

**Forestry Advisory Committee (FAC)
Meeting Summary
October 18, 2022**

Start Time:	4:00 p.m.
Location:	Northwest Annex Conference Room/Zoom

Meeting Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were 15 people in attendance (6 of the 7 voting members; 2 Whatcom County Staff, 7 members of the public).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting Date/Time/Location: TBD

Attendees – Members	Affiliation	Present
David New	Small forest landowner	X
	Small forest landowner	
	Commercial forest landowner	
	Commercial forest landowner	
Matt McGee	Harvester	
Quentin Dills	Harvester	X
Jed Dawson	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	X
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Aubrey Stargell	Forest product manufacturer	X
Susan David	Forest product manufacturer	X
Cory McDonald	DNR	X

Quorum Present	YES: X NO:
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Attendees - Staff	Present	Attendees - Staff	Present
Joshua Fleischmann, PDS	X	Chris Elder, PW	X

Others Present	
David Janicki	John Gold
Judith Akins	Alan Chapman
Alex Harris	Tom Smith
Eric Jacoby	

Meeting Notes

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

No quorum was present at the beginning of the meeting, but a quorum was met later.

Open Session to Take Public Comment on Forestry Issues

Alex Harris spoke and stated he was glad to be present.

Stewart Mountain Community Forest Initiative

Chris Elder of Public Works provided a presentation on the Stewart Mountain Community Forest Initiative (SMCFI). Questions and comments from the FAC included the following, among others:

- \$5 million was just awarded to Whatcom County through the Streamflow Restoration Act. Who will receive this funding?
- Who appraised the Phase I forestland?
- What data should be collected to inform Phase II?
- Will the FAC be involved in reviewing the forest management plan prior to adoption?

- How many parcels does the Whatcom Land Trust Own?
- Is the Whatcom Land Trust the best partner for this project if harvesting as part of forest management is part of the goal.
- The Canyon Lake community forest didn't work as intended, and skeptical the SMCFI will either, based on history of these types of programs.
- Why are the DOE clean water assurances not enough?
- Were previous landowners negligent in their management?
- Not sure this will solve low streamflow issue. Would like to see Cubic Feet per Second (CFS) increase.
- When will increase be realized?
- Would like to see EIS on this project.
- Concerns over PDR protection of forestlands.

Meeting Schedule

This agenda topic was not discussed.

Committee feedback to the County Council

This agenda topic was not discussed

Hwy 9 Truck Traffic

This agenda topic was not discussed

New Business

The Box of Rain timber sale is being threatened, similar to Bessie Sorts. The committee voted to provide a memo to the County Council asking them to support the timber sale. A Special Meeting will be scheduled to review and approve a memo.

Dismissal

Closing:
End Time: 6:02 p.m.