

2023 OPFC Annual Meeting

Notes

Northeast Oregon workshop: This workshop, held Wednesday afternoon, took a close look at local prescribed fire implementation in northeast Oregon. It focused on bringing together local actors and identifying future projects and opportunities.
For more information, contact [Kaci Radcliffe](#), The Nature Conservancy.

Field tour of three sites around Baker City: Thursday began with a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on the Little Dean Prescribed Fire plan. With added context of the area, we then headed out to visit three sites: Little Dean, Auburn BLM Feed Station, and Deer Creek. In depth discussions focused on burn plans, before and after effects, BLM burning, ODFW burning, and ODFW-ODF's Burn Agreement.
For more information, contact [Shaniko Cowie](#), Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, and [Willy Crippen](#), Oregon Department of Forestry.

Working session: Landowner Flowchart: Thursday concluded with a discussion about the [Landowner flowchart](#), led by Amanda Rau. This session involved breaking down the flowchart into a more user-friendly, easy-to-understand, and distributable format. The group proposed constructing a brochure that could be used to easily explain risk, liability, and provide quick resources to landowners.
For more information, contact [Amanda Rau](#), Oregon Department of Forestry.

Session: Prescribed Burn Associations - Growing Community Understanding, Support, and Capacity: Aaron Krikava, Rogue Valley Prescribed Burn Association (PBA), presented on the history and development of the PBA and highlighted its role and importance in the community. Aaron shared his experience with the association and described the growth and impactful application of the PBA model across the northwest. His presentation is available [here](#) (a news article, covering one of the PBA's recent burns, can be found in the 'Articles' section of this newsletter).
For more information, please contact [Aaron Krikava](#), Rogue Valley Prescribed Burn Association.

Working session: Preparing for OPFC Strategic Plan Update: As the [2019-2022 OPFC Strategic Plan](#) expires, the OPFC continued to brainstorm ideas for drafting up the new 2023-2025 Strategic Plan. The group self-selected into one of three breakout groups: Policy Goals, Workforce Development, and Outreach and Communications. Participants were asked to go through the existing Strategic Plan and think about overarching statewide needs of the OPFC -- does anything need updating? is anything missing, outdated or irrelevant? what measurable action items need to be added? what changes need to be made? After about 30 minutes, the subgroups returned and reported out. Discussion will inform development of the draft strategic plan, which will be provided to the Executive Board for their review.