

OSU College of Forestry
McDonald-Dunn Research Forest Faculty Planning Committee Meeting #14
12 June 2023, 11:00am-12:00pm
316 Peavy Forest Science Center

Faculty Planning Committee Members present: Holly Ober (chair), John Bailey, Mindy Crandall (online), Mark Kerstens, Dave Lewis, Laurie Schimleck (online)

Ex Officio Members present: Jenna Baker, Steve Fitzgerald (online), Brent Klumph (online), Carli Morgan

I. Welcome. Overview of Recent Events & New Resources

The group reviewed the meeting agenda and the [planning website](#) which contains materials associated with past and future meetings and events. They also took a look at the newly updated [COF Research Forest webpages](#).

II. FPC Technical Subgroup Efforts

Each subgroup has been meeting and writing. All authors are attempting to keep the writing fairly brief and at a high level, recognizing that more detailed plans will be needed to describe some of the specifics (e.g., Invasive Species Management Plan, Visitor Use Management Plan)

- Forest Health – will aim to have a complete draft within the next 2 weeks
 - *Climate change* – 2 pages written; made an effort to link to each of the 5 management strategies
 - *Invasive species* – 1.5 pages written on invasive plants; describe what's being done now and provides suggestions for what should be done in the future; recognition that we ought to include invasive wildlife and perhaps loop in Tiffany since several known are aquatic (e.g., bullfrogs, goldfish); also refer to insects and diseases section which will cover additional invasive species
 - *Wildfire* – 1 page written
 - *Insects & diseases* – not yet drafted, but there is a commitment to do so
 - *WUI* – 1 page written
- Human Dimensions – will aim to have a complete draft within the next 2 weeks
 - *Recreation & engagement* – 2.5 pages written at a high level; discussion of how specific to be on the timing of the intention to develop a Visitor Use Management Plan, with a resolution of wanting to capitalize on the current momentum and interest and therefore planning to begin this immediately after the overall McDonald-Dunn Management Plan is finalized
 - *Cultural heritage* – 1 page written, broken into 3 sections; more will be added and links will be provided to other references; pre-historic sites will likely be covered in the section on Native American perspectives rather than here
 - *Vandalism*
- Biodiversity – a bit behind the other work groups
 - A brief overview has been drafted; discussion of the value of considering both a coarse and fine-filter approach; suggestion for including a diagram

- A group of faculty with expertise on a variety of taxonomic groups will be convened in early July to brainstorm about species that could be used as indicators of early, mid, and late successional habitat

Components of the Implementation Section of the Plan

- Recommend the development of a technical advisory committee that replaces the role of the FEC. Provide recommendations on staffing.
- Staffing - We'll incorporate some details on staffing for the Research Forests, describing the historical workforce FTE on the Research Forests, what it is now, and recommendations of what it should be.

Peer Review – Laurie will be doing more editorial review than technical review. The committee discussed review by several technical experts (n=3) prior to public.

III. Next Steps

- The FPC will meet only sporadically during the summer; next meeting week of mid- to late-July, perhaps with a meal out at the Peavy Lodge; then one meeting in August
- The Chair will work on developing