Attendees: ODFW: Bruce McIntosh, Fish Division Assistant Administrator; Erik Rickerson, Conservation Program Manager; Rod Krahmer, Forest Practices Program Coordinator; Ken Loffink, Assistant Fish Passage Program Coordinator

ODF: Paul Bell, Peter Daugherty, Lena Tucker, Jim Cathcart, Marganne Allen, Kyle Abraham, Roger Welty

Topics Discussed:

- Board of Forestry Riparian Workshop debrief/Next Steps
- OWEB Focused Investment Priority on family forestland for Coho habitat improvement
- Leverage the new NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- Riparian lease payments, Tax exemption under the Riparian Habitat Exemption
- Fish passage standards
- MOU between Board and Commission
- ODFW/ODF guidance
- Conservation Strategy – Implementation Opportunities, Conservation Easements, statewide coordination and standards.

Potential Action Items Identified:

Board of Forestry riparian workshop debrief

- A summary of the workshop will be available by September 2014. A copy will be sent to Bruce McIntosh.
- The next steps for the analysis are being drafted.
- Options may include design of regulatory and voluntary measure to protect cold water.

OWEB Focused Investment Priority (FIP) on Family Forestland for Coho Habitat Improvement

- OWEB now has permanent funding for riparian management.
- Committee for Family Forestlands, Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) and are supportive of this funding. They should be eligible for CREP payments.
- Daugherty and the GNRO discussed the option of a tax exemption for riparian areas that are not available for the continuous growing and harvesting of trees.

- There may be ways to include active management along streams with no wood removal.
- ODFW is willing to look at all options.
- Peter Daugherty will work with Bruce McIntosh, Tom Stall and Rod Krahmer to work on options.

Fish Passage standards, MOU between Board and Commission

- Collaboration and consistency between agencies and clarification of roles of both agencies were discussed.
- The MOU from 1995 could be reviewed. Review of temporary stream crossings could be done.
- Joint training opportunities could be coordinated by Ken Star, ODFW and Marganne Allen and Kyle Abraham, ODF.
- Stream classifications haven't been completed for reasons including budget constraints and delays in the renewal of ODF's electro-fishing permit.

Conservation Strategy – Implementation Opportunities

- A Forest Action Plan is required by the Farm Bill. Erik Rickerson will provide contact information to Kevin Birch.
- Peter Daugherty would like to attend the first meeting.
- ODFW is developing web based GIS layers that could work well with the ODF data base.
- ODF and ODFW will work together on Conservation Plans.
- Investments under the Oregon Conservation Strategy are not being reported. This prevents ODF from meeting Key Performance Measures.

Conservation Easements

- ODFW has one Conservation Easement. They would prefer third party management.
- The Governor's office is reviewing procedures for efficiencies across State Natural Resource agencies.
- ODF would not meet the National Standards for Land Trusts.

Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service

Meeting Date: October 23, 2014

Attendees: Dr. James Johnson (OSU); Peter Daugherty; Lena Tucker;
Susan Dominique (ODF)

Topics Discussed:

- OSU Changes – new opportunities
- Private Forestland Collaborative
- Partnership for Forestry Education Competitive Grant
- CPE; Continuing Education and Outreach
- Master Naturalist Program

Potential Action Items Identified:

OSU Changes/Opportunities

- There were seven new OSU hires this past year.
 - Tamara Cushing was recently hired in the Starker Chair position.
 - Paul Adam, Watershed Specialist has scheduled his retirement. Our intent is to replace his position in 2015.
 - Kevin Bladon – new hydrologist.
 - Breanna Beame to help coordinate Professional Education opportunities.
 - Steve Fitzgerald moved over to become the Director of the College Forests.
 - Nicole Strong took over Steve’s position in Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson County and the Warm Springs Reservation.
 - Daniel Labell moved into the Klamath/Lake position.
 - Tiffany Fegle will take over the Master Woodland Manager Program and Women Owning Woodlands (WOW) group.
 - Kerri Berger, Office Assistant helping with social media and the website.
 - Emily Jane Davis hired into a new position created by Thomas Maness for Collaborative Natural Resource Management.
- Discussion of involving Tamara Cushing in a Focused Investment Partnership concept. The proposal was submitted to OWEB by Cindy Williams, BOF, OSWA, Tree Farm and Family Forests of Oregon. The focus is on Coastal Coho habitat dominated by non-industrial private lands in the high intrinsic potential reaches.
- ODF to send Cushing a proposal to calculate lease payments through CREP.
- ODF is also trying to get a NRCS grant to match the FIP grant. \$2 million/biennia for 3 biennia for the Focused Investment if we could leverage RCCP.
- Jim Johnson agreed that ODF can engage on topics with Tamara Cushing directly.
- ODF brought up the liability issue with prescribed fire, with new leadership there this issue could perhaps get addressed. It would require a legislative fix and someone to lead the effort.
- OSU has just taken a new parcel of several hundred acres in to the College Forests system on Hagg Lake in Washington County.

- News of a fledgling Prescribed Fire Council starting up in Oregon. Principally led by the Forest Service in the Bend area. The NW Fire Science Consortium participate. OSU is not driving this but serving in a facilitator role with limited support. Nature Conservancy is a part as well.

Discussed Private Forestlands Collaborative

- ODF reported some emerging tensions around the technical advisory functions.
- OSU is supporting and supervising the Coordinator position.
- Curt Qual (retired USFS), was hired into the Coordinator position that OSU posted.
- Discussion regarding the inclusion of the Watershed in the collaborative project request.
- Having the Committee for Family Forestlands drive something that ODF is financially responsible for puts us at a higher risk.
- Peter volunteered council to Emily Jane Davis in her work with the Private Forestland Collaborative Sub-Committee.
- ODF needs to set up criteria about what a competitive project is and what process we will use.
- Daugherty will ask Jim Cathcart for an After Action Review.

Partnership for Forestry Education

- Partnership for Forestry Education is functioning well. The Competitive Grants that come to our shop have gone well in cases where ODF is clearly providing strong leadership.
- The Citizens Fire Academy (Kristen Babb) is going well.
- We need to clearly define deliverables up front not at the end. When you are partnered up and have a clear plan, they are successful. ODF needs to know what works and what doesn't. Make sure Emily Jane knows we are here to help.

Master Naturalist Program

Dave Lorenz is on the Master Naturalist Board. We meeting in January and July.

- The program is going real well, we have had several hundred people that have gone through the program.
- There is an online statewide curriculum we run twice a year. About 80 people a year go through the online course and then they split off into the Eco-Regional courses. East Cascades, Willamette Valley and Coast Eco-Regions are up and running.
- Out of the 80 going through the online course there will be 60 or so will select and go through some of the regional courses.
- As for the Service component requirement, those completing the program work for a diverse set of programs to satisfy that requirement: The Children's Forest, Hoyt Arboretum, NR website work, Deschutes Land Trusts and others, Willamette River Keepers, State Parks, Fish and Wildlife Refuges and the Scouts.
- OSU generates enough revenue from internet program feeds to run the Eco-regional courses but funding is tight. It generally doesn't cover the whole cost. But it's going well and we are still supporting it.
- Back to the competitive grants, when I think about the Partnership for Forestry Education we have had a long term partnership with you. Maybe I can talk to Jim Cathcart about imbedding some of these Eco-regional courses into a grant project.

- Daugherty to speak with Jim Cathcart about focus on the next cycle and the proportion of grants needed to maintain capacity.
- Suggestion that The Woodland Retreat owners might be a good audience for an additional Coastal Forest and Streams eco-regional course.
- ODF to get Jim Johnson involved early on when submitting for the Partnership. Making the argument that working with family forestlands and farms on high intrinsic potential stream reaches in the coastal Coho should be a priority for Oregon.

Continuing and Professional Education CPE

- In order to bring some coordination to this area of continuing education OSU hired Breanna Beame. She is tasked with helping coordinate other programs, doing needs assessment, contacting others in the CE field.
- Johnson asked ODF about training needs of the agency and partnering with the University for those needs.
- Suggestion to partner Breanna Beame with Paul Clements, Training and Compliance Coordinator to do a follow up. OSU should be the driver, not ODF. But ODF as a partner and participant.
- OSU has a campus conference services shop which will handle the room, registration and logistics.
- The Silviculture certification training that USFS did was regionalized. Program of Advanced Studies in Silviculture (PASS) has gone national. We have one of the modules at OSU.
- We need to be sure our new staff pick up relationships. Especially in Klamath with Daniel Leabell and the new stewardship forester. Peter to contact the Klamath DF to support that this happens.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Meeting Date: November 14, 2014

Attendees: ODOT: Matthew Garrett, Executive Director; Patti Caswell, Maintenance Environmental Program Manager; Lucinda Moore, Maintenance and Operations Engineer

ODF: Nancy Hirsch, Lena Tucker, Mary Schmelz

- Topics Discussed:**
- IPM Coordination
 - PARC Board update/Pesticides
 - MOU for providing Notification of Operations information to ODOT and ODOT foresters
 - Fire and Ice Implementation;
 - Salmonberry Project

Potential Action Items Identified:

IPM Coordination

- In 2013 the legislature passed HB 3364 requiring coordination of state agencies for information sharing and promoting best practices. Agencies are mandated to meet three times annually. An annual report is due December 2014. OSU is designated to coordinate the meetings. ODOT and ODF staff have spoken internally, but the three annual meetings have not occurred.
- Collectively ODOT and ODF will follow-up to make sure both are demonstrating intent to fulfill legislative obligations.
- Questions to be settled are the meeting status, staff work coordination and committee charter.

PARC Board Update /Pesticides

- The PARC Board is the governing body monitoring pesticide related incidents involving environmental and human risks. ODOT issues a letter to PARC to report incidents.
- ODOT has not had any referrals from PARC.
- ODF is updating the procedure for investigating pesticide complaints.
- Standard Operating Procedures on how agencies are working together to communicate with one voice and avoid lag time are being drafted. The report will come out in January 2015.

MOU for providing Forest Practices Notification of Operations to ODOT Forester

- Work on this has slowed because ODF has been building an electronic Notification system, which launched October 1, 2014, and could have a role in operation reports.
- The E-Notification system on rollout is currently is limited in its reporting functionality. Reporting functions for queries on scenic highway operations may be available in the future.

- The next step is to work with ODOT Information Technology staff to determine how best to send the spatial/data information to ODOT.
- It is important that a process be in place for an emergency event. ODOT needs mechanics in place because in emergencies it is necessary to respond quickly.
- ODF will form a focus group, inviting agencies such as ODOT to offer feedback on the new Notification system. Marganne Allen is the lead on this project.

Fire and Ice implementation

- Fire and Ice implementation is going well.
- There was a fire start as a result of mowing in late summer. ODOT will send out fire season reminders early in the season.
- There is potential for using the ODOT statewide reader boards relative to fire risk messages. Because the message is not transportation related, ODOT couldn't fund it; reader boards are funded for transportation communications. That doesn't mean it can't be done, but the cost would need to be recovered.
- ODOT and ODF discussed the Hwy 224/36 fire. This is an unmaintainable highway with safety issues and difficult terrain. ODOT questioned if there was a way to designate slopes above highways a higher priority to protect critical infrastructure? Nancy Hirsch said this is a great opportunity to leverage influence with federal counterparts regarding how they respond to a fire. At the local level, local forests have their own planning process, and it's in that process that ODOT could have some leverage (with the USFS Regional Forester or Forest Supervisor).
- ODF suggested ODOT and/or ODF look for opportunities to meet with a USFS forest supervisors to identify if that same risk exists somewhere else in that region.
- ODOT could do something similar by preparing an overlay of highway areas/ownership areas to determine risk. Nancy Hirsch suggested that ODOT contact Mike Dykzeul, who represents a lot of private landowner perspectives and IC counsel, to get engaged at the local level with IC's and regional foresters.

Salmonberry project

- No ODF staff working on this project was present to report. ODOT requested a one-pager status report be sent to them.

Department of State Lands (DSL) Interagency Meeting

Meeting Date: December 12, 2014

Attendees: DSL: Mary Abrams, Director; Jim Paul, Asst. Director South Slough NERR; Bill Ryan, Asst. Director, Aquatic Resource Management;

ODF: Peter Daugherty, Marganne Allen, Lena Tucker, Susan Dominique.

Topics Discussed:

- The Working Farms and Forest concept.
- 404 Permit, ODF's role and status
- Update on the WA Dock Structures Meeting with NOAA
- Conservation Easements & Agricultural Wetlands and Stream Classification
- Wetland Delineation, Identification National Floodplain Insurance
- DSL Re-Organization

Potential Action Items Identified:

Working Farms and Forest Concepts

- In the roll out of the Governor's Budget on Natural Resources, Working Farms and Forests is one of the three topics of emphasis. Tom Tuchmann, Governor's Office Forest Policy Advisor has been working on a legislative concept.
- The last version of the concept included a Loan Guarantee Program (State-backed loan guaranteeing that lands will stay as a working farm or forest); A Revolving Loan Program (For the acquisition for good habitat currently existing to protect or a conservation uplift); and Conservation Easements.
- The objectives of this would involve a close alignment of two agencies (ODF/AG).

404 Permit, ODF's role and status

- There hasn't been a huge amount of progress since DSL discussed the same identified challenges a year ago, which are basically, the Endangered Species Act compliance; and gaining consensus from tribes regarding the effects on Cultural Resources and those protections provided under a Federal Permit Process.
- The tribes have significant concerns about what will happen to cultural resources protections.
- Another issue is identifying assumable waters, in an easy and predictable manner. EPA has interest in that and has pulled together a study group which includes DSL.
- DSL has been meeting with the tribes trying to get an awareness of what their 404 assumption is, what their concerns are.
- DSL is learning what the Federal process is, how they do their Section 106 compliance and whether we really lose the federal nexus when we assume it.

- We are codifying what our consultation process would look like with the services and EPA.
- There are land ownership challenges as to where the boundaries are. That relates to the assumable waters that the Feds claim.
- The ownership issues have been very complicated over the years. We were assumed to get all the banks and beds of all navigable waterways at Statehood. But what constitutes a navigable waterway? Therefore, which streams and rivers are covered by that?
- There is an additional issue because some titled lands were settled earlier on to mean low water rather than high water banks. So there is a generational misunderstanding around ownership.

Potential HCP for Dock Structures

- Washington has a Habitat Conservation Plan that will unfold regarding the regulatory environment. If DSL issues an authorization for a boat dock or to maintain an existing boat dock it's considered a 'take' and so a violation of the Endangered Species Act for Coho. In Oregon, we issue permits for all docks if they are ESH for coastal areas.
- DSL has not been issuing authorizations because of the Endangered Species Act risk associated with that and liability. So we are starting to have conversations with NOAA about doing a HCP or something similar to deal with it.
- Nationally, the Feds are interested in delegating responsibility to locals. EPA has been picking up interest nationally to get states to delegate.
- Oregon has an equivalent program so we could assume, if we have the political will and the resources to put into it, we actually cover more than the Federal 404.
- The new rule that EPA is putting out, codifies what the practices have been since the Supreme Court rules. How much of a connection does a waterway need to have to be navigable?

Stream Classification

- ODF reported doing some training on stream classification and opening it up to ODFW. We believe DSL would want to be included as well.
- ODF is working to roll out a new tool with ESRI Collector to get our stream classification downloaded to iPads to standardize processes. Apparently, ODFW is independently doing the same thing.
- ODF's stream classification is Fish and Non-fish. We have to clearly identify what methodology is used for classification.
- One of the big issues as well is identifying end of fish use.
- Habitat surveys are the next level for classification and then modeling. We need a base layer combining fish presence and species presence and simply presence/absence of a channel to Waters of the State.
- ODF staff should talk with Kathy Verble, DSL Jurisdictional Specialist to discuss joint DSL/ODF training.

- DSL concluded that if we have to run a regulatory program off of ODFW's mapping it can be problematic when we are challenged about why a decision was made. It can be harder to defend without the background of the development choices.
- It would be good to have a statewide base map for all the NR agencies, one we could use and then overlay each agency's layers according to need.
- StreamNet is considered the base layer. The additional layers create the challenge.
- ODF GIS staff are trying to reconcile our regulatory map and ODFW current/historic habitat distributions but they don't line up. Even the LiDAR data didn't match up with the stream channels.
- BLM is actually the lead agency for moving forward on a common base map. They are supposed to be the data steward for Oregon. StreamNet should be updated with LiDAR data where we have it. If we use StreamNet we need to have a process for correcting errors in the database.
- Kyle Abraham, ODF Water Quality Specialist will contact DSL Randy Sounheim about their regulatory layer, and processes for updating.
- It is essential to communicate to DSL when, why and for what reasons changes are being made.
- ODFW has been careful to emphasize that the Salmon, Steehead, Bull Trout (SSBT) is a 'habitat' layer as opposed to an 'end of fish use' layer.
- ODF is working with OWEB on joint monitoring projects on forestlands. But we agree, we haven't adequately measured effectiveness. That may be an argument to make for uniform implementation across Natural Resource Agencies.
- ODF should begin to pitch creation of a data portal. It could be the foundation for bridging all monitoring data.

Wetland Delineation/Cross Training

- As a precursor to discussion, Allen offered that ODF may be re-visiting our policy with wetlands. We are concerned about being out of alignment with other agencies and how they are looking at agricultural wetlands relative to protection.
- Converting wetlands to working farm or forests characteristics would be based upon the land use. Native vegetation may have been removed but the hydrology remains.
- Buffer requirements may be based upon the activity types around the wetland. It would be good to define a process where you could point to a MOU of where our responsibilities are well defined.
- DSL agreed that there should be consistency in wetland policy.
- DSL recognized that the FPA is more protective on wetlands and identified a need to meet with their Policy and Planning Group where there would be dedicated time to discuss it.
- ODF to contact DSL staff Kathy Verble and Eric Metz regarding wetlands buffers.
- DSL has a Removal/Fill Guide on our website (http://www.oregon.gov/dsl/PERMITS/docs/rf_brochure.pdf) for a review of Agricultural Exemptions. It also touches on the FPA very generally.

DSL Reorganization

- DSL talked about their re-organization as of Oct. 1 of 2014.
- Bill Ryan is the Asst. Director of the Aquatic Resources Management (ARM) Program. Anything having to do with water is in Bill's program. In that we have regionally-defined operational groups. The regional teams are under Lori Warner-Dickason. The other is part of the Eastern region out of Bend.
- ARM is high level technical experts, ensuring statewide consistency, our Mitigation Banking Specialist is under that. Our Jurisdictional Specialist, Kathy Verble is in that group.
- We have a Wetland Planner position dealing with our Goal 5 implementation. We also have a Proprietary Waterways Specialist, Nancy Pustis. Basically our individual disciplines have policy and technical leads that are part of a unit.
- DSL structure seems to be aligned similarly to ODF.
- Aquatic Regional Management would be split into the Planning and Policy Group then Field Operations. The regions are Eastside, Metro, Northwest, Midwest, and Southwest Regions.
- DO (Directors Office) includes: policy analyst, legislative support, communications, Land Board support.
- BOSS (Business Operation Support System) includes: IT, HR, Finance, Budget/Finance, Support Staff, South Slough, (NERR)
- CSFP (Common School Fund Properties) includes: Eastside, Real Property, Trust Property

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) Interagency Meeting

Meeting Date: December 15, 2014

Attendees: DOGAMI: Dr. Vicki McConnell, State Geologist; Gary Lynch, Asst. Director of Regulation, (MLRR); Andree Pollock, Asst. Director of Geologic Survey and Services; Ian Madin, Seismic Hazard Geologist and Mapping Director

ODF: Peter Daugherty, Marganne Allen, Susan Dominique.

Topics Discussed:

- Commercial Gravel Mines
- Integrated Enterprise Monitoring
- Landslide Mapping with LIDAR
- Wilderness First Aid Training
- Budget Update
- LiDAR for Streams & Roads Layer

Potential Action Items Identified:

Commercial Gravel Mines

- ODF doesn't have a lot of interactions with Mining & Reclamation except with gravel pits and road construction. Whenever forest rock is needed for larger projects, then a permit is needed from DOGAMI.
- The system is generally working well but ODF needs to be kept in the loop on the need for permits, even when trading rock for services.
- For information, 2013 SB 838 directs the Governor's Office to convene a study group to develop a revised state regulatory framework for suction dredging addressing compliance, protection, and a consolidated permit process. The moratorium and restrictions apply to rivers and tributaries that contain any portion of essential indigenous anadromous salmonid habitat (ESH), or naturally reproducing populations of bull trout.
- Dept. of State Lands (DSL) will likely bring up a legislative concept for fixes related to removal and fill.
- It's important for DOGAMI to pay attention to rock/gravel sales and is requesting help from ODF to reach out to field staff to educate the private landowners and remind them that trading rock for services is considered a sale.

Integrated Enterprise Monitoring

- The Integrated Enterprise Water Monitoring has been re-packaged under the Clean Water Partnership. Budget requests are under several titles. There is a policy option package for LiDAR acquisition requesting \$2 million to be rolled into Clean Water Monitoring.

- The direction was to look at high quality watersheds. The State has considerable data so far, the McKenzie, Upper Rogue, Upper John Day and Upper Umatilla.
- Freshwater Trust is using LiDAR to identify areas with no vegetation on south facing slopes, regarding buffers.
- Clean Water Trust has the most basins in the Budget which are similar to State LiDAR.
- A map proposal was made and approved for OSGS is on the Upper Rogue, Upper Umpqua, Umpqua/Coos and Siuslaw.
- A 3Dep (three dimensional program) for USGS has decided the prioritized basins line up with the Clean Water Partnership priority basins with an 8 year flight cycle as the goal.
- ODF has a need for Landslide data and LiDAR for stream and forest road layers to tie into the Protecting Cold Water criteria.
- DOGAMI is working towards modeling digitized streams from LiDAR for flood mapping, but mostly on the Coast. It could possibly be available as a service.
- DSL is using the ODFW mapping for essential salmonid data. It would be good to have an integrated State position for an integrated layer.
- BLM Water Resources are keepers of State Hydrography (water courses). They are working on developing and designing a layer.
- DOGAMI internal layer is hand digitized with LiDAR but stops at our upper stream extent where there is no longer an obvious channel.
- DOGAMI suggested we take a look at the county data and share it with DSL to build a business case for a shared URL.

Landslide Mapping with LiDAR

- DEQ, ODA, INR, agrees we will need LiDAR to do landslide mitigation. Statewide landslide data and assessment should be a statewide priority.
- DOGAMI has a POP for a LiDAR landslide monitoring package that would make permanent a second landslide geologist, for a total of 2 positions. This is to work with other stakeholders to make statewide landslides prioritization a strategy integrating issues about getting landslide data and determining landslide susceptibility, and landslide risk assessment.
- ODF currently has two geo-techs, John Seward and Mike Buren and will be adding a Water Monitoring Geotech and Roads Specialist to Salem if our POP passes the legislature.
- Geo-techs are troubled about assessing risks to people when they are engineering safety so we are focusing on creation of an engineering report not risk policy. We have placed road restrictions on unstable sites.
- DOGAMI has also been working with DLCDD to try to integrate Goal 7 Natural Hazards Goal with LiDAR. Landslides and Tsunamis are the two big areas that DOGAMI is working on now with DLCDD.
- There is language needed about shared responsibility. ODF is authorized to identify those areas and we do under the FPA but counties continue to build under those areas.
- The first year of that POP would be working with state partners to take the plan and identify areas we want to map.

- DOGAMI requests ODF to provide a person to participate in a Statewide Landslide Hazard Mitigation Program.
- Forestry as a land use is the only one that has real regulatory authority over anybody doing anything in forests. ODF accounts for more of the landslide areas because of the locations of the upper slopes.
- Assessing the probability of landslides is clearly a technical scientific process. But when labeling a hazard, there are policy choices based upon what's below it. There is a clear distinction between whether it's hazard or risk. Bringing risk into it is having to assign human value. Our Geotech position in the Governor's Recommended Budget would be the likely person to work on it.
- DOGAMI will continue with the Landslide Mitigation Project they currently have which is very ad hoc and based on developing cooperative partnerships or relationship with a city or county.
- On budgeting, DOGAMI wants ODF to be aware that it has been a very challenging biennium for them. State Geologic Surveys programs are the ones that make them eligible to compete for funds. That means hustling for cooperative partnerships. If you want a geologic survey, we need to work on more sustainable funding.
- Currently, DOGAMI is looking for administrative overhead. There needs to be some type of stabilization. DEQ was named in the budget conversations, but there are no pre-determined plans.
- There is actually a formal state structure right now that has authority over digital stream data, which is the Framework Implementation Team for Hydrology. FIT works to assemble statewide datasets and share them. This effort is a way to share resources, improve communications, increase efficiency, reduce costs and improve decision making.
- The Geospatial Enterprise Office is under DAS right now. It has \$500,000/biennium and it is responsible for implementing the geospatial standards for the state. They are the ones who manage the Framework Implementation Team (FIT) and it is overseen by the Oregon Geospatial Information Council (OGIC). ODF and DOGAMI are part of it and there are 12 state agencies at the Director level that are supposed to be making the decisions.
- Every biennium the DAS Geo-Techs have a half million dollars/biennium for a grant program to state agencies to develop new data layers. But our data requests are at the bottom end of the applicability to large numbers of people. They are getting ready to take the next level of submissions for the grant. Our three agencies need to go to DAS with a coordinated proposal to finish something like the stream layer that is widely used.
- Suggestion to move the Geospatial Office to DOGAMI to provide needed funding. There should be a priority set for a joint proposal including ODFW, DEQ, ODF, DSL, DOGAMI and Water Resources. Maybe put together an exploratory meeting in early January.

First Aid/Wilderness First Aid

- DOGAMI is interested in participating in this training annually, and sending 12 to 15 employees each time. It is most important to ensure new employees have the training as well as refreshers.

- Daugherty to talk to the HR Director and Safety Manager about getting Wilderness First Aid set up this spring and open it up to DOGAMI. Contact Andree Pollock.

Update on the LiDAR Project

- Sadly, the LiDAR Project was not completed this summer. [handout: OLC Four Rivers acquisition] ODF and the Forest Service split the bill on this.
- The reflective nature of the snow cover ended it for this year. We can't process the photos until we get the LiDAR imaging. We got a late start because the Forest Service money took some time to come through.
- ODF to assist in facilitating DOGAMI in developing good contacts with large landowners to assist with funding LiDAR projects. Perhaps the best way to do this is contact the District Forester in the areas of focus.
- Staff suggested the quarterly ODF Leadership Team Meeting may be a good place to start to identify the appropriate people to contact.

Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC) Interagency Meeting

Meeting Date: February 12, 2015

Attendees: CRGC: Darren Nichols, Executive Director; Terry Cullen, Principal Planner; Jeff Litwak, Counsel; Michelle Daily, Vital Signs Program Manager/GIS Analyst; Merissa Moeller, Legal Extern

ODF: Paul Bell, Peter Daugherty, Marganne Allen, Keith Baldwin, Doug Grafe, Nick Yonker, Steve Wilson, Susan Dominique.

Topics Discussed:

- Agency Staff Changes
- Smoke Management Regional Haze Plan
- Coordination between Agencies on FPA Process
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize roles and responsibilities

Potential Action Items Identified:

Agency Staff Changes

- ODF Agency staff changes were reported. Paul Bell, Deputy State Forester is retiring. Nancy Hirsch, Protection Division Chief has promoted to the Deputy State Forester position. Mike Bordelon, State Forests Division Chief has retired and Liz Dent, the State Forests Deputy Chief has moved into the Chief's role. Brian Pew has filled in as the Deputy Chief for State Forests. Travis Medema, former Chief of the Protection from Fire Division has taken over for the Eastern Oregon Area Director who retired. Dan Postrel, Public Affairs Director has announced his retirement and they are recruiting for his position. Succession Management Planning efforts are ongoing to replace capacity as we lose these vital staff to retirement.

Smoke Management Regional Haze Plan

- Jeff Litwak, Counsel for the Commission began by reviewing the Commission structure and authorities. The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act requires the Commission to do planning for protection and enhancement of cultural, ecological resources and economic planning in the Gorge. In the place of air-shed classification the Commission put in a provision to direct Oregon and Washington to develop a regional air quality plan for the Gorge. That plan largely has an air quality strategy that follows the State's Regional Haze Plans.
- The states are monitoring air quality for the Gorge similarly as they would for Class I Air-sheds.
- The Commission reported improvements in air quality with the exception of wildfire smoke effects in the summer.
- The CRGC requested involvement in any discussion on FPA practices or management policies that would help reduce wildfire risk to the Columbia Gorge.
- ODF reported the funded work being done to mitigate large fires. In the last biennium there was 2.88 million dollars to increase the pace and scale of restoration on the dry forests on the east side using collaborative partnerships.

- Doug Grafe provided a base level background of what the Smoke Management Program provides and clarification around what the Class I means to us within that plan. As a Smoke Sensitive Receptor Area (SSRA), the Gorge is classified at the highest level of protection from the State under the Smoke Management Plan.
- ODF responsibility in the State Implementation Plan is focused on the burning of forest fuels and the regulation of burning within our Forest Protection Districts. Within the Plan ODF coordinates with a variety of other groups to coordinate wildfire smoke forecasts.
- The Columbia River Gorge actually was given Smoke Sensor Receptor Area status from our 2007 review.
- The DEQ Regional Haze rule has a goal of reducing numerous pollutants, smoke and particle matter to a level of near pristine or background. They are currently in the process of going through rule reviews. The wildfire smoke and prescribed burning smoke is considered organic and elemental carbon which becomes a more controversial issue because of the question of what is considered the pristine background level. We are *encouraged* at this point to avoid main plume impact into our Class 1 Areas.

Coordination between Agencies on FPA Processes

- The Commission has some different kinds of FPA challenges when working between the Oregon and Washington rules to get clarity around each states rules.
- The Commission would be very receptive to hosting or participating in a constructive forward-looking discussion to how we deal with these challenges working together.
- ODF recognizes that the whole Gorge is classified as a Smoke Sensitive Receptor Area and that is a key message, and requires the highest level of smoke protection in the state.
- ODF's role in wildfire smoke impacts is in making smoke forecasts to make people aware of air quality risk.
- ODF's larger role is to support the Federal Government's ability to restore their forestlands to reduce catastrophic wildfire. There are two goals 1) actively manage to increase forest resiliency; 2) how to add fire back into the landscape. We are engaged in the pace and scale of restoration when it comes to where and when and how much burning we can get done through the Smoke Management Program while balancing support for forest management activities with fire on the landscape and air quality for Oregonians.
- When looking at forest policy and effects to economic impacts to business and recreation, using the Gorge as a model process, has a lot of merit.
- One value that the Commission can bring is letting the public know all the factors we are dealing with in trying to make smart management choices. It's our job to reach out to our partners and would like to include ODF's perspective.
- ODF has been successful in building our business with the Natural Resource Conservation Program (NRCS). They have begun a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCCP) and have designated the Columbia River system as a regional priority. What they are looking for are partnerships that are established which can address scale issues.
- The Commission responded that they think the National Scenic Area could provide a lot more leverage for the states than it has. Their unique structure as a governing body can offer a lot of possibilities by leveraging tribal interests and two states. Leveraging federal interest for

investment would put us on the national road map for places that are worth investing money in and with partners working well together.

- Another conversation surrounds the Columbia Basin Partner Forum which is this emerging subset of the Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative which is a Dept. of the Interior funding mechanism for larger scale mitigation and policy development and decision-makers on where to prioritize funding from the Dept. of the Interior and USDA.
- The Columbia Basin sub-division of the Great Northern LCC, is looking for projects and good investments in the Columbia Basin. What's missing is the policy implementation component.
- LCC's basic focus is restoration on forestlands. CRGC regulation is much more flexible and can be more responsive than the states and that can be what entices people to doing a pilot study there.
- CRGC decisions get federal agency deference in the courts as well as a direct responsibility to coordinate with the tribes on a government to government basis. For relationship building and communication up and down through the governance structures it could be a way of connecting actions which could be really informative and powerful in looking for innovations to these huge challenges.
- Daugherty reported that we are just starting out a process for developing new Strategic Initiatives for the Private Forests Division and will be looking where to go with our Family Forestland Assistance Program as well as where to go with our Urban and Community Forestry Program.
- The Commission invited ODF to consider them an asset as needed. CRGC offered to meet with the ODF Executive team to help them understand the roles we could play.
- Daugherty acknowledged the offer and as our agency talks about grants and grants coordination and will make sure we include thinking of the Commission as a partner for anything in that area.
- CRGC noted that there is economic value being derived from the scenic qualities of the landscape itself. A component that isn't necessarily discussed or recognized outside of the Gorge itself.
- There may be potential in figuring out what that value is and who that would accrue to. If there are parts of our lands that we should manage for their scenic value some landowners might be open to that.
- The values are there, but there is no exchange of values that would prompt change in their management. There is a value but no emerging market.
- In particular, thinking about linking scenic quality as a concept, the sustainability of the Gorge is not just sustainability of the resource but of the community. And with the recent fires, sustainability with protection from wildfire.

MOUs to formalize roles and responsibilities

- Because the National Scenic Area Act is so unique and different for all of us we have been internally considering developing Memorandums of Understanding that would help all of us understand what our roles are in the Gorge.
- In that context Marganne Allen provided a resource review on the ODF E-Notification system. This system has taken our notification of operation system online. We have full integration between the tabular text data and GIS system. Integrating mapping layers gives a list of all the resources that intersect a given operation. The Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area is one of those layers. When operations intersect the Gorge resource concerns, that starts the conversations with

the Commission. The new system will help to automate that process. This also creates the potential for your access to that data.

- CRGC expressed concern on timely reporting of resource conflicts. The Commission needs the notices to come faster because of the short actionable timeframes to be able to determine sensitivity.
- ODF staff will set up an operational-type meeting to discuss roles and communications. We will include Terry Cullen, Michelle Daily and Jeff Litwak with the Hood River area Stewardship and District/Unit Foresters to sort out roles and look at a MOU for improvements. The MOU should document what is working now and improvements as we enhance our E-Notification System.

Oregon Parks and Recreation/State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

Meeting Date: They did not respond to scheduled meeting.

Governor's Natural Resource Office (GNRO)

Meeting Date: Staff from GNRO attended PCW Stakeholder/ODF meetings throughout the year.

Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

Meeting Date: Did not respond to invitation letters.

Oregon Emergency Management (OEM)

Meeting Date: Responded that no meeting was needed this year.

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

Meeting Date: Met in January 2014 but was reported for 2013 calendar year. Didn't meet again in 2014.

Water Resources Department (WRD)

Meeting Date: Did not respond to invitation letters.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Meeting Date: Did not respond to invitation letters.

Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI)

Meeting Date: OFRI felt communications were ongoing and didn't feel a formal meeting was needed.

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Meeting Date: Multiple meeting dates throughout the year.

Attendees: Dick Pederson, Peter Daugherty