

**Oregon OSHA  
Forest Activities Advisory Committee  
September 12, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Bruce Bashor  
Francisca Belart  
Dave Boyd  
Heather Case  
Mike Coiner  
Jim Gahlsdorf

Rod Huffman  
Larry Kirkpatrick  
Teresa Lundy  
John Myers  
Joey Sayles  
Rocky Shampang

Bruce Skurdahl  
Bryon Snapp  
Renée Stapleton  
Jennifer Strombom  
Asa Yraguen

**Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m.**

**The group introduced themselves.**

Rocky announced that he will be retiring at the end of the year, and the group expressed that he and his expertise will be missed.

The group discussed the June 13, 2019 meeting minutes. The group recommended no changes, and **approved the June 13, 2019 meeting minutes.**

**Action Items from June 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Updates**

**Citations and outcomes for accident and fatality investigations**

Previously, the advisory committee had discussed Oregon OSHA starting a website for the logging community, specifically to include follow-up on accidents and fatalities in the industry, by providing the synopsis, as well as a ticker across the top tracking fatalities, and places to post relevant hazard alerts, and potentially Washington Dept of Labor and Industry alerts.

Renée notified the group that Oregon OSHA is approximately 95% done with the website. The Division is finding that the synopses are very long, sometimes 20 pages. The Division will be shortening synopses, removing information that is not relevant to the accident or fatality itself, and censoring names of people and organizations. The group will be notified when it is up and sent a link to the site.

**Action Item:** Continue designing and publish website and compiling info- notify group when page goes live.

## **Bugs in the Brush**

Tom is still working on this publication and getting input from people within Oregon OSHA.

**Action Item:** Continue working on Bugs in the Brush publication

## **How to educate the logging industry to help prevent reoccurrence of injuries and fatalities- group recommendations**

Email list- Tom is still working on putting together this email distribution list as recommended by the group.

**Action Item:** Continue working on putting together a logging distribution email list for forest activities items (except for rulemaking, that is a separate list).

Accident prevention sheet updates- Tom is working on this as well and will continue.

**Action Item:** Continue updating accident prevention sheets from the 80's, including translating them into Spanish, update information, and remove dates for fatalities that are still relevant today.

Renée mentioned to the group that there will be a conference for Spanish speakers on November 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be free to attend and will contain many presentations relevant to Spanish speaking workers. The group discussed the details of the conference.

**Action Item:** Renée will distribute a flyer for the conference to the group when that is ready.

## **Overhead Power Line Safety: Bonneville Power Administration Presentation**

Jennifer Strombom and Bruce Bashor from Bonneville Power Administrative gave a presentation to the group about logging safety around high voltage facilities. Bonneville Power Administration maintains over 15,000 miles of transmission line throughout its service district. In the Southern District of Oregon, there used to be 4-6 unscheduled outages per year due to logging in areas of transmission line. This presentation is to make sure forest activities can remain safe when done in areas near transmission lines.

Bruce distributed two handouts to the group. The first is titled: "Guidelines for Logging Activities on or Near BPA Rights of Way. The second is a factsheet titled "Logging Safety Around High Voltage Power Lines".

At the end of the presentation, Bruce led the group through a review of a fatality involving forest activity work near a high voltage line.

## **Quarterly Overnight Hospitalizations & Fatalities Report (Q4/2019)**

The committee reviewed the accidents and fatalities reported to Oregon OSHA between June 2019 and September 2019. The group discussed the fatalities and accidents.

Renée added that there were a few fatalities that still had to do with the logging industry but did not end up on OSHA's report due to jurisdictional, reporting, or timing issues. August 9- A worker for the county was building a road in a skidder, the brakes on the skidder failed and the

worker was killed. September 4- A logging crew lost control of a tree as it fell and it hit a person driving in their car (non-worker). August 2- A beekeeper was using an excavator when a tree fell, hit his excavator and killed the beekeeper.

### **Tethered Logging Variance Report, January-June 2019**

The group reviewed the tethered logging variance report. Renée highlighted that there were two incident reports on this variance report- including a base machine tip due to over-crimping on a collar, and an eye breaking on a line due to tethering system not being enabled when splicing a new eye. The group reviewed these incidents and discussed suggestions to prevent these moving forward.

The group also discussed and asked about the status of stress tests that are being conducted by Oregon State. Renée stated this would be a good topic to check in with John about at the next meeting (John was not present at this meeting).

### **Electronic Reporting Rule Update**

The group discussed the recordkeeping rule updates that were recently made by OSHA, which now does not require subject employers to reporting information on their 300 log and 801 form (as they were previously required to do). Now, employers that are subject to electronic reporting only have to electronically submit their 300A summaries. The group discussed how to submit documents to the federal database system.

### **Publications**

Oregon OSHA finalized and published the “Securing loads at log yards” publication. Renée handed out a final version of this hazard alert to the group.

Renée also gave the group a quick rulemaking update. Rules that may potentially be proposed in 2019 include: Manganese/Welding rules changes, Employer Knowledge, and Penalties Adjustments.

### **Roundtable**

The group continued a discussion of Bugs in the Brush and asked that this remain an action item to be addressed.

Bryon let the group know that there are 11 compliance officer positions open with Oregon OSHA currently.

The safety and health grant deadline is coming up- October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. If there are any questions, let Teri Watson of Oregon OSHA know.

Association of Oregon Loggers (AOL) is working with SAIF on creating a hazard video. AOL also noted that some members are using drones now for working on their site layouts.

Oregon OSHA released a fall protection suite of training videos and a suite of videos on ladder safety.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has funds available for modified workstations for injured workers, and the group was reminded to not forget about the preferred worker program, which also has funds for that purpose.

**Meeting adjourned 12:12 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:**

When: Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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