

Small Forest Landowner Office Advisory Committee Meeting
Notes
April 19, 2022
Teams Meeting

Present: John Henrikson, Tami Miketa, Phil Hess, Rich Weiss, Brandon Austin, Bill Kemp, Jeffrey Thomas, Karen Zirkle, Marc Engel

Additional attendees:

DNR – Holly Haley, Roslyn Henricks, Tom Chandler, Noah Nequette, Todd Olson, Matt Provencher, Dave Wischer

Review January 18, 2022 SFLAC Meeting Notes

Accepted as written.

SFLO Program Updates

Tami introduced the new Small Forest Landowner Regulation Assistance Foresters:

Roslyn Henricks: SPS Region

Tom Chandler: Pacific Cascade Region and SW area

Noah Nequette, Eastern WA

The next round of hires will be the NW Region and Olympic Region Regulation Assistance Foresters.

DNR received \$5 million in the State Supplemental budget for FREP. With this funding, we will be hiring two additional FREP Foresters and a Property & Acquisition Specialist to help in purchasing the additional easements.

Laurie Cox recently retired from the Family Forest Fish Passage Program and we are currently recruiting for her position.

DNR Service Forestry Program – Matt Provencher

Matt discussed the new Service Forestry Program. – The Forest Resilience Division has added a new Service Forestry Program which will more efficiently and effectively reach the diversity of small forest landowners by:

- identifying and removing barriers for technical assistance, funding, and forest health management planning;
- increasing education and outreach to small forest landowners; and
- distributing funding effectively to move high wildland fire risk areas to lower risk.

Matt, as the Service Forestry Program Manager, will supervise the Eastern and Western WA Stewardship Coordinators, the Eastern and Western WA Stewardship Biologists, and the Western WA Financial Assistance Program Administrator. Matt also provides overall Service Forestry Program planning and administration as well as program budget and grant management. An essential function will be coordinating with region staff to develop, implement, and report on goals, priorities, deliverables, and accomplishments.

Service Foresters located across the state will provide the full complement of program offerings which will allow landowners to have a single point of contact for nearly all concerns rather than

being passed between foresters of various disciplines. Only when seeking more in-depth technical information exceeding the forester's knowledge level will a referral to a subject matter expert be made.

Forest Practices Application Mapping Tool - Dave Wischer

Dave Wischer, the Forest Regulation Division's IT Program Manager, discussed the updated FPMAP Tool. The FPMAP Tool is used by Forest Practices proponents to print maps to be used with Forest Practices Applications and to find information about their area of interest. The FPMAP Tool recently underwent a technology upgrade to allow the user to more easily create activity maps, site class maps, and water type maps. The updated FPMAP Tool should be available to the public within the next few months.

Update on Relatively Low Impact Criteria – Ken Miller

Ken Miller gave an update on the Relatively Low Impact Criteria. Unfortunately the small forest landowner caucus could not get consensus on the Relatively Low Impact Criteria at Policy so Dispute Resolution was initiated. Phase 1 of Dispute Resolution has been completed and is now moving to Phase 2 which is mediation (a 2 month process).

Discuss Potential Future SFLAC Topics

The Committee discussed future SFLAC topics such as getting the Imminent Mortality Template back in to Board Manual Section 21 Alternate Plans, creating a section in this BM that provides technical guidance on how to complete an alternate plan, what are templates and how can they be used.

The next SFLAC meeting will be a TEAMS meeting on July 12, 2022, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Meeting Adjourned