



ELLIOTT STATE RESEARCH FOREST
Science Advisory Panel & Exploratory Committee Discussion
Friday, September 25, 2-5pm

Attendees: Jennifer Allen (PSU), Eric White (USFS), Serra Hoagland (USFS), Ryan Haugo (TNC), Cass Moseley (UO), Gwen Busby (Greenwood Resources), Linda Nagel (CSU), Mark Swanson (WSU), Tom DeLuca (OSU), Katy Kavanagh (OSU), Randy Rosenberger (OSU), Peter Harkema (Oregon Consensus), Caitlyn Reilley (OSU), Jenna Stillman (Oregon Consensus)

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

Peter Harkema welcomed the group and shared an overview of the day's agenda, noting that the meeting time will be dedicated to SAP input, suggestions, and discussion related to the draft proposal for review, provided in advance by OSU and the questions put forth by OSU regarding the draft proposal and sections of governance and commitment to public values.

Opening Remarks and Proposal Review

Tom DeLuca, Dean of the OSU College of Forestry shared that OSU remains committed to moving forward with the Elliott State Research Forest. He noted that the previous feedback provided by the SAP in regards to draft documents reviewed thus far have been taken into consideration and integrated into the research platform and design, recognizing that many of the questions initially raised could be answered in the additional forthcoming proposal components. He then provided updates on the ongoing, overarching process for the Elliott State Research Forest, including Habitat Conservation Plan development, carbon market exploration, stakeholder engagement, and refined financial analysis. He noted that there are also conversations around decoupling efforts that will primarily be led by the Treasurer's office and DSL, in regards to how the Common School Fund will be made whole. All of this work and findings will be compiled into a complete packet and be provided to the SAP in early November for review and input. Following this review, the proposal will then be submitted to the Department of State Lands and then to the State Land Board. OSU has been collaborating with DSL on public outreach and coordinating efforts for gathering stakeholder feedback.

Randy Rosenberger, Associate Dean for Student Success and Special Projects of the OSU College of Forestry shared a brief presentation that further discussed OSU's timeline on efforts underway and upcoming tasks. He then reviewed the background of prior stakeholder outreach that occurred in 2019 around forest operations, governance, recreation, educational partnerships, local and regional economies, conservation, and tribal engagement, all of which culminated in the DSL Advisory Committee's Guiding Principles. These Principles then led to the generation and formalization of OSU's commitments to public values. With this background context, Randy then reviewed the organization of the draft proposal documents that had been distributed in advance to the Science Advisory Panel members, with specific focus on the two sections pertaining to these commitments to public values as well as governance.



Science Advisory Panel Input and Discussion

The SAP members discussed the proposed structure for governance of the Elliott State Research Forest, the Commitments to public values, as well as the collaborative processes that took place to explore various options, gather information and engage in conversations to result in these recommendations. The questions posed by OSU to the SAP are as follows:

1. What might the role of the SAP be in the governance structure?
2. Are the OSU commitments to the public appropriate (i.e., achievable, measurable, complete)?

Some SAP members noted that they would be submitting written comments and those present provided their reflections during the discussion, some of which include, but are not limited to:

- There was a recommendation to develop a process map to show how decisions are to be made within the governance structure
- There was emphasis placed on the need to develop metrics for tracking and transparency of the OSU Commitments to public values, given that as currently stated in the proposal, there is no concise way to measure them.
- Verify that OSU is able to make the commitments that have already been committed to
- Refinement is needed to the current appendix, with further definition to some values and overall adjustment to make language more accessible and less academic.
- Including social science (values domain) as solely an appendix addition isn't enough
- In regards to the governance structure, some wondered whether there might be opportunities to utilize existing governance structures within the university system and cautioned against creating overly complex structures.

Next Steps

OSU confirmed that they would further review the questions raised and input provided by the SAP on the draft proposal documents. Any additional feedback may be provided to the OSU team, if desired. Peter noted that the SAP will meet again on October 21st and then on November 4th to review additional draft documents of the proposal, as they are generated, continuing the process in preparation for the December meeting of the State Land Board.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30pm.