



**Action Minutes FOR A MEETING OF THE  
ASHLAND FOREST LANDS COMMISSION  
Tuesday, February 9th, 2010  
5:30PM to 7:30PM  
Siskiyou Room, Community Development Building  
51 Winburn Way**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM**

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**Chris Chambers, Melody Noraas, John Williams, Pete Holley—Pacific Oasis, Paul Galloway, Katie Schubert, Chris Iverson, Greg Lemhouse, Tony Kerwin, Gary Pool, Craig Gorson, Chief John Karns, Marty Main, Dan Maymar**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Chris forgot to print the minutes—will review at next meeting.

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

No public present wanting to comment.

**V. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**VI. BUSINESS**

**A. Ashland Forest Plan Update – Public Process**

Chambers and Kerwin talked about the response to the media put out about the Forest Plan Update. Kerwin will put together a list of names who were interested in the update and get in touch with them. He'll also put together a proposal for moving forward with the update and bring it to the next meeting.

**B. AFR Update and Community Engagement Plan**

Paul Galloway spoke about the AFR project. The Forest Service looked across the country at ARRA funded projects and due to the impending lawsuit filed against AFR, decided to reallocate a portion (2 million dollars) of the ARRA funding to another project—move was prior to the FS seeing the lawsuit, but knew it was being filed. FS will look at more funding to see the project to completion.

Senators Wyden and Merkley have both sent letters to the Secretary of Agriculture asking that the money be reinstated. 10.7 million dollars nationally was redirected. Primary objective of stimulus dollars is to put people to work. There is still 4.5 million in stimulus funding available to the project that came from another project at the regional level.

Marty commented on the context of the funding. The normal appropriated dollars for this type of work in the Forest Service is much, much less than the 4.5 million

dollar allocation. Galloway said that appropriated dollars are the normal budgeted dollars the FS gets each year. In the President's 2011 budget, there are specific funding opportunities for watershed restoration and fuels reduction, so there are more opportunities through appropriated dollars than before this project planning stage started. Williams asked if there is more information that might help clarify that the withdrawal of the stimulus funds was not a politically motivated move. Galloway said that there was a program in place to look at all stimulus funds and this one was seen as vulnerable. Williams thinks that the information that has been in the media has been largely from the point of those filing the suit and wondered if the Forest Lands Commission could craft a letter stating the facts of the current plan to clarify what the project really is. Lemhouse sees this as a fragile issue and the withdrawal of the money puts the project in jeopardy in the public's eye.

### C. City Forestlands Management

City forestlands were reviewed in the past couple years and City lands are in good shape currently. There may be opportunities or issues on City lands that can be taken advantage of. Drought conditions could create mortality in trees that needs to be addressed, Marty has seen evidence of dying trees this week.

AFR timeline is complicated, but likely that actual thinning won't start until the fall of 2010. Layout and prescriptions will be taking place during the spring on AFR. The USFS has used the Wyden Amendment to spend funds on City forestlands (prescribed burning). Main said that this year there won't be many opportunities to work across boundaries, but there will be in the future.

### D. Public Outreach Plan—Watershed Map Project

Iverson said that the flyers have been passed around town, SOU professors have announced the contest, and the artist of the example map may be interested. Some local printing companies have said they will donate some printing. Ann Seltzer from the City of Ashland has given some suggestions for the map, including:

1. City of Ashland logo included
2. The Public Arts Commission need to be involved in the selection
3. Criteria for the selection of the winning map
4. Selection panel not involving members of the Forest Lands Commission—discussion among the FLC favored Forest Lands Commissioners staying involved in the selection process. Iverson will go to the Public Arts Commission meeting next week to talk about this. The addition of criteria will be used for selection of the winning map by the selection committee.
5. City owns the design, not the artist. City may want to use the map for various uses so needs to own the image/art.
6. Needs to be in various digital formats.
7. Distribution information. This has been talked about and agreed to by the Commission. Iverson doesn't see the need for a lot of work on this.
8. Speaker's bureau? Iverson thinks not, but use map as a tool for those who are speaking about the watershed.
9. Generic design to use for various purposes. This can be accomplished, but

limited in scope of use other than the obvious uses for posting and education.

Iverson handed out copies of the contest flyer. Williams pointed out that format of the drawing is important to the end use. Some input to the artists and selected artist will help in the development of the final product.

E. Public Outreach Plan—Watershed Engagement Plan

Next steps beyond the map—a video of the watershed and a brochure. Iverson remembered Rich Whitley’s advice to update folks and then bring them into the future. Brochures can be used for a variety of uses.

F. Commission 3-Year Goals

No actions taken on these.

**VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**VIII. REVIEW AND SET COMMISSION CALENDAR / NEXT MEETING**

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**ADJOURN: 7:30 PM**

Williams motioned to adjourn, Iverson seconded motion, all ayes.

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