



Pinchot Partners

FOREST COLLABORATIVE

July Field Tour Notes – North Packwood CE Sites

Wednesday, July 16th, 2025 | 9am- 11:30am

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

10024 US-12 Randle, WA 98377

In attendance.

PP Staff: Janene Ritchie; *PP Board:* John O'Brien, Anjolene Ngari, John Squires, Fred Norman, Matt Comisky, Andrew Spaeth, Ashley, Short, Amy Boyd; *US Forest Service:* Quentin Hall, David O'Neil, Jennifer Harris, John Jacobowksi, Matthew Mullinax, Kacy Smith, CLAZO: Erielle Lamb; *DNR:* Garrett Meigs; *Fish & Wildlife:* Deidre Hayward; *Hardwood purchasers:* Ken Jones, Jeremy Martin; Charles Comisky

Action Items:

- Research funding sources to survey private land boundary to the South, Clazo will survey wilderness boundary to the North

North Packwood CE Overview, Quentin Hall: presentation (need link)

- North Packwood CE = 1500 acres; 800 -1000 acres of actual thinning
- Oldest stand year of origin in 1736
- Update on the need for survey: Looks like there may be survey support next year that would not hold the project up. Land survey crew confirmed they will do approximately half of the boundary identified. Still need Pinchot Partners to find financial backing to bring in contractor for the rest, approx. 3 – 4 miles.
- CE overlaps with Plantation Thin EA, and will focus on stands opposite from EA stands to create a more continuous landscape
- Will be preparing a community engagement campaign about the project when the agenda gets firmed up. They will also need to potentially identify property owners beforehand but want to have a better timeline worked out.

Fuels Reduction Overview, David O'Neil: presentation (need link)

- Fuels treatment is a science, but also an art that's informed by regulation, law, policy, experience, context and nuance.

Lunch followed presentations, then carpooling to first site: Link Map

Suggestions from attendees:

- Hardwood purchasers: if alder will not be part of prescription, leave stands alone

- DNR could assist in using acoustic recording units in stands that are suspected northern spotted owl or marbled murrelet habitat/nesting – FS followed up with John Perry from DNR
- Will slash be left? What about wildlife concerns? Will consider including pile depth on PDCs for this project
- Conservation districts helpful in private landowner messaging – who would this be in Lewis County? Anjolene can make connection to get helpful resources for messaging with landowners
- DNR will help with messaging/whatever makes sense – good place to test new approaches on the Westside

Minutes prepared by Janene Ritchie