

Crook County Forestland Classification Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2013

Call to Order: 3:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Tim Deboodt – OSU Extension Service Representative
Ken Fahlgren – Crook County Representative
Casey Kump – Oregon Fire Marshall Representative
Kevin Benton – Oregon Department of Forestry Representative

Committee Members Absent:

Chuck McGrath – Crook County Representative
John Morgan – Crook County Representative

Guests:

Gordon Foster, Laura York, and Frank Jones.

Review Minutes:

Ken Fahlgren called the meeting to order and asked Committee members to review the September 5, 2013 meeting minutes. Tim Deboodt asked Committee members if they had any changes or comments on the September minutes. There being no changes, **a motion to approve the September 5, 2013 minutes was made by Ken Fahlgren and seconded by Kevin Benton. VOTE: FOR – UNANIMOUS.**

Public Comment:

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

Old Business:

At the September 5, 2013 meeting, the Committee requested photos and/or additional information in reviewing classification for T15S, R17E Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9. Photographs were provided to Committee members for further review.

After reviewing the photos, the Committee suggested changes and reached consensus on T15S, R17E Sections 5, and they reached consensus on T15S, R17E Sections 4, 8, and 9 as presented by the Oregon Department of Forestry (“ODF”).

New Business:

It was proposed that the Committee consider conducting two meetings per month, rather than just one per month, in order to complete the preliminary classification review and map products by the target date of March, 2014. The Committee members indicated that they wanted to continue meeting on the first Thursday of every month, and agreed to consider an additional meeting, perhaps on the fourth Monday of every month, to accelerate and complete the preliminary finding process by the target date. Further, the Committee members agreed to review their availability and to make a decision on adding a second monthly meeting, and to discuss the timing of those additional meetings, at their next regularly scheduled meeting in November.

The Committee discussed preparing a press release to communicate the Committee’s current progress. Tim Deboodt suggested waiting until the Maury Mountain area was completed to prepare such a press release. It was agreed that the press release would be prepared after the Maury Mountain area was finished.

Continuing their edits of the Crook County lands, the Committee started with Township 15S (“T15S”), Range 22E (“R22E”) Section 1.

The Committee reached consensus on the proposed changes as made by ODF on T15S, R22E Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; T15S, R23E Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35; T15S, R24E Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, and 36; T15S, R25E Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 34, 35, and 36; T16S, R14E Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, and 36; and, T16S, R15E Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35 and 36.

ODF agreed to make revisions, per the Committee's suggestions, on T15S, R22E Section: 5, 6, and 10; T15S, R24E Sections: 8, 31, and 34; T15S, R25E Sections: 30, 32, and 33; T16S R14E Sections: 28 and 33; and, T16, R15E Section: 34.

Further, ODF agreed to provide photographs at the next regularly scheduled meeting to validate proposed changes to T15S, R22E, Sections: 19 and 20; and, T15S, R23E, Sections: 22 and 36.

Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 7, 2013. However, due to scheduling conflicts, the November meeting will need to be rescheduled for later in the month. Kevin Benton will propose alternative dates to the Committee Members.

Good of the Order:

None

Action Items:

- Oregon Department of Forestry to provide landscape photographs and/or clarification on the areas in question in:
 - T15S, R22E Section 19
 - T15S, R22E Section 20
 - T15S, R23E Section 22
 - T15S, R23E Section 36

- Kevin Benton to send out proposed dates to reschedule the November meeting.

Closing:

There being no further business to discuss **a motion was made by Kevin Benton to adjourn. The motion was seconded Casey Kump. Vote: FOR – UNANIMOUS.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.