

**January 29, 2021 OSU Board of Trustees Board Meeting
ORWW Elliott State Forest Index: Testimony, Presentation & Questions**

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Edited MP3 Audio Recording of January 29, 2021 OSU Board of Trustees Meeting (MP3 1:24:55)

Background Links

May 31, 2012 Cascadia Wildlands/Portland Audubon Elliott Lawsuit: logging vs. marbled murrelet
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/References/Legal

October 26, 2020 OSU/DSL Elliott Forest Proposal “Public Forum” video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4z_brQuoU4

November 3, 2020 OSU/DSL Elliott Forest Plan Proposal (**PDF 121 pp.**)

January 11, 2021 ORWW Letter to OSU President and Dean (**PDF 2 pp. w/appendix**)

January 11, 2021 ORWW Keep The Childrens Forest Website (**HTML 15 webpages**)

January 20, 2021 OSU Trustees Notes: Item 7d. Elliott State Forest (**PDF 11 pp.**)

January 29, 2021 OSU Forestry Dean’s Elliott PowerPoint Presentation (**PPT 23 slides**)

February 16, 2021 Cascadia Wildlands Elliott Website (**PDF 8 pp.**)

February 16. 2021 Portland Audubon Society Elliott Website (**PDF 7 pp.**)

Part 1. Elliott Public Testimony (MP3 Recording)

1.1_Rani Borkar 0:00-OSU Trustees Chair/Former Microsoft VP/University of Mumbai, India

1.2_Debbie Colbert 1:10-OSU Trustees Secretary/OSU 2000 Oceanography

1.3_Bob Zybach 1:36-Program Manager, Oregon Websites & Watersheds Project, Inc./OSU

1.4_Dave Sullivan 4:10-President, Oregon Websites & Watersheds Project, Inc./OSU

1.5 Keith Tymchuk 8:01-DSL Advisory/Retired Teacher, Former Reedsport Mayor/UO

1.0 Paul Beck 11:30-DSL Advisory Board/Douglas Timber Operators (Absent)/OSU

1.6_Mary Paulson 11:48-DSL Advisory/Oregon School Boards Association (1400 members)

1.7_Bob Sallinger 15:29-DSL Advisory/Portland Audubon Society (35 employees)

1.8_Josh Laughlin 19:00-DSL Advisory/Cascadia Wildlands (13 employees)

Part 2. College of Forestry Presentation (MP3 Recording)

Rani Borkar 22:16-Item 7d. Elliott State Forest

2.1_Ed Feser 22:58-OSU Provost and Executive VP/North Carolina 1997 Urban Planning

2.2_Tom DeLuca 29:12-OSU College of Forestry Dean/PowerPoint Presentation/Iowa State 1993 Soils

Slide 01	33:01-Title Page
Slide 02	33:16-1) Public Access, 2) Complete Decoupling, 3) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), 4) Jobs
Slide 03	34:33-Collaborative planning: public, scientists, environmentalists, Tribes, “stakeholders,” etc.
Slide 04	36:34-Outcomes: Based on models = “climate action” (CO ₂), largest reserve, 100-year-old trees
Slide 05	37:31-More: fish, “critical habitat,” recreation, Oregon schoolkids; “whole intent is education”
Slide 06	38:32-Guiding Principles: forest governance, conservation, recreation, education, local jobs
Slide 07	38:56-Educational opportunities: “education is core of what we intend to do,” K-12, TEK, etc.
Slide 08	40:19-Research opportunities: 1) climate change, 2) economics, 3) biodiversity, 4) disturbances
Slide 09	42:13-Research Design: “forest reserve”; “murrelet habitat”; “not good for active management”
Slide 10	43:35-“New Reserve Network”: 34,000 A. combined w/ Devil’s Staircase = 66,000 A. reserve
Slide 11	44:24-“Creating older forests objective”: in 50 years, 73% of Elliott will be older than 100 years
Slide 12	45:02-Research Design (2): southeastern watershed treatments “based on history”; “next slide”
Slide 13	45:28-“Triad Platform” subwatershed treatments: Ecological, Extensive, Intensive
Slide 14	47:03-Stand Level Treatments: Intensive, Extensive, Reserve
Slide 15	47:10-Percentages of Treatments: Reserve (65%), Intensive (17%), Extensive (18%)
Slide 16	47:22-Annual Harvest Volume: “only about 1%, or 735 A./year, harvested on an annual basis”
Slide 17	47:32-Riparian aquatic reserves a “significant portion of research platform”
Slide 18	47:42-Governance Structure: an Executive Director would be hired that answers to the Dean
Slide 19	48:46-Financial Overview: Modeling = \$35 million “start-up” + \$2.1 million operating/year
Slide 20	49:36-Annual Harvest Volume: “You can skip this one and go to the next” (17 mmbf/year)

- Slide 21 49:41-Personnel Funded: >26.0 FTE Managers, researchers, students + local volunteers
- Slide 22 50:14-Considerations: Oregon opportunity: OSU Mission; finances; fire: legality; carbon
- Ed Feser** 51:38-Summary of OSU proposal
- Slide 23 51:40-Big Picture: more work to do on a number of issues; carbon credit market; financing; resources; decoupling; forest management plan; HCP -- lots to do.

Part 3. Board of Trustees Questions (MP3 Recording)

Rani Borkar 52:20-Open to questions

3.1_Kirk Schueler 52:40-Bend Realtor/former State Board of Higher Education/UO Accounting
Question 1: *Are there legal protections regarding land conveyance to OSU?*

3.2 Terry Meehan 53:25-OSU Attorney and Legal Counsel/OSU 1983/UO 1987 Accounting
Answer: Must be fully decoupled; several safeguards; Oregon Supreme Court review

Question 2: 54:38-*Are there protections for OSU against environmental anti-logging lawsuits?*
Tom DeLuca 55:33-Answer: HCP being developed simultaneously w/OSU; collaborative planning
Terry Meehan 57:02-Answer: We would also want the land decoupled from the Common School Fund

Question 3: 57:21-*So, Tom, that was the idea behind the collaborative planning?*
Tom DeLuca 57:36-Answer: Yes, that was one of the key ideas; it's kind of a landmark event

3.3 Patty Bedient 58:50-Former Weyerhaeuser CPA/OSU 1975 Business Administration
Question 4: 59:23-*Is there a reasonable timeline for resolving all of these issues?*
Tom DeLuca 59:34-Answer: Two years is short: governance is key, then forest management & HCP

Question 5: 1:00:59-*Who has "final decision-making" authority?* (will wait for an answer)

Question 6: 1:01:26-*Who owns and manages the adjacent Devil's Staircase reserve?*
Tom DeLuca 1:01:43-Answer: "That's a good question. Is it BLM?" (later corrected to USFS)

Question 7: 1:02:08-*Will it work with so few acres for harvesting?* (will wait for an answer)

3.4 Paul Kelly 1:03:28-Former Nike Attorney/Oregon State Board of Education/Georgetown J.D.
Question 8: 1:04:23-*Can the \$221 million evaluation be legally challenged?*
Terry Meehan 1:04:42-Answer: Has been called into question. Maybe an executive session discussion

Question 9: 1:04:54-*Can it be guaranteed there won't be an operating cash problem?*
Ed Feser 1:06:08-Answer: We must be certain that funding mechanism is not tuition dependent

3.5 Mike Thorne 1:07:58-Pendleton Wheat Farmer/WSU 1962 Agriculture
Question 10: 1:08:10-*Despite best of intentions, is there an exit strategy if this doesn't work out?*
Terry Meehan 1:08:48-Answer: (Laughs) We share that concern. We need to address moving forward
Ed Feser 1:09:26-Answer: No intention of putting OSU at risk; project scale is a concern
Tom DeLuca 1:10:02-Answer: Assumption w/DSL would be self-sufficient; bad carbon off-sets history

Question 11: 1:12:34-*To be clear, it is not the intent to put OSU or student tuition at risk?*
Rani Borkar 1:13:03-Answer: Good questions and details. Please keep working. This is critical

Question 12: 1:14:06-*Does the proposed increased stand ages result in greater wildfire risk?*
Patty Bedient
Rani Borkar 1:14:48-Answer: Yes, because fires are a liability and there are a lot of questions

1:15:00-Reference to public testimony regarding fire threat to coastal communities
Kirk Scheuler
 Question 13: 1:15:31-*Should wildfire mitigation strategies be included in priorities?*
Tom DeLuca 1:15:58-Answer: According to Zybach, yes; but OSU fire scientists are “truly experts”

1:21:17-“Before wrapping up, any comments from King?”
Rani Borkar

3.6 King Alexander OSU President/Wisconsin-Madison 1996 Education Administration
 1:21:25-Answer: “Yes. We are not naive with this. We need an exit strategy if we need to. We are going to have to thread the needle on this one, and we cannot put OSU in jeopardy. It’s going to take time, and I’m naturally worried about liability down the road, so we’re cautiously moving forward and will keep the Board informed. So, this is an ongoing discussion, the first of many discussions.”

1:22:34-Yeah. Agreed. I look forward to bringing this back to the Board for formal action. That was our last agenda item. Thank you everyone. Adjourned.
Rani Borkar

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