

**SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON
RURAL COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

09/16/2014
8:00 AM

Hearing Room B

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Arnie Roblan, Chair
Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., Vice-Chair
Sen. Ginny Burdick
Sen. Betsy Close
Sen. Floyd Prozanski

VISITING MEMBERS: Rep. Paul Holvey
Rep. Caddy McKeown

STAFF PRESENT: Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator
Jessica Wangler, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD: Forest Health
2014 Fire Season Update
Mining Regulation

EXHIBITS: Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

The Senate Interim Committee on Rural Communities and Economic Development and The House Interim Committee on Rural Communities met jointly. Please refer to House Interim Committee on Rural Communities for prior meeting minutes.

Recording Log – Recording started 09:23:36 AM

00:00:10 Senate Interim Committee on Rural Communities and Economic Development Meeting Reconvened
00:00:15 Chair Roblan

00:00:31 **Forest Health - Informational Meeting**
00:01:24 Doug Decker, State Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry
00:01:24 EXHIBIT 19: Doug Decker, PowerPoint presentation
00:07:11 Brett Brownscombe, Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Governor's Office
00:14:34 Chad Davis, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Forestry
00:19:38 Rep. Caddy McKeown, House District 9
00:21:36 Vice-Chair Baertschiger Jr.
00:22:31 Tom Insko, Inland Area Manager, Boise Cascade and Board of Forestry member
00:30:08 Rep. Paul Holvey, House District 8

00:32:44 **2014 Fire Season Update - Informational Meeting**
00:32:46 Doug Decker, State Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry

00:35:54 Nancy Hirsch, Fire Protection Division Chief, Oregon Department of Forestry
00:35:54 EXHIBIT 20: Nancy Hirsch, PowerPoint presentation
EXHIBIT 21: Nancy Hirsch, video link
00:51:06 Vice-Chair Baertschiger Jr.
00:52:40 Rep. Paul Holvey, House District 8
00:54:34 Sen. Burdick
00:57:22 Sen. Prozanski
00:59:20 Sen. Close
00:59:44 Meeting Recessed
00:59:47 Meeting Reconvened

01:00:16 Mining Regulation - Informational Meeting

01:00:31 Chair Roblan
01:00:44 Sen. Prozanski
01:02:50 Vicki McConnell, State Geologist, Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
01:06:24 Gary Lynch, Assistant Director, Mined Land Reclamation Program, Department of Geology Mineral Industries
01:11:57 Vice-Chair Baertschiger Jr.
01:14:16 Alex Cuyler, Government and Legislative Affairs Manager, Lane County
01:16:34 Matt Laird, Division Manager, Land Management, Lane County
01:32:22 Scott Byler, resident, Cottage Grove
01:32:22 EXHIBIT 22: Scott Byler, written testimony
EXHIBIT 23: Scott Byler, posters
01:40:15 Diana Michals, resident, Cottage Grove
01:43:18 Duane Charters, resident, Core Saginaw
01:45:16 Wende Hitchcock, resident, Cottage Grove
01:45:16 EXHIBIT 24: Wende Hitchcock, written testimony
01:51:51 Rich Langston, President, Aggregate Resource Company
01:56:11 Katie Jeremiah, Co-Owner, Aggregate Resource Industries
02:12:24 Meeting Adjourned