



Access and Habitat Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

1 *This*
2 *Access and Habitat Board meeting minutes is considered as a draft until*
3 *approved by the Board.*
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5 Notice of these meetings had been published through Oregon Transparency Website and
6 ODFW Website. <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>,
7 <http://www.oregon.gov/transparency/Pages/PublicMeetingNotices.aspx>
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9 Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

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| Craig Ely, Chairman of the Board | Travis Schultz, ODFW |
| John Breese, Board Member | Mary Newcomb, ODFW |
| Willie Bronson, Board Member | Dylan Edwards, ODFW |
| Morgan Olson, Board Member | Bill Cannaday, ODFW |
| | Tom Thornton, ODFW |

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11 **MEETING**
12 On Tuesday, February 8, 2021, at 3:11 p.m. Chairman Craig Ely called the Access and Habitat
13 (A&H) Board meeting to order.

14 **Auction & Raffle Update**

15 Travis Schultz, A&H State Coordinator

16 Auction Updates:

17 OHA's Bend auction will be by phone, and state OHA banquet will be moved to July, so the
18 raffle will be conducted in house again this year.

19 NWTF Central and Ochoco likely to be online.

20 MDF assessing. The National MDF auction on Feb 12th will be online.

21 RMEF Pendleton Chapter's auction of the Combo tag will be online.

22 SCI on March 11 expected to be virtual but not yet confirmed.

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25 As things continue to change rapidly, board members will be kept as up to date as
26 possible.

27 **Project Application Review**

28 This project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the
29 following link: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>
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31 Archie Creek Fire Emergency Fire Reseeding

32 Dylan Edwards, Southwest Regional Coordinator

33 Bill Cannaday, Assistant Wildlife Biologist, Umpqua Watershed

34 The initial review and funding consideration for this project took place at the January 19,
35 2021 Access & Habitat board meeting and was tabled to obtain more detailed information
36 for the board's deliberation.
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1 This project proposes to reseed up to ~700 acres on large and small private timberlands
2 that burned during the Archie Creek Fire. The primary objectives for the project are
3 addressing erosion to fire lines and retired skid roads while providing increased forage for
4 resident deer and elk. The potential areas to be reseeded will be evaluated by burn
5 severity, slope, erosion potential, and habitat needs. Management of timberlands
6 necessitates avoidance of areas to be replanted with trees and/or areas that are or will be
7 salvaged logged.

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9 The project currently has three large timber companies and two smaller landowners lined up
10 for reseeded efforts. Each landowner will be limited to 100 acres to be reseeded, exact
11 area reseeded determined by the landowner in conjunction with the Department.

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13 The seed proposed in this project will be purchased by landowners and they will be
14 reimbursed for the seed mix approved by the District Wildlife Biologist. This method will
15 provide the quickest method for the reseeded effort. Landowners will provide proof of
16 purchase, A&H will reimburse 90% of funds, after the seed has been planted, which will be
17 verified by the Department, the final 10% will be released to the landowner.

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19 The one month of time each for two technician positions listed in the application are for a
20 permanent technician and a limited duration position. The positions would be fully allocated
21 to lands participating in this project for the month or as needed. The truck and fuel listed on
22 the application are for the anticipated use of an existing Department vehicle.

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24 Discussion continued on the different timberlands and their plans for restoration. Board
25 member Olson pointed out that most projects before A&H are for specific areas, while this
26 application seems to be more general and in anticipation of need.

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28 Chairman Ely advised that he is concerned funding permanent positions with A&H funds,
29 though he does recognize this is for a limited time and in emergency circumstances. Tom
30 Thornton did advise that on Open Fields projects, A&H funds have been used for permanent
31 positions, and the techs or biologists work on those projects.

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33 Motion: Willie Bronson moved to approve project as presented, with the stipulations that any
34 funds that are not expended by July 1, 2021 would be returned to A&H, and that landowners
35 will have individual contracts with A&H and will be responsible for their seed purchase.
36 Morgan Olson seconded the motion.

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38 Board members added that they would like to know of the results and have thorough details
39 at the July board meeting.

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41 Motion passed 4-0.

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43 **ADJOURNMENT:**

44 Chairman Craig Ely adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.