

**Crook County Forestland Classification Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
September 22, 2014

**Call to Order:** 1:12 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Tim Deboodt – OSU Extension Service Representative  
Kevin Benton – Oregon Department of Forestry Representative  
John Morgan – Crook County Representative  
Chuck McGrath – Crook County Representative  
Casey Kump – Oregon Fire Marshall Representative

**Committee Members Absent:**

Ken Fahlgren – Crook County Representative

**Guests:**

George Ponte, Matt Smith, Kristin Cotugno, Laura York, and Gordon Foster.

**Review Minutes:**

Tim Deboodt called the meeting to order and asked Committee members to review the March 6, 2014 meeting minutes. There being no changes, **a motion to approve the March 6, 2014 minutes was made by John Morgan and seconded by Kevin Benton. VOTE: FOR – UNANIMOUS.**

**Public Comment:**

No public comment given. **Tim Deboodt closed the public comment period.**

**Old Business:**

Kevin Benton gave a summary review of the previous meeting's decisions with respect to the Forestland Classification and the Prineville Protection District boundaries. He then turned over the meeting to George Ponte for further discussion.

George asked Gordon Foster to display a newly proposed Forestland Classification overlay, as well as the current protection district boundaries. George began his presentation by walking the Committee through the current protection district boundaries, commenting

that these were the boundaries as we understood them to be, adding that the boundary lines were in place in 2005, and last changed pre-1998. However, in reviewing the various classifications and boundaries, in preparation for another meeting, George discovered that several of the current boundary lines did not match the means and bounds as stated in the Oregon Administrative Rules. Apparently, some of the pre-1998 changes did not get made following the last reclassification process. George stated that this was a mistake and he wasn't sure how or why these changes were omitted, but since these lands were never classified, the landowners have not been paying forest patrol assessment fees. The Central Oregon District of ODF needs to correct the District's boundaries and George presented the Committee with an overlay of what ODF is proposing. The proposal takes into account the Committee's previous recommendations, as well as tightening up the boundaries closer to timber, allowing for a buffer, and includes additional area North of Prineville Reservoir. Crook County Fire/Rescue Chief, Matt Smith, and Casey Kump concur with the proposed changes.

Following a discussion, **a motion was made by Kevin Benton to accept the proposed boundary changes as presented by ODF. The motion was seconded by Casey Kump. VOTE: FOR – UNANIMOUS.**

**New Business:**

George Ponte stated that, after conferring with Agency management, the Crook County Forestland Classification process will be placed on hold until the boundaries get changed, which could take several months. Once that has been done, next steps would be to establish a list of highly impacted landowners and set up a meeting. This would happen, most likely, early 2015.

**Topics for Next Meeting:**

- Re-identify highly impacted landowners
- Establish a date for the highly impacted landowners meeting
- Establish dates/locations for Public Information Hearings

**Next Meeting:**

To be determined.

**Good of the Order:**

None

**Action Items:**

- Identify highly impacted landowners.

**Closing:**

There being no further business to discuss **a motion was made by John Morgan to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chuck McGrath. Vote: FOR – UNANIMOUS.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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