

SFAC Meeting
Holiday Inn, Newport, OR
June 20, 2019

In Attendance: Matt Thomas, Jamee Myers, Mike Totey, Ron Zilli, Andy White, Barrett Brown, Leslie Shaw, Mike Kennedy Mike McKibbin, Ty Williams, Denise Lofman, Evelyn Hukari, Don Everingham, Kate Skinner, Dan Goody, Kim Kind, Lisa Heigh, Jason Cox, and April Davis

Tour Closeout – ALL

- Tour feedback was positive from the group.

What does it mean to the work of SFAC?

June 21, 2019

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Housekeeping – Barrett Brown, SFAC Vice Chair

- Ed Kamholz's address will be sent out for anyone that would like to send him a card.
- Introductions were made around the room.

Review of AOP Public Comments & Responses – Ron Zilli

- A few comments here and there.
- No changes for Tillamook District due to public comment
- No changes for North Cascade District due to public comment.

HCP/FMP Update – Mike Totey

- Outreach is underway and this is what is planned:
 - a workshop in September to engage on measurable outcomes of the FMP
 - a workshop in November to engage on the FMP
 - an additional SFAC meeting - timing of additional SFAC meeting/workshop on the FMP is November 18 – December 20
 - continued engagement with FTLAC
 - possible focus groups and online survey

Lisa Heigh – wants to see a written outreach plan and know what the budget is for it. She feels like SFAC can provide better input if they have this information. Would also like to know if there's a plan for engagement. Outreach is OUT, engagement is IN. What are your expectations?

Denise Lofman – capture key points in process along the way within the document. It's challenging for the general public to understand the work that ODF does.

We will also convene a science panel to provide an assessment of the FMP with respect to use of best available science and whether the approach is expected to achieve the intended outcomes (as supported by current science).

Staff is currently collaborating internally to develop the draft FMP and working to develop the RFP for the science panel. The final draft FMP, Analysis of the outcomes, and a summary of the public comment and engagement will be shared with the Board in March of 2020. The Board will be asked to make a decision on the take avoidance approach at this time, in the context of the direction the Board gave to increase conservation and financial outcomes. The Board will consider which ESA compliance approach (take avoidance or an incidental take permit) will best meet Greatest Permanent Value in July 2020. If the Board chooses to proceed with the HCP, the draft FMP will be modified to complement the HCP.

To-Do is to gather the HCP and FMP stakeholder engagement plans and distribute to SFAC members.

Next steps:

- The Division will provide an update on HCP progress to the Board in September.
- The next public meeting is planned for October, and will focus on review of the initial draft conservation strategies.

WFF Update – Andy White

- Budget passed.
- There were new positions that were created. With the budget passing we now have the authority to fill them.
- The second Deputy Division Chief interviews are next week. The planning team has been pulled together and they are working on workflows.
- The REI (recreation, education, and interpretation) team has positions that won't be filled until this fall.

Fire Season Prediction

- Predictions are based on weather forecasts, gut feelings and historical data trends.
- Drought monitor includes a drought tendency that includes NW Oregon for the timeframe of May through August 2019.
- The temperature probability (June – August) predicts above average temperatures during the heart of fire season.
- Precipitation probability (June – August) shows below average precip for NW Oregon and an increased probability of above average on the east side of Oregon.
- Key indicators – (snowpack, snowmelt, long term drought, rainfall, dry July/August, dry lightning episodes, early fire season) indicates an above-average fire season on the west side of the Cascades.
- Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for June includes above normal for NW Oregon. As we move further into fire season through July, August, and September that trend continues to include all of western Oregon.
- 2019 fire stats – burned over 1k acres this year, tracking above our 10-year average for number of fires year to date.

What are SFAC members hearing from their communities/user groups?

- Leslie Shaw – request for more shooting lanes, what can we do about the amount of trash that gets left behind?, over the next 5 years how many more roads are going to be decommissioned and how many more gates are going up?
 - Would like to get more safe shooting areas on the forest.
 - Clean up is a constant battle
 - No large scale plans for roads/gates
- Mike McKibbin – a well-organized shooting range, people will pay for opportunities they want to participate in

October meeting date reminder.

- October 25th most likely in Forest Grove

Future Agenda Topics

- Target shooting
- Send out survey for agenda topics

November/December FMP Meeting & Discussion

- Doodle poll to come out