

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: April 23, 2018

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Richard Whitman, Director

Subject: Agenda item N, Informational item: Oregon Smoke Management Program, Plan and Advisory Committee
May 10-11, 2018, EQC meeting

Purpose of item DEQ and the Oregon Department of Forestry will provide an update on the Oregon Smoke Management Program, Plan and Advisory Committee.

Background In May 2017, DEQ and the Oregon Department of Forestry and convened the Smoke Management Review Advisory Committee to explore and make recommendations for improved implementation, policy changes or clarifications to the Oregon Smoke Management Program to better accomplish the program's goals.

The goals for the Oregon Smoke Management Program are to improve the use of prescribed burning as a forest management and protection practice, and to minimize emissions from prescribed burning consistent with federal and state air quality objectives. Prescribed forestry burning is the intentional burning of forest fuels under managed conditions to achieve forestland management objectives. The Oregon Smoke Management Program, administered by ODF, works to provide opportunities for prescribed burning while minimizing the amount of harmful smoke that reaches communities, with special emphasis on designated smoke sensitive communities.

Agency recommendations The Smoke Management Advisory Committee held its last meeting March 9, 2018, to review the draft joint ODF/DEQ proposal for changes to the Smoke Management Program and Plan. The agencies' proposal is based on input from the committee process and seeks to meet the state goals for smoke management.

At the May 11 commission meeting, DEQ and ODF will review the draft agencies' proposal and committee feedback. The agencies will

highlight the key decision points for this rulemaking as well as refinements to the proposal.

Next steps

DEQ and ODF will engage in formal rulemaking and jointly hold a public comment process for the final proposals in summer and fall 2018. DEQ and ODF will incorporate committee feedback into final proposed rules for action in fall 2018. The Board of Forestry and EQC must approve the final Smoke Management Plan and program updates.

The Oregon Smoke Management Program is also part of the Oregon Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan and, if approved, DEQ will submit the approved Plan and Program rules to EPA for inclusion in the Oregon State Implementation Plan.

Attachment

A. Smoke Management Advisory Committee membership

**EQC
involvement**

No commission action is requested at this time. The commission will be asked to take action on the final proposed Smoke Management Plan in fall 2018.

DEQ and ODF previously briefed the commission on the policy issues for smoke management at the November 2016, September 2017 and November 2017 EQC meetings.

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Oregon Smoke Management Plan Review Committee 2017

Name	Role
<u>Project Sponsors</u>	-
David Collier	DEQ Project Sponsor
Doug Grafe	ODF Project Sponsor
<u>Review Committee</u>	-
Gregory McClarren	Public Rep, SMAC Committee Chair
Dave Cramsey	Industrial Landowner Rep
Scott Hanson	Non-Industrial Landowner Rep
Willie Begay	Bureau of Land Management
Rick Graw	U.S. Forest Service
Kirsten Aird	Oregon Health Authority
Ken Kestner	Lake County Commissioner
Courtney Vanbragt	Klamath County Public Health
Mike McGown	Environmental Protection Agency
Merlyn Hough	Lane Regional Air Protection Agency.
Carrie Nyssen	American Lung Association
John Stromberg	City of Ashland Mayor
David Stowe	The Sierra Club
Bob Palzer	Private Citizen
Mike White	Protection Associations
Amy Patrick	Oregon Forest & Industries Council
Rex Storm	Associated Oregon Loggers
Colin Beck	Coquille Indian Tribe
Pete Caligiuri	The Nature Conservancy
Mark Webb	Forest Collaboratives
Jim James	Oregon Small Woodlands Association

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Rachel Sakata	DEQ Nonattainment Area Coordinator
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<u>Interested Groups</u>	-
Peter Dalke	Oregon Solutions (PSU)
Mark Webb	Blue Mountains Forest Partners
Mark Rapp	Oregon Prescribed Fire Council
Dylan Kruse	Sustainable Northwest

<u>Interested Groups</u>	-
Jeff Classen	ODF Field Rep
Ed Keith	Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project
Brad Siemens	US Forest Service
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