

**Oregon OSHA  
Forest Activities Advisory Committee  
December 8, 2021  
9:00 am - noon**

**Attendees:**

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| Renee Stapleton | Mark Dvorscak     | Jennifer Flood |
| Dave McLaughlin | Larry Kirkpatrick | Ty Travis      |
| Tom Bozicevic   | Larry Fipps       |                |
| Jim Gahlsdorf   | Dusty Ross        |                |
| Denise Dethlefs | Teresa Lundy      |                |
| John Myers      | Dave Boyd         |                |

**Meeting Agenda:**

- Introductions
- Motion to approve September 2021 meeting minutes
- Current rulemaking update
- Quarterly Overnight Hospitalizations & Fatalities Report
- Roundtable (time permitting)

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Meeting started at 9:00am and introductions were conducted.

**Review of September 2021 meeting minutes.**

Renee Stapleton motioned to approve, a member approved the minutes. No objections. Minutes approved.

**Current Rulemaking update**

- Renee updated the committee on the current rulemaking activities, which includes rules for heat illness prevention and protection from wildfire smoke.
  - Q: A member asked if Oregon OSHA will wait for federal OSHA to develop heat rules rather than adopt Oregon initiated rules.
  - A: Renee explained that federal OSHA could likely take 5-7 years to develop such rules and the Governor's executive order requires Oregon OSHA and OHA to take rulemaking actions.
  - A member expressed more concern regarding rolling debris hazards.
  - A member shared information on the CDC/NIOSH Work/Rest Heat Stress Schedules.

**Quarterly Overnight Hospitalizations & Fatalities Report**

- The committee reviewed six fatalities and nine hospitalizations reported to Oregon OSHA since the last meeting. One of the fatalities not under Oregon OSHA's jurisdiction was a 14 year old volunteer who planting trees among other trees and was crushed by a falling tree (information only).

**Roundtable**

- Tom shared that Oregon OSHA has approved five research variances for tethered logging in 2021.
- Rulemaking recommendation: *437-007-0930 Grapple Yarding. (1) An audible signal does not need to be sounded before lines are moved while grapple yarding if employees are not exposed to logs or rigging movement.* This item was added to the Division 7 list of rulemaking considerations to address the potential of worker exposure to moving lines on the landing.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:41am**