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Greater Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions
Advisory Committee Meeting

Representing Wheeler, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Grant, Harney, and Malheur counties

November 13, 2015 11:00am – 1:00pm

Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center Conference Room
975 SE Columbia Drive, Hermiston

Call-in is available at: 888-398-2342 participant code 7476425 #

- 11:00am Introductions
All
- 11:05am December 14 Oregon Business Conference Leadership Summit
Jeremy Rogers, Oregon Business Council
- 11:15am Regional Business Retention and Expansion Program Update
Melisa Drugge, Business Oregon
- 11:30am Hermiston Economic and Community Development Update
Mark Morgan, Hermiston Economic Development Manager
- 11:45am Regional Projects Review
Biomass Breakdown Facility Update – King Williams, Iron Triangle
Water Project Update – JR Cook, Northeast Oregon Water Association
Regional CTE Strategy – Cam Preus, Blue Mountain Community College
Juntura Cut-Off Road – Melisa Drugge, Business Oregon
Grant County Fire Response – Scott Fairley, Regional Solutions Coordinator
Columbia Development Authority Update – Bill Elfering, Umatilla County
- 12:15pm Regional Priority Review
All
- 12:30pm Area Commission on Transportation Update
Craig Sipp, Oregon Department of Transportation
- 12:45pm Public Comment
- 12:55pm Roundtable/Advisory Committee Comments and Updates
All
- 1:00pm Adjourn

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September 2014
Greater Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions Advisory Committee
Priorities and Regionally Significant Projects

Increased Productivity from Federal Forest Lands

Policy and resources to improve forest health and sustain/grow rural economies
Develop technology for biomass utilization

Skilled Workforce Availability

Increase availability of training/certification programs
Increase vocational/career technical education availability
Address interstate certification reciprocity issues
Address community livability issues
Commercial kitchens to support rural entrepreneurship

Avoid/Mitigate Sage Grouse Endangered Species Act Listing

Resources to avoid sage grouse listing or mitigate impacts of listing

Water Management and Development

Water storage projects
Infrastructure/distribution systems in critical groundwater areas

Infrastructure to serve industrial sites

Funding for infrastructure to support Umatilla Chemical Depot redevelopment
Preserve rail infrastructure to Pilot Rock

Unmanned Aviation Vehicle Industry

Support regional test site(s)

Marketable Industrial Land

Funding and technical assistance to ensure a supply of marketable industrial lands

Workforce Housing

Create a housing loan fund to assist with market rate rural housing financing
Address appraisal (lack of comparables) issues for rural market rate housing financing
Funding for housing rehabilitation

Regulatory Technical Assistance

Increase technical assistance to local governments on land use planning and infrastructure upgrades

Mining/Metals Extraction

Streamline permitting process
Assessment of regional mineral resources

FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Changes

Investigate opportunity for local/state insurance pools