

NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2023
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Introduction The Northwest Forest Plan Federal Advisory Committee (the Committee) held its first meeting September 6-8, 2023 in Portland OR. The Committee was established July 7, 2023.

Objectives Initiate the activities of the Committee, including introducing members, U. S. Forest Service personnel and leadership.

Attendees-The Committee members, staff, contractors, and public commentators that attended are listed in Appendix A.

Welcome and Introductions

Liz Berger, Designated Federal Official (DFO)

Meryl Harrell, Deputy Under Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Liz Berger described her role as DFO and shared her objective of working through the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) amendment process with the Federal Advisory Committee (FAC). The goal of this first day is for the FAC to learn more about each other and the NWFP. As the DFO, she is here to support the committee, to share information early and often. Liz expressed her gratitude to the FAC members for their time, commitment, and talent.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary Meryl Harrell expressed enthusiasm about the FAC, noting the urgency to respond to the changes on the NWFP landscape. She emphasized the importance of working quickly and in a focused manner due to the current window of opportunity. Meryl also emphasized the importance of integrating indigenous knowledge and the needs of vulnerable communities into the planning process in a way that reflects shared values. She closed with a thank you on behalf of the USDA Secretary, Under Secretary, and USDA.

1. [Agenda](#) Review and Objectives

Kathleen Rutherford Riggs, facilitator

The facilitator reviewed the agenda and objectives for this meeting with the FAC. The overall objectives were: 1) to build relationships and 2) to understand context for the work of the FAC.

Co-Chair & Committee Member Introductions

The two Co-Chairs expressed their excitement to serve on the FAC and thanked all the FAC members for their service. The Chairs noted that this is a monumental and historical moment. The FAC must focus

and work hard with the limited time provided. The Chairs offered to be a resource for FAC members, as well as serve as a bridge between the committee and the agency.

How the FAC Will Work Together: Preview Operating Protocols and Subcommittees

Kathleen Rutherford Riggs, facilitator

- [Operating Protocols](#) (.pdf)

Kathleen Rutherford Riggs led an overview discussion of the Operating Protocols and Subcommittees. The facilitator explained that all ground rule proposals or Subcommittee proposals will be brought to the full FAC for discussion. The group will apply collective wisdom, address gaps, and create recommendations. The facilitator often uses a system that encourages everyone to hold a thumbs up (love it), thumbs sideways (live with it), or thumbs down (can't live with it). In the latter situation, the facilitator would ask each participant what issue needs to be addressed to get to a situation that can be supported. Participants agreed to keep committee discussions within the room, members agreed that no external committee specific discussions that could potentially undermine group decision making were allowed.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- FAC will create sticky notes of thoughts on ground rules for discussion throughout the 3-day meeting that the group will consider adopting on Friday.
- FAC will consider Subcommittee themes for discussion on Friday.
- Forest Service will provide a list of Forest Service staff names, positions, and expertise to the FAC members to support Subcommittees.

Team Building: Continuum Exercise

Kathleen Rutherford Riggs lead a continuum exercise where participants identified where they felt they belonged on the spectrum between strongly agree and strongly disagree (by moving around the room between each question). FAC members strongly identified themselves with values such as, "Honesty, Openness, Curiosity, Learning." All members agreed with providing space or grace, listening, and embracing multiple ways of knowing. All FAC members appreciated learning through experience, though some preferred learning by books/reading, while a subset preferred learning via story.

FAC members identified themselves across the spectrum from those who tend to process on their feet/out loud to those who need time to process new material. The facilitator encouraged those who think out loud to make space for those who don't participate in the discussion. The group shared lived experiences in the NWFP area and identified areas of personal significance in the NWFP. The FAC includes nine members who have previously served on another FAC. The FAC largely identified themselves as systems thinkers who can adjust paradigm shifts as needed and embrace conflict as an opportunity. The facilitator noted how unique this was among other groups she'd worked with. The FAC was equally distributed geographically from north (Washington) to south (California). Some group members mildly agreed, and many disagreed that the NWFP successfully delivered outcomes stated in its legislation and implementation. Finally, the group collectively agreed that they collectively have the right stuff to meet the moment, find personal significance in their work, are prepared to grapple with some hard truths, as well as have both something to learn and something to share with the group.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- None at this time.

Brief History/Overview of Northwest Forest Plan, and Current Risks

Ray Davis, Monitoring Lead - Older Forests & Spotted Owls, U. S. Forest Service, Region 6

Jerry Franklin, co-author of The Making of the Northwest Forest Plan, Professor Emeritus, University of Washington, Committee Member

Bobby Brunoe, General Manager of Natural Resources and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)

- [Ray Davis Presentation Slides](#) (.pdf)
- [Thomas Timberlake Presentation Slides](#) (.pdf)

Monitoring Old Forests

Ray Davis spoke to the intersection between the Northern Spotted Owl and old growth forests in the NWFP. The presentation included current and historical trends of both old growth and Northern Spotted Owl populations. Northern Spotted Owl populations are declining even though old growth is increasing – this is likely due to an invasive species (the Barred Owl).

FAC members discussed the impact of the invasive Barred Owl on the decline of the Northern Spotted Owl. Several FAC members expressed the importance of focusing on all old growth wildlife species, not just the Northern Spotted Owl. Several committee members emphasized the need to hear directly from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on their plans to manage Northern Spotted Owl populations and their listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Forest Service leadership assured the FAC that the agency is actively engaging in conversations with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries. Forest Service committed to providing more time at future FAC meetings to hear from these federal agencies. Finally, FAC members noted that other significant trends in disturbance ecology, climate, and oceanic trends impact old growth forests (and in turn, species)

Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) History

Jerry Franklin, a leader in the development of the original NWFP, co-author of a recently published account of the NWFP and a current FAC member, spoke about the development of the Northwest Forest Plan. He first provided an overview of bi-partisan Congressional efforts in the 1960's-70's to pass significant environmental legislation that reflected scientific advances for studying forest ecosystems (including increased knowledge and concern about the Northern Spotted Owl). There were significant challenges to meet new requirements under the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) and the ESA, which resulted in negative impacts to timber harvesting and local communities in the Pacific Northwest. President Bill Clinton created an independent team of scientists and economists to solve the conflict between species conservation and economic health. The solution was that NWFP.

NWFP History from a Tribal Perspective

Bobby Brunoe, THPO of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and FAC member, spoke to the NWFP from a perspective of three Tribes – Warm Springs, Wasco, and Paiute Nations. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs signed a treaty with the U.S. government in 1855 in which they reserved their rights to

fish, hunt, gather, and pasture livestock on unclaimed lands. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs created their own conservation plan at the same time that the NWFP was developed. The most important resources to these Tribes include water, fish, wildlife, roots, and berries. These resources guide the Tribes' resource management. The Tribes' Reservation borders three different National Forests, which have created challenges to natural resource management with different National Forest policies and personnel associated with each National Forest.

FAC members asked about the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs perspective on science. Bobby recommended that the Forest Service and FAC members should expand what the definition of science means in order to integrate Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK) into the best information available for decision-making and that the NWFP has not adequately protected Treaty resources. There has been a loss in meadows, wetlands, and huckleberry fields due to lack of funding and fears of prescribed fire. Other FAC members affiliated with NWFP Tribes agreed with the speaker's assessment and also expressed their concerns around recreationists trespassing on sacred land.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- Forest Service committed to providing more time at future FAC meetings to hear from USFWS, BLM, and NOAA.

Why a Proposed Amendment Now - A Deeper Dive into the Need for Change

Jaime Barber, Assistant Director for Adaptive Management, Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff, U. S. Forest Service

Annie Goode, Director, Pacific Planning Service Group, US Forest Service

Meryl Harrell, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA

- [Annie Goode Presentation Slides](#) (.pdf)

Jaime Barber shared that Executive Order 14072 instructs the Forest Service and BLM to 1) perform an inventory of mature and old-growth forests, 2) produce a threat analysis, and 3) inform the agency on the conservation of mature and old-growth forests.

Annie Goode shared that the Forest Service has heard several important concerns to address within the NWFP: improve resilience to wildfire, support adaptation to climate change, and engage Tribes within the NWFP area. She emphasized that an NWFP amendment is important to manage for ecological integrity of changed conditions, provide clearer support for treatment in dry forests, protect old trees in various settings, and identify other Standards & Guidelines changes that could contribute to overarching goals.

Meryl Harrell asked the FAC to consider: where does the Forest Service have the opportunity for improvement? (based on what all of us collectively know now that wasn't known 30 years ago). How can the Forest Service achieve the ability to adapt to changes on the landscape? How can the Forest Service think about multi-jurisdictional landscapes? What can be improved in the NWFP, and how can the Forest Service continue to grow (i.e., especially noting potential changes in wind, oceanic impacts, and precipitation)? How might the FAC members use this process to add strategic systems or layers of thinking in real-time through intentional processes to achieve desired outcomes?

FAC Chair Susan Jane Brown, emphasized that when the NWFP was created in 1994, climate change was a much different conversation than it currently is. Tribes were not involved in the NWFP development; communities and people were not considered part of the ecosystem like today. She believes some elements of the NWFP are working just fine, and other elements need urgent change. She acknowledged that the FAC and Forest Service do not want to repeat the same mistakes.

FAC members discussed where the line should be drawn between a revision and an amendment. They noted that legal analysis will be needed as to whether the scope and content of an amendment being developed is appropriate and legally specific for an amendment rather than a revision. Some past examples have failed because they were deficient in a legal context. Participants asked for more clarity from the Forest Service on the decision space, the need for change, the NWFP amendment process, and internal barriers. Several FAC members noted that forest resilience to epidemics and disturbance might be a better topic for discussion (instead of solely fire resilience) as it would capture multiple important aspects of forest management, including climate and fire resilience.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- Forest Service will provide a map (similar to the map provided with boundary lines of National Forest land) with Tribes and Sovereign Nations in the NWFP area.
- Forest Service will provide a glossary list of acronyms, important terms, and concepts that the FAC needs to know.

FAC Discussion and Reflections

Many FAC members hoped this process would be a time to heal – for forests, for the economy, and to build a real relationship with Tribes and communities. The FAC agreed that social infrastructure should be an important aspect of the NWFP and any possible amendments. Finally, the FAC asked themselves to consider what success might look like. What might failure look like? The FAC noted that if they could not pass a successful amendment through the NEPA process, that might be a failure to them.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- None at this time.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Check-in & Reflections on Day 1, Review of Agenda and Ground rules

Kathleen Rutherford Riggs, facilitator

The facilitator checked in with each committee member about their experience the first day. Many FAC members shared their desire to bring the voices of others in the NWFP: rural communities, indigenous communities, ecosystems and biodiversity, old growth forests, the timber industry, and more.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- None currently.

The 2012 Planning Rule and Amendment Process

Al Olson, Regional Planning Director, U. S. Forest Service, Region 5

- [Al Olson Presentation Slides](#)

Al Olson described the requirement for developing a plan amendment, the differences between the 1982 and 2012 Planning Rules, and the content of the 2012 Planning Rule. The National Forest Management Act is the founding statute that guides forest plans. Although the Northwest Forest Plan is a regional framework, each local forest in the NWFP Area has its own individual forest plan. The NWFP will be amended under the 2012 Planning Rule which integrates a more iterative process that allows plans to change over time. An amendment is a change to one or more plan components with requirements to: 1) base amendment on need for change; 2) use best available science; 3) provide opportunities for public engagement; 4) involve tribal, local, and state governments; and 5) ensure consistency with NEPA and other laws/regulations. Al explained that some changes may not require an amendment and can be done within the existing plan.

FAC members asked for an example of what the Forest Service means by shifting its approach from output-oriented to outcome-oriented. Al provided an example that former management required the Forest Service to treat x number of acres annually but the 2012 Planning Rule shifts management to outcome-oriented management (which focuses on management actions to manage what the ecosystem should look like). Multiple FAC members noted how the 2012 Planning Rule more clearly emphasized tribal consultation and requires Forest Service to reach out and actively seek Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK) within its planning, though it did not describe exactly how (and in practice this has been difficult but is still a significant change from the 1982 rule). It was noted that a revision would be an impossibly heavy lift for the FAC to pursue in their current timeline (and would require the impossible task of revising 17 national forest plans at once). FAC members noted that the timeline will influence what is possible – it will be important to identify what is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the scope of the amendment that the FAC would like to pursue (FAC members suggested that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be needed). Ultimately, the FAC agreed that their work should pursue a yes/and proposition – yes, focus on an amendment and do not preclude providing the Forest Service advice beyond the amendment.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- None at this time.

Northwest Forest Plan from a FAC Tribal Perspective

Open conversation between FAC members occurred via an activity where five FAC members, who were also representatives/members/citizens of their Tribes sat in a circle of chairs to discuss while everyone else participated through listening. The question for this session was, “What are Tribal perspectives on the NWFP in the past, present, and future?”

Many FAC Tribal representatives/members/citizens of their Tribes acknowledged that Tribes felt intentionally excluded in the original Forest Service management practices and NWFP process because of colonialism. The speakers further acknowledged that Tribes have not had the desired autonomy to make decisions on these lands since European conquest. Tribes have vital knowledge through traditional

techniques to improve forests, water, and wildlife. There is an opportunity to bring traditional techniques into the future that make sustainable forest management for everybody, not just Tribes. Several of these same FAC members felt a personal and emotional stake in amending the NWFP. Tribal members noted that their culture and identities are tied to a land-based religion (meaning the Tribal citizens cannot just pack up and move somewhere else).

FAC members noted the importance of reconnecting tribal families with stewardship areas, getting communities back on the landscape, and considering when/where Tribes can participate in prescribed burning (noting that each Tribe has a different cultural relationship with fire as a management tool). The FAC members who are also members/citizens of their Tribes also considered those who walked before and will walk after them. There is a responsibility for all FAC members to consider people who aren't here at this table to have these discussions. Several past Tribal Consultation examples were shared where tribal sovereignty was not protected by the Forest Service, and Tribal members also shared concerns about data sovereignty. Multiple Tribal and non-tribal FAC members spoke on the importance of big 'C' and little 'c' consultations. They did not want Tribal Consultation to be just a checkbox. Nor should Tribal inclusion efforts take the place of Tribal Consultation. Everyone agreed that allowing enough time for this NWFP amendment process to occur is imperative to ensuring adequate Tribal inclusion.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- None currently.

NWFP Overview

Susan Jane Brown, Principal, Silvix Resources

- [Susan Jane Brown Presentation](#) (.pdf)
Susan Jane presented on the key provisions of the NWFP referenced in the above PowerPoint presentation.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- The FAC requested maps of 4 areas (Late Successional Reserves [LSRs]; Matrix; Adaptive Management Areas [AMAs]; Riparian Reserves) within the NWFP.

Role of FAC: Strengthening Tribal Engagement

Kelly Hetzler, Tribal Engagement Specialist for the PPSG, Forest Service

- [Kelly Hetzler Presentation](#) (.pdf)

Kelly shared several recent documents reflecting what Forest Service has heard about the NWFP from Tribes to date. It will be important for the FAC to consider possible areas of content-based categories for feedback (i.e., fire resilience, etc.), as well as to whom both the FAC and Forest Service should meet (and when) during this process (considering time and capacity of Tribal leaders, Tribal groups, Tribal staff, and/or Tribal members).

The Samoan circle discussion focused on effective Tribal Consultation and Tribal Inclusion in the NWFP area. Several FAC members wanted to know where there has been effective Tribal inclusion in a Forest

Service project or planning. Interested participants sat down in the circle and expressed their personal Tribal Consultation and Inclusion views to other Samoan circle participants and all other FAC member simultaneously. Tribal Inclusion and Consultation views were expressed through stories, historic examples, and personal perspectives. A FAC member shared that the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRP) and the Tribal Climate Change Project at the University of Oregon might be good case studies to model where Tribes have been actively involved in planning processes. Forest Service Tribal inclusion staff noted that a Tribal Engagement and Consultation Plan is still being created. Kelly shared that there will be a Tribal Forum for any interested Tribal representatives on September 26th at 1 p.m. PT. The invitation has been shared with Tribal Chairs, Tribal Liaisons, and local contacts. FAC members are welcome to join as well. Forest Service shared that there are more than 80 federally recognized Tribes in the NWFP area. Discussion continued around possible FAC actions. The entire FAC agreed that a Subcommittee was needed to discuss Tribal Inclusion and noted that in the past, a previous FAC gave *a statement of optimism*. The FAC will consider whether to give a *statement of optimism* regarding Tribal inclusion in the NWFP amendment process.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- A FAC Subcommittee will be established to discuss Tribal Inclusion.

Role of FAC: Strengthening Public and Government Engagement

Allison Niebauer, Forest Service

Michele Miranda, Public Engagement Specialist, PPSG, Forest Service

Annie Goode, Director of the PPSG, Forest Service

- [Allison Niebauer Presentation](#) (.pdf)
Allison spoke to the FAC about the Public Engagement Strategy development. She emphasized public engagement's importance to the success of NWFP amendment efforts. In the past, Forest Service has engaged the public with the 20-year monitoring report and public forum, listening sessions (in 2015), NWFP Science Synthesis meetings, and the Bioregional Assessment (2020). The Forest Service emphasized transparency, accessibility, diversity, inclusivity, equity, and accountability in its process. Forest Service notes that historically, the public has not been involved with NWFP amendments, but the Forest Service has been working hard to build these relationships and change NWFP amendments. This current engagement process should include general members of the public, outreach through partners, engagement tools tailored to specific partners, as well as tools like webinars and formal comment periods. Tribal members may join any of these public forums, but the Forest Service notes that Tribal inclusion will be a separate process of both Government-to-Government and informal discussions.

FAC members indicated that underserved communities are historically not included in the Forest Service amendment process and if the Forest Service wants to engage these groups, the Forest Service should begin early with trusted contacts and to that relationship over time. These underserved groups might include non-English speaking communities, in-person non-virtual opportunities, unorganized groups, and more. The Forest Service hopes that the FAC will help identify more contacts to tailor a specific approach to each community. The FAC noted that a Public Engagement Subcommittee would be helpful. The Subcommittee might further investigate: the loss of jobs and Forest Service staff on the socio-

economic health of communities; different types of media outreach (including social media, Public broadcasting); how to leverage existing tools with critical community contacts. Finally, the FAC recommended that Forest Service spend time to prepare Forest Service staff internally, especially at the local levels.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- A FAC Subcommittee will be established to discuss Public Engagement.

Committee Discussion and Reflections

Kathleen Rutherford Riggs, facilitator

The facilitator encouraged the FAC members to share their reflections on today's sessions. The FAC members felt frustrated that the Forest Service timeline was ambitious, with a lot to ask 21 citizens to complete in just 1 year (when the FAC Charter allows for 2 years). FAC members agreed on the importance to address this issue with the timeline now instead of later in the process. The FAC noted that this timeline might be driven by political pressure. FAC members felt that science, information, and consensus would likely not be an issue within the FAC but many felt that the timeline might be an impossibility. Many FAC members shared their further displeasure with the proposed FAC process, noting they felt manipulated and that this timeline does not include adequate time for Tribal inclusion and public engagement. Multiple FAC members shared that they are not willing to continue making the same mistakes of the past – especially with regard to Tribal engagement. Some FAC members considered leaving the FAC if the current accelerated timeline occurs, other FAC members expressed their displeasure but maintained optimism that some sort of positive amendment could still be completed in this accelerated time frame. The FAC decided to begin their session a half hour early tomorrow to continue this discussion.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- The FAC decided to begin their session a half hour early tomorrow.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Welcome and Agenda Review

Kathleen Rutherford Riggs, facilitator

Kathleen noted that there would be a new agenda for today. The FAC would discuss: Reflections, the Timeline, Subcommittees, Public Comment, Finalize Operating Protocols, then adjourn.

Liz Berger, DFO, opened the session with her gratitude for honest feedback and candid dialogue from the FAC. She encouraged the FAC to continue with their honest discussion and noted that Forest Service is actively trying to improve, with a lot of room to still improve. She emphasized that the Forest Service has just created a new planning organization (the Pacific Planning Service Group [PPSG]) to support NWFP plan amendments, which is something that the Forest Service has never done before. This organization includes at least 30 new people (from national to regional, down to local levels). Additionally, Liz offered the ability for the FAC to call, text, email, or chat her at any time.

FAC members shared their superpowers in their team-building activity.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- None at this time.

Timeline Discussion (continued)

Kathleen Rutherford Riggs, facilitator

The FAC expressed discomfort and concern about Timeline Plan A (proposed to the FAC by Forest Service on Thursday). FAC members largely agreed that the timeline would not provide enough time to incorporate Tribal input into the NWFP adequately. Other FAC members also expressed concern about public engagement on this timeline, especially communicating information from the NWFP to their stakeholders/constituents to receive meaningful feedback. Forest Service agreed to re-assess Plan A (timeline) shown in earlier sessions while continuing to develop Plans B and C. This includes mapping out some risks, scenarios, and trigger points that might necessitate the FAC to move between plans. FAC chairs indicated that, consistent with past practice of other federal advisory committees, they would send a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief apprising them of the work of the FAC and seeking a dialogue with USDA and USFS leadership to discuss FAC concern about Timeline Plan A (proposed) and the risks and tradeoffs associated with the current timeline.

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- Forest Service agreed to re-assess the Plan A (timeline) shown in earlier sessions while continuing to develop Plans B and C. This includes mapping out some risks, scenarios, and trigger points requiring the FAC to move between plans.
- The FAC Chairs agreed to send a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture and Chief to express FAC concern and seek a dialogue about Timeline Plan A (proposed) and the risks and tradeoffs associated with the current timeline.

Finalize and Adopt FAC Operating Protocols

Kathleen Rutherford Riggs, Facilitator

The FAC discussed that Subcommittees are not public but are open to anyone that the FAC invites to join them. One FAC member asked for a specific review of Section III regarding conflict/dispute resolution. The FAC reviewed the section and determined that adequate mechanisms exist to address disagreement during FAC proceedings. One FAC member requested to adjust language on building constituent support (how to define it better, considering affirmative support from constituents is not guaranteed). The DFO agreed that the Forest Service will adjust this definition of building constituent support in the last bullet point of IV.A. The FAC Chairs noted that FAC leaders don't need to hear every time someone reaches out to the press. Anyone planning to speak with the media is expected to represent themselves and not share what others may have said in a subcommittee setting. If there are any concerns with media outreach: federal employees should contact the DFO. FAC members should reach out to the FAC Chairs with any concerns about media outreach (and if the FAC Chairs determine any concerns, then they would share directly with the FAC itself).

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- Forest Service agreed that the last two bullet points from Section VA will get copied into IV.A. in the FAC Operating Protocols.
- The DFO agreed that the Forest Service will adjust the current definition of building constituent support in the last bullet point of IV.A.

FAC Planning and Mechanics: Subcommittees

Subcommittee	FAC Members	
Climate	Dan Ryan R Bobby Angela Ryan H	Jerry Betsy Travis Heidi Elaine Meg
Communities	Lindsay Nick Laura JP Travis Heidi	Jose Betsy James Dan Elaine
Tribal Inclusion	SJB Betsy Dan Ryan R JP Bobby	Elaine James Mike Travis Ann Meg
Old Growth	Angela SJB Mike James Ryan H	Travis Jerry F Karen Meg Lindsay
Fire Resilience	Travis SJB Karen Jerry Dan Ryan H Laura	Betsy Ryan R Nick Heidi Elaine Meg

FAC Agreements/Recommendations

- Forest Service will follow up with FAC members within the next two weeks to select Subcommittee Meeting Dates/Times.

Public Comment

The Portland Audubon Society shared a public comment. The representative noted that their organization is paying attention to the FAC and looks forward to working with the Forest Service. The speaker included several topics for the FAC to consider related to forest fragmentation, fire resilience,

further protecting the Northern Spotted Owl and Marble Murrelet, climate change, and addressing support for beavers and complex aquatic ecosystems within the NWFP. They also asked the FAC and Forest Service to respect the public process by making communication as transparent as possible and providing clear public engagement pathways. Written documentation of these comments will be submitted as well.

The Firefighters United for Safety Efforts and Ecology (FUSEE) also submitted a public comment. Their organization's representative reminded the FAC they are the torchbearers for new fire management efforts. FUSEE shared that an achievable goal for complex forest management topics will be the greatest contribution to fellow citizens. The representative believed in the sincerity of the Forest Service and knew that many staff are dedicated, sincere public servants. They noted that this is the first time someone Indigenous is sitting at this table for FAC discussions, not just Indigenous, but an Indigenous wildland firefighter who is young. The full weight of climate change will bear onto the lifetimes of the youth, and this FAC has the opportunity to think of future generations.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30, September 8, 2023

APPENDIX A

Glossary/Acronyms

AMA	Adaptive Management Area
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
DFO	Designated Federal Official
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
FAC	Federal Advisory Committee
LSR	Late Successional Reserve
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFMA	National Forest Management Act
NWFP	Northwest Forest Plan
PPSG	Pacific Planning Service Group
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish & Wildlife Service

APPENDIX A

Attendance

Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) Attendees:

Name	Title
Jerry Franklin, PhD	Professor Emeritus, School of Environmental and Forest Science, University of Washington
James Johnston, PhD	Assistant Professor (Senior Research), College of Forestry, Oregon State University
Meg Krawchuk, PhD	Associate Professor of Landscape Fire, Ecology, and Conservation Science, College of Forestry, Oregon State University
Angela Sondenaa, PhD	Certified Senior Ecologist, Nez Perce Tribe
Elaine Harvey, PhDc	Environmental Coordinator, Yakima Nation
Ryan Haugo, PhD	Director of Conservation Science, The Nature Conservancy
Heidi Huber-Stearns, PhD	Associate Research Professor and Director, Ecosystem Workforce Program, Institute for a Sustainable Environment, University of Oregon
Daniel Reid Sarna-Wojcicki, PhD	Postdoctoral Researcher, UC Berkeley
Robert 'Bobby' Brunoe	Secretary Treasurer/CEO, Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs
Jarred Patton	Deputy Director, California Conservation Corps
Lindsay Warness	Western Regional Manager, Forest Resource Association
Travis Joseph	President/CEO, American Forest Resource Council
Elizabeth Robblee	Conservation and Advocacy Director, The Mountaineers
Jose Linares	District Manager (Retired), Bureau of Land Management, Northwest Oregon District and Board Member, Straub Outdoors
Susan Jane Brown, JD	Principal, Silvix Resources
Mike Anderson, JD	Senior Policy Analyst, The Wilderness Society
Nicholas Goulette	Executive Director, Watershed Research and Training Center
Ryan Reed	Co-founder and Executive Director, Fire Generation Collaborative and Wildland Firefighter
Karen Hans	Good Neighbor Authority Program Coordinator, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Laura Osiadacz	Kittitas County Commissioner
Ann House, JD	Staff Attorney, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Environmental and Natural Resources Department

Northwest Forest Plan & National Forest Team Attendees:

Name	Title
Annie Goode	Director, Pacific Planning Service Group

Jackie Groce	Director, Resource Planning and Monitoring
Mark Brown	Northwest Forest Plan Program Manager
Delaney Caslow	Resource Assistant PPSG
Nick Diprofo	Washington Office Planning Specialist
John Dow	Senior Planner
Don Yasuda	Senior Analyst
Thomas Timberlake	Climate Change and Science Coordinator
Dennis Dougherty	Recreation Specialist PPSG
Scott Peets	Aquatic Specialist PPSG
Kristi Harper	R6 Tribal Relations Specialist
Kelly Hetzler	PPSG Tribal Relations
Michele Miranda	PPSG Public Engagement Specialist
Allison Niebauer	Program Specialist
Ray Davis	Old Forest and Northern Spotted Owl Monitoring Lead
Jaime Barber	Assistant Director of Adaptive Management, EMC
Al Olson	Director Ecosystem Planning Region 5
Nicholas Diprofo	Planning Specialist
Ben Zukowski	Senior Program Associate, Udall Foundation National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution
Kathleen Rutherford Riggs	KCG: Collective Action Consulting

Public Attendees:

Organization Name
Portland Audubon
United for Safety Efforts and Ecology (FUSEE)