



**Action Minutes FOR A MEETING OF THE
ASHLAND FOREST LANDS COMMISSION**

Tuesday, February 12th, 2013

5:30PM to 7:30PM

**Siskiyou Room, Community Development Building
51 Winburn Way**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

John Williams, Dan Maymar, Frank Betlejewski, Stefani Seffinger, Chris Chambers, Albert Pepe, Marty Main, Jeff McFarland

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 8th minutes

Frank's name was not included on the list of attendees and Jeff's name was listed twice.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

VI. BUSINESS

A. Ashland Forest Plan Revision

Maymar reviewed the Upper Bear Assessment and is seeking direction for which parcels that we're addressing. Frank suggested looking back at the 1992 Forest Plan. Siskiyou Mt Park was included in the 1992 document, but not Oredson-Todd. Oredson-Todd is included in the current update. There are other Parks and City parcels that were not in the original plan, or in the current update.

Strawberry-Hald and the Lithia Hillside are the two largest pieces in the city that are not addressed. Fire management and invasive species are high priorities on every one of the City's parcels, Parks included. Some of the properties outside of the original plan might even be more important for fire management than some of those included, and also have trails through them. Chambers pointed out that not having properties included in the Plan makes it more difficult to justify budget dollars. Now would be the time to decide whether or not to include them.

Chambers suggested a second tier of properties where fire management is the primary goal, but wouldn't have to be described at the same level of detail as the other properties. Maymar asked Frank for an update on people's assignments and Frank has Williams on water, Pepe on social/recreation, Maymar on forest conditions, and Frank has inventory and data. Dan suggested updating the table of contents and organization including definitions. Frank looked at the documents we've produced in the past and came up with a long list of attributes to describe conditions, 57 in all right now. Frank would like to see the stream classifications mapped out, soils for units, landslide zones, historic forest conditions (from The Nature Conservancy), common unit numbering, and some changes to units. The data we have for City lands is impressive, and should be linked in a GIS database, which wouldn't take a whole lot of work. The City has historically collected data

for making land management decisions and as funding allowed. Once the data and attributes are in GIS, it is highly accessible for budgeting and decision making. Frank will be going out with the Forest Service entomologist on Friday to Siskiyou Mt Park, and all are welcome to join. Jeff shared recent work he and City GIS technician Lea Light compiled for Siskiyou Mt Park, primarily of treatments completed by year. Marty has used similar mapping to show different and often competing objectives in juxtaposition to each other.

B. Update Commission 2-Year Goals

Chambers will send the prioritized goals from last month.

C. Trails/Recreation Update

Frank has included infrastructure in the attribute list. Jeff presented maps and a description of a proposed reroute of the Alice in Wonderland Trail in conjunction with AWTA and the private landowners. Jeff will continue working on it.

D. AFR Project Update

Chambers explained the upcoming AFR helicopter thinning work to encompass the White Rabbit area, Four Corners, and Winburn Ridge in AFR. It will also include 74 acres of the City Winburn Parcel. Chris is meeting with trails groups and the Forest Service to work out trail closures during the work. He expects work to be active from the first week of March to at least May 1.

E. Watershed Outreach Plan Review

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

VIII. REVIEW AND SET COMMISSION CALENDAR / NEXT MEETING

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: March 12th, 2013

IX. ADJOURN: 7:30 PM

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