



**Arch Cape Forest
Advisory Committee Meeting
October 5, 2022
Time: 08:45 AM**

Meeting will be held in person at the Fire Hall and will include a site visit to the Arch Cape Forest:

Fire Hall Address: 79729 US-101 Arch Cape, OR
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Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Present Committee members: Pat Noonan (chair), Bob Cerelli (vice-chair), David Dougherty, Dale Mosby, Larry Crawshaw, and Melissa Reich

Absent, Committee members: Charlotte Blakesley

Present public: Rick Gardner, Matt Gardner (Arch Cape Water District), Ben Hayes (Springboard Forestry), Phil Chick (Arch Cape Water District), Daniel Wear (Sustainable Northwest), Candice Polisky (US Forest Service)

Agenda:

9:00 AM: Meet at Fire Hall for transport by vehicle into the Arch Cape Forest.

9:10 AM: Approval of August 24 meeting minutes.

Motioned for approval by Bob Cerelli, unanimously approved by Committee.

9:15 AM: Depart for site visit to Arch Cape Forest. Ben Hayes will lead discussion and field questions regarding forest condition and resource management plan options.

The discussion this meeting focused on the health of young forest (trees <20 years old) and included an interactive demonstration of maintaining a healthy forest. The committee examined a 1/10 acre plot of forest, 300 yards beyond the Hug Point

Road entrance to the Arch Cape Forest. Within the stand that the committee examined, committee members observed a highly dense, young forest, made up of Hemlock, Western Red Cedar, Sitka spruce, and significant undergrowth (blackberry bushes, salal, ect).

Following a presentation from Ben Hayes, the committee members proposed the implementation of pre commercial thinning (known as PCT) which effectively identifies the proposed density of a desired forest stand, and the priority trees to remain in the stand. Following this identification, several smaller, less healthy trees were removed. This ensured the priority trees would be able to maximize their growth potential in the stand, and face a reduced competition for nutrients, sun, and water.

Additionally, Ben Hayes identified the condition of the roads within the forest, and how the runoff of water would take place during significant water events. This presentation highlighted the need for eventual road maintenance, prior to decommissioning roads.

Larry Crawshaw brought up the point that, while the idea of precommercial thinning makes sense for forest health, following Ben's presentation, without Ben sharing his knowledge, it will be harder to communicate to the broader Arch Cape Community.

Ben and Pat are proposing forest Thursday events, which will invite community members into the forest to engage in the activities we saw today. More information around the forest Thursday events to come.

Rick Gardner: Asked if it would be possible to commercial thin in the forest, Ben responded that while commercial thinning is possible, it would need to be done carefully, since the stands that are currently in the forest have a reduced amount of root growth, which will lead to high rates of blowdown, a concern in coastal forest.

10:00 AM: Topics assigned to be researched by committee members.

The following topics for further research have been accepted to be researched prior to the November Meeting:

1. The grants that have been received and what legal requirements are already agreed upon (if any) relating to public access.

Will be researched by Larry Crawshaw

2. Adjacent landowner policies on hunting, type of use, permission, and method of informing the public of the policies.

Will be researched by David Dougherty, Bob Cerelli, and utilize outreach to partners with Oregon Department of Forestry.

3. Any easements already agreed upon.

Will be researched by Charlotte Blakesley

4. Previous tribal access and use of the forest.

Will be researched by Dale Mosby

10:15 AM: Return to Fire Hall. Public comment and questions.

No Public Comment

Next Proposed meeting will take place at 6:00 PM on November 30th. The meeting will be hybrid, both in the fire hall, and held via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 AM