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Minutes 1/10/18

Present: Aubrey, Tim, Fred, Al, Dave, Paul, Gordy, Lisa, Steve and Ken. Absent: Tom and Chuck

Guest: Commissioner Janicki

- I. Minutes: Paul moved and Fred seconded to approve. Unanimous approval.
- II. Updates: Commissioner Janicki explained to the FAB why properties in the Public Lands designation were being proposed for a Comp amendment since they were actually private ownership. One concern was whether a MRO would be involved. There are 32 parcels in total that this affects. FAB asked about the County bridge project on So Skagit. Commissioner J noted that it was on the priority list but funding had not gone through - they are still trying.
- III. Discussion: 2018 FAB work plan- 1. Education on forest management and forest practice regulations to help keep the community informed. Suggested utilizing TV21 and small announcements. Commissioner J suggested a meeting with Bromley (Commissioner's public outreach liaison) to help get some of the good topics exposed. Paul noted that George Beckon had taken some time lapse photos, which would be a great way to show how forest rejuvenate and mature. (Not sure if these are available anymore.) Al noted that Oregon Forest Research Institute is a great resource and full of information. 2. RFI Phase II. 3. Involvement with forest service lands, utilize the collaborative requirement and engage in proposed sales. Ken noted that there has been discussion about the DNR taking on some FS sales to help get them moving.
- IV. Leg session: Several bills concerning the reporting on DNR work related to the Marbled Murrelet, one on the requirement for a pre-ap when unstable slopes present; DNR asking for \$1.5 M for OSO study.
- V. Stewardship Contracting: Al added to last months discussion and fully supports. Paul noted that Washington should promote the trust land concept to get federal lands managed especially in lieu of NEPA process.

Adjourn 9:03 AM