



Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
Senate Bill 762 Forest Resiliency and
Restoration Investments Work Group
October 28th, 2021

Work Group Members: Amanda Astor, Dana Skelly, Chris Chambers, Pete Caligiuri, Dallas Hall Defrees and Chandra LeGue

Technical Advisors: Dr. Christopher Dunn, Mari Kramer, Eric Hartstien, Brenda Hallmark, James Dickinson

ODF Staff: Jeff Burns, Ryan Gordon, Alex Rahmlow, Derek Gasperini, Al De Vos, Jason Pettigrew and Megan Ehle

Ryan Gordon opened the meeting speaking to the Oct 25th information session and proposed the department and work group host another listening session after all public comment is received. Dallas and Dylan agreed that hosting another informational session would serve the group well. Chandra stated it will help think through aspects of the RFP process, and reiterated the need to incorporate the feedback that is received.

Jeff and Megan engaged in a conversation with the group on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Discussion that arose:

Civil rights training [presentation](#) was shared with the work group in advance of the meeting.

Looking at the criteria and considering workforce and wage contractors receive.

Leaning into the work that is going on with all other partners and the outreach efforts they have going on in engaging the communities they work within. Offer of Agency staff being available to answer question.

Addressing language barriers for audiences.

Community vulnerability - Pete shared a [link](#)

Consider funding efforts underserved communities have for planning.

DEI components into the 20-year plan: DEI should be within the plan when designating priority watersheds and include BIPOC communities, rural communities and many others.

Jeff reviewed the budget details of the Forest Restoration and Resiliency Program

Discussion that arose:

Can monitoring expensive be covered within the grant process?

Dylan proposed using 50% of the funds for tag and extend projects, with Amanda and Chandra stating they would like to see limit set.

The group shifted to finalizing the request for proposal, Jeff will send out the draft after today's meeting with a request to have a clean version prior to Nov 3rd.

Next steps:

Update [FRRIP webpage](#)

Schedule another Listening Session

Next Meeting – November 4th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Homework for the Work Group: RFP language final edits by Nov 3rd