



MEETING NOTES

2015 Fire Program Review Committee Meeting December 1, 2015

Oregon Department of Forestry
Tillamook Room
2600 State St. Salem, OR

Meeting Objectives:

1. Introduction of committee members and review of committee objectives and charter
2. Present and discuss background information and relevant information from recent fire seasons
3. Identify key issues to be addressed by the committee and workgroups

Welcome and Introduction of Committee Members and Staff Ross Holloway

- *Introductions and opening statements were made by agency staff and Co-Chair, Ken Cummings. Committee members introduced themselves and their representation, and shared thoughts on desired future 'headlines' resulting from the committee's efforts.*

Review and Approve Committee Purpose, Organization, and Charter Doug Grafe

- *Chair Doug Grafe provided a review of the Committee Objectives and Charter, emphasizing the goal of broad representation in developing a strategic initiative to move towards more sustainable large fire funding and sustainable organization across all of the agency's programs in the future. Three working groups have been identified to begin to deliberate the challenges of the three objectives.*

Background Information Doug Grafe / Tim Keith

- *ODF staff provided a background presentation illustrating historical fire and cost statistics and trends, large fire funding evolution, EFCC role, and key issues from recent fire seasons. The full presentation can be viewed at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Board/Documents/FireProgramReview/PPTFPRDec01.pdf>*

Identification of Key Issues for Committee and Working Groups All

- *Ross Holloway facilitated a conversation to identify key issues, concerns and ideas regarding each of the three objectives and a fourth 'Other Issues' topic. Committee members were invited to participate on the working groups. A summary of identified key points and working group member additions are attached.*

Public Comment

- *One public comment was received through an email submitted by Diane Berry of the City of Echo on November 30, 2015, regarding Cheat Grass accumulation as a contributor to wildfire spread in Northeast Oregon.*

Wrap-up

- *Feedback from committee members indicated that the meeting was good progress in working towards a resolution to the three objectives in a collaborative manner. In closing, State Forester Decker expressed gratitude to each committee member for their participation and invited a broader communication, collaboration and outreach as important components to achieving a positive outcome for the committee's efforts. The next meeting of the Fire Program Review Committee is scheduled for January 21, 2016.*

Objective 1: Sustainable Large Wildfire Funding
Work Group Chair: Tim Keith, Co-Chair Dave Lorenz

Meets January 07, 2016

Identified Key Issues, Concerns, Ideas:

Role of GF/E-Board
OFLPF – role, operating rules
Catastrophic Insurance
Prevention funding
Detection funding
Severity funding: Is the current level appropriate
Broader review of WPA elements
Using existing authority to assess based on risk/other criteria
Public land contracts
OFLPF revenue sources (equity)
Short term OFLPF issue \$13.5 million cap for FY16
Issue w/gap between \$50 million ins deductible & \$20 million OFLPF
Landowner affordability (eastside)/keeping working forests working
Keeping working forests working
Insurance relevance
Equity: are WUI owners paying fair share?

Identified Committee Members to add to Work Group:

Jim Walker
Willis representatives
Amanda Rich
Brett Brownscombe
Roger Beyer
Mike Dykzeul
Rex Storm

Objective 2: Sustainable Wildfire Organization
Work Group Chair: Travis Medema, Co-Chair Brian Pew

Meets January 08, 2016

Identified Key Issues, Concerns, Ideas:

ODF Militia concept
Capacity issues
- Aviation
- Technology
- Business Systems
- IMTs
Roles of landowners and cooperators
Prevention programs – strategic planning and investment
Workforce development issues
Retirees – role evaluation
Other organizations for capacity
- extended attack
- large fire management
- prevention
- technology
- post fire/finance
- partnerships/complete & coordinated system
Contractors to do other agency work, ODF employees firefighting
Explore additional potential for ONG/others

Identified Committee Members to add to Work Group:

Jim Walker
Brett Brownscombe
Joe Justice
Mike Dykzeul
Rex Storm

**Objective 3: Help Inform Policy Options to mitigate Increasingly complex wildfire conditions in Oregon.
(Longer Term)**

Work Group Chair: Chad Davis

Meeting Date TBD

Identified Key Issues, Concerns, Ideas:

Wildland Urban Interface
Resilient landscapes, federal partnerships
Prevention opportunities
Cohesive Strategy: role/level of commitment
Conditions on federal lands
Landowner affordability/keeping working forests working
Federal policies

Identified Committee Members to add to Work Group:

USFS rep
BLM rep
Phil Adams
Amanda Rich
Jim Walker
Brett Brownscombe
Mike Dykzeul
Rex Storm

Other Identified Key Issues, Concerns, Ideas:

Need new ideas w/good analysis
Objective 1 & 2 look ahead several years
System isn't broken (continuous improvement)
Human cause factors/target efforts – more control over HC than LC
Smoke Management/prescribed fire
Integrating policy w/building resiliency

2015/2016 Fire Program Review Committee

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List of Attendees

Committee Members

Protection Division Chief, Doug Grafe, Committee Chair
Deputy State Forester, Nancy Hirsch, Committee Co-Chair
Ken Cummings, Committee Co-Chair
Tim Keith, Sustainable Funding Working Group Chair
Travis Medema, Sustainable Organization Working Group Chair
Brett Brownscombe, Governor's Office
Senator Michael Dembrow
Senator Betsy Johnson (conference line)
Representative John Huffman
Representative Kathleen Taylor
Vicki Olson, Representative Gene Whisnant's office
Jim Walker, OSFM
Jim James, OSWA
Cathleen Connolly, BAM
Matt Stayner, LFO
Roger Beyer, OSWA
Mike Dykzeul, OFIC
Rex Storm, AOL
Steve Cafferata, EFCC
Amanda Rich, TNC
Cathy Harris, BLM
Joe Justice, Hancock
Phil Adams, Roseburg Forest Products

Others

State Forester, Doug Decker
Randy Hereford
Gary Springer
Roger Johnson
Lee Miller
Greg Miller
Kristina McNitt
Joe Hessel (conference line)
Ken Armstrong
Charlie Stone
Mike Cafferata

ODF Core Support Group

Dave Lorenz
Brian Pew
Ross Holloway
Jeff Ennenga
Bea Noyes
Sabrina Perez
Tracy Guenther
Rod Nichols