

**Willamette and Coast Range Province
PAC Meeting Notes 2-22-06
LaSells Stewart Center**

Attendance:

Alan Henning	Doug Heiken	Rennie Ferris
Ron Phillips	Jerry Mumper	Barry Wulff
Betty Jean Keele	Erik Petersen	Ginny Van Loo
Annabelle Jaramillo	Mark Buckbee	Dallas Emch
Denis Williamson	Paul Chapman	Doug Spencer
Bob Progulske	Laura Todd	Susan Charnley
Melinda Moeur	Dick Powell	Sheila Arena
Jennie O’Conner	Clay Penhollow	Mike Kennedy
Russ Fryburg	David Wiley	Rick Hayes
Dick Prather	Joni Quarnstrom	Trish Hogervorst
Frank Davis	Neal Forrester	

Agenda

1. NW Forest Plan – 10 year monitoring results
2. BLM RMP Presentation
3. Public Comment

1. NW Forest Plan – 10 year monitoring results – Susan Charnley and Melinda Moeur

Key Message: 10 year report plan results, we are trying to take key messages out to the PACS.

Monitoring Goal: Evaluate the success of the plan, old-growth forest, species and watershed aquatics.

The following website has NW Forest Plan 10 year monitoring results posted.

www.reo.gov/monitoring

2. BLM – Resource Management Plan (RMP) presentation - Dick Prather

Scoping report: handout

Planning Criteria: handout (how were going to complete our plan) chapter 3

Comments back by March 17, 2006

What is next?

- Public meetings are March 6-14.
- Discussions about a preferred Alternative could start before the Draft is out.
- Draft EIS should be out about February of 2007.
- 90 day public comment period starts in March.

Plan Revisions Goals:

1. Maintain healthy forest ecosystems with habitat that will support populations of native species and protection of riparian areas and water.
2. Provide a sustainable supply of timber and other forest products that will help maintain the stability of local and regional economies, and contribute valuable resources to the national economy on predictable and long-term basis.
3. Provide amenities that enhance communities as places to live and work.

Purpose:

- Create quality habitats, especially for endangered species.
- Improve conditions in water quality limited streams.
- Produce a sustainable amount of timber.
- Contribute to community economic resiliency.
- Minimize the cost of implementation, both in effort and dollars.
- Provide economic return to the U.S. Treasury and western Oregon counties.

Concerns:

Doug Heiken: NW Forest Plan did more for Riparian Water Quality etc., on fed lands so that private could do less.

Russ Fryburg:

- Cost of monitoring.
- Timber on federal lands becoming dinosaurs. Too big of timber to handle by mills.

Dick Powell:

- 35% of softwood imported.
- Ethical questions?
- Pick a rotation and manage for that.
- Trees will eventually die.

Doug Heiken:

- Should federal lands compensate for cutting on private lands?

Russ Fryburg:

- Will feds be able to sell timber?

Barry Wulff:

- Is there anything driven by the mill structure?

Bob Progulske:

- Do you have a target for old growth in your plan?
- Not a historic range of variability.

Ron Phillips:

- How good are studies to show difference in age tracts?
- Dynamic situation – how do you manage?

Paul Chapman:

- There is a marketing investment, timber sales from the mill's perspective.
- Consumer desires and demand drive sales. Fifty years from now old growth will have no economic value, i.e., whale meat.
- Get rid of either of these for a while, good lush selling, large logs not as easy to sell. Public used to glue laminated wood products.

Jerry Mumper:

- Current lumber is inadequate for building. People will always want to use good quality products (solid wood).
- Test for alternatives: make assessment of product and is mill capacity there.

Annabelle Jaramillo:

- What about other forest products and their value?
- Factor in other values of alternative forest products, fisheries.

Rennie Ferris:

- Recover full value on greenery permits.
- Hard to believe there won't always be a demand for high quality wood (trim).
- Not all coming from stud mills.

Dave Wiley:

- Deer and Elk populations in decline – directly related to timber harvest decline (clear-cuts and early serial stage habitat in decline).
- Please address this in your analysis.

Rennie Ferris:

- Elk herd not in decline on the coast.
- Elk getting put in last remaining habitat area.

Doug Heiken:

- Common sense alternative, protect old growth.
- Restoration, thinning, restoration, road closure.
- Give unlimited work.

Jennie O'Connor:

- Is there a quantity of old growth identified?
- NWFP says 14 million acres.

Clay Penhollow: Wildlife section

- Is it broader than elk?
- Will you look at other species?
- How about deer?

Ron Phillips:

- Deer prospered in clear-cuts of past.
- Today, we have serious deer problems.

Jennie O'Connor:

- Cougar population increasing.

What is role of PAC for RMP?

- Coast PAC chartered advisory committee.
- Willamette wants full committee.

Sideboards for participation

What is the input times/schedule?

- Planning criteria – now March 17.
- Draft – March 2007
- In between? Preferred alternative effects analysis.

How Pac's want to be involved with RMP revision:

- PAC's can start developing a preferred alternative.
- Committee report versus consensus – managers want this variety.
- Chartered – Dick can come visit with PAC's anytime.
- Do the PAC's want joint meeting to work on RMP?
- Keep an hour on current issues-non technical
- Meet separately? Yes.
- Next meeting, individual PAC's will determine if they want to get back together work on RMP input.
- Spend time at next meeting looking at other issues that the PAC wants to look at

Next Meeting:

Willamette – May 4

Coast PAC – April 20

Next meeting topics:

Siuslaw PAC

- Stewardship – Alsea/Siuslaw
- ATV National Update
- Subcommittee role in RMP/forest plan
- Reorganization of BLM
- RAC status/projects
- South Zone Admin

Willamette PAC:

- NWFP Funding
- Stewardship
- Spotted Owl recovery, critical Habitat w/Marble Murrelet

3. Public Comment: No comments