

Board of Forestry schedules multi-purpose meeting

The Oregon Board of Forestry will discuss preliminary work on a vision for the role and contributions of federal forestlands in Oregon at its March 7 meeting in Salem. Other subjects before the board will include conserving coastal salmon runs, managing smoke from controlled forestland burning, and measuring the benefits that state-managed forests produce.

Key agenda items include: Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee – The board will meet with members of its Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee, which was formed recently to assist in fulfilling Gov. Kulongoski's charge to "create a unified vision of how federal lands should contribute" to the sustainability of Oregon's forests. Of the 28.5 million acres of forest in the state, about 60 percent are managed by the

federal government. For more information on the committee, visit <www.oregon.gov/ODF/B OARD/FFAC.shtml>.

Smoke management rules – Dept. of Forestry Fire Program staff will present proposed rule changes to the Oregon Smoke Management Plan. At its January 3 meeting, the board expressed concern over some of the draft rule changes, including criteria for designating areas considered particularly sensitive to the intrusion of smoke from logging slash.

Coastal salmon runs – Private Forests Program staff will give a briefing on a new strategy to conserve coastal coho salmon runs. Forest landowner representatives, the department and the public took part in the planning process. The plan, to be presented to the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission for adoption on March 17, seeks to

conserve and restore coho populations.

State forests performance measures – The board will continue its discussion of performance measures for evaluating the management of state forestlands, and will consider a proposed final package of performance measures for adoption. The department has drafted a range of measures designed to help the board determine over time if these public lands are providing appropriate environmental, social and economic outcomes.

Elliott State Forest plans – State Forests Program staff will present a status report on the draft revised Elliott State Forest Management Plan and the draft Habitat Conservation Plan for the Elliott. The former will guide managers of the 93,000-acre forest northeast of Coos Bay in maintaining a sustainable,

even-flow harvest of timber and resulting revenue to the Common School Fund, while providing for fish and wildlife habitat.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. at ODF headquarters, in the Tillamook Room, Bldg. C, 2600 State St. The meeting is public, and comments will be received on forestry-related items not included in the agenda between 8-8:30 a.m. Members of the public wishing to comment on specific agenda items will have opportunity to do so during the time each item is scheduled.

Accommodations for people with disabilities, and special materials, services or assistance can be arranged by calling the Oregon Department of Forestry Agency Affairs Office at least 48 hours before the meeting - 503-945-7200, text telephone 503-945-7213 (in Salem).

County needs citizen planners

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is soliciting applications from county citizens who are interested in serving on the nine member Planning Commission, or to fill vacancies as alternate members. Representation is needed for the areas of Scappoose, Clatskanie and the north county Rainier, but all applicants will be considered.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month with agenda items and information packets mailed to members one week in advance. Training seminars are available.

If you are interested in serving on the commission and shaping the development in Columbia County, please contact the Board of Commissioners Office at 503-397-4322 for interest forms.

Community Calendar

MARCH 2007							APRIL 2007							MAY 2007						
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VERNONIA

Al-Anon	Fridays	7:00 p.m. Grange Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Thursdays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., 627 Adams Avenue
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-3018
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6081
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-4250
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
Girl Scouts, Neighborhood 4-2		For Info Call 503-819-0143
Hands On Art Committee	1st & 3rd Thursdays	4:00 p.m., City Hall
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Buckhorn Restaurant
Narcotics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Pioneer Museum		For Info Call 503-429-3713
Public Works Committee	2nd & 4th Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Cares Directors		For Info call 503-429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Community PTA	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m., WGS Library
Vernonia Grange	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Learning Center	1st Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VLC
Vernonia Parks Committee	3rd Wednesday	6:30 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Pride	3rd Thursday	1:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia Transfer Station	2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Behind VHS
Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall
T.O.P.S.	Mondays	6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-2401	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church
American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m., Main Street Post
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Fire District Office
CPO 14	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., Brown Derby
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS, 2514 Sykes
County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Mental Health Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	2nd Tuesday	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.