

**Oregon OSHA
Forest Activities Advisory Committee
March 10, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Steve Aulerich	John Garland	Wayne Oja
Mike Barger	Jon Greenup	Rocky Shampang
Tom Bozicevic	Rod Huffman	Bruce Skurdahl
Mike Coiner	Larry Kirkpatrick	Mark Standley
Tim Davidson	Ben Leshchinsky	Teri Watson
Mark Dvorscak	Mike Montgomery	Jeff Wimer
Stephanie Ficek	Peggy Munsell	
Jim Gahlsdorf	Eric Oien	

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.

The group introduced themselves.

The committee approved the December 10, 2015 meeting minutes.

Continuing Business:

Securing log loads with machines at log yards – Three guests attended the meeting to add to the committee’s ongoing discussion on using machines to secure log loads to prevent the log truck driver from being struck by a log when removing wrappers. The issue of what constitutes a secure load was addressed. This clarity issue will likely be addressed in future Division 7 rulemaking for the group to develop.

Tethered machine logging – Tom passed around Oregon OSHA’s guidelines for using tethered logging systems. The guideline document was developed through the tethered logging subcommittee, was sent to all committee members for comment prior to its release, and is currently on Oregon OSHA’s Forest Activities Advisory Committee webpage. A committee member stated that tethered logging equipment can be considered an attachment for the harvesting machine. The committee discussed issues regarding using tethered logging systems, specifically, when the harvester manufacturer does not specify that their machine may be used on slopes more than 50 percent.

The current guidelines (dated 2/16) were written to address the winching equipment and the harvesting machine as a complete system since they function together to provide sufficient traction assistance. However, after further consideration, the committee recommended that the tethered logging guidelines be revised to require a variance when the harvesting machine manufacturer does not specify that the machine may be operated on slopes greater than the applicable slope limit in the rule. If the manufacturer does specify that the machine can be operated on slopes greater than the rule’s slope limit, then a variance is not needed. If not, then a research variance is needed.

The group decided to table the discussion and allow the subcommittee to continue to address the issues.

Whistle systems – The committee finalized the recommended changes to whistle systems. The committee also recommended making the revised whistle systems non-mandatory. These recommendations will be included in future Division 7 rulemaking activities.

New Business:

Township and range information – The question was raised about using both latitude/longitude *and* township and range. Is township and range outdated? According to some committee members, many 911 operators don't understand it. However, many fire departments understand it, and it was pointed out that it is still useful. The committee agreed that it may be redundant, but it may still be helpful.

Field Guide for Danger-Tree Identification and Response along Roads and in Workplaces in Oregon and Washington Forests - DRAFT 2015

A committee discussed some of the significant changes in the draft. It was mentioned that training is a significant part of danger tree identification, although it may be at a cost. A title change was proposed to include "Oregon and Washington Forests" or "Oregon and Washington National Forests." Also one table is used for both Oregon and Washington. The US Forest Service is looking for Oregon OSHA's endorsement of this book.

OSU mobile anchor program – Ben Leshchinsky from OSU conducted a presentation on his mobile anchor grant project and requested input from committee members.

Factor of safety for wire rope – Item tabled for next meeting due to lack of time.

Quarterly Overnight Hospitalizations & Fatalities Report (Q2-FY2016):

The committee reviewed two fatalities and five overnight hospitalizations.

Roundtable: Tabled for next meeting due to lack of time.

Meeting adjourned 1:05 p.m.

Next Meeting:

When: Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Associated Oregon Loggers Office, 2015 Madrona Ave SE, Salem, Oregon 97302