



## Oregon Senate Fact-Finding Mission Application & Approval Form

This application will be used to review and officially approve fact-finding missions allowed under ORS 244.020(6)(b)(H)(i) and required to be reported under ORS 244.060(6) if the expense per member is estimated to exceed \$50. This application must be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate **no later than 14 days** before the start of the fact-finding mission, unless as determined by the Secretary good cause exists for submitting the application after the deadline. **To promote transparency, all approved applications and accompanying materials will be posted on the Secretary of the Senate's website.**

Description of Mission: Fact-finding mission of harvest systems

Issues or Legislation Related to Mission: Public and private timber harvest

Location of Mission: Douglas County

Date(s) of Mission: July 14, 2016

Person/Entity Paying Expenses: Oregon Forest Resources Institute

Address of Person/Entity Paying Expenses: 317 SW Sixth Ave., Suite 400  
Portland, OR 97204

Invited Members (select one):

All Senators     The following Senators: \_\_\_\_\_

All Senators on the Committee(s)/Task Force(s) on: \_\_\_\_\_

NATURAL RESOURCES  
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Staff Invited:  Yes     No    Relatives/Household Members Invited:     Yes     No

Activities will be limited to a factual investigation or other educational purposes:  I agree.

The mission is not being conducted for campaign or partisan political purposes:  I agree.

**Please include the following required attachments with this application:**

1. Written opinion from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission concluding that the event is a permitted fact-finding mission under ORS 244.020(6)(b)(H)(i) and the rules of the commission.
2. Written itinerary or agenda for all scheduled meetings, events, presenters, meals, travel, lodging, or other activities planned during the mission.

Within thirty (30) days after completion of the mission, please submit the following required documents to the Secretary of the Senate, which will be posted on the Secretary's website:

1. An attendance sheet listing all Senators, staff, relatives, household members, lobbyists, and all others who participated in the mission.
2. The aggregate value of food, travel, and lodging expenses provided to each Senator, staff member, relative, and household member of the Senator. The aggregate value of expenses for each person shall be determined in the same manner as required by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission for disclosure on a Statement of Economic Interest under ORS 244.060(6).
3. Written confirmation that the mission was conducted substantially according to the itinerary or agenda submitted with the application and, if the mission varied materially from the submitted itinerary or agenda, a written account describing the material variations (i.e., any additional meetings, events, presenters, meals, travel, lodging).

Failure to submit this information within thirty (30) days after completion of the mission will result in an automatic denial of all future applications submitted by the Applicant signing below and the person or entity listed above as paying expenses.

**By signing below, I hereby declare that all information submitted at any time by me, or on my behalf, to the Oregon Senate in connection with this application and fact-finding mission is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

Signature of Applicant: Paul F. Barnum Date: 6-2-16

Name of Applicant (print): Paul F. Barnum, Executive Director

Address: 317 SW Sixth Ave., Suite 400 Portland 97204

Telephone Number: 971-673-2954

E-mail Address: barnum@otri.org

All information above is required for the application to be considered.

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Based on the written conclusion of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and the information submitted by the Applicant, under ORS 244.020(6)(b)(H)(i) this fact-finding mission is hereby:

Officially Sanctioned

Denied

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Secretary of the Senate

6-3-16  
Date



# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

## Government Ethics Commission

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June 3, 2016

Kathy Storm  
317 SW Sixth Ave., Suite 400  
Portland, OR 97204-1705

Dear Ms. Storm:

This letter of advice is provided in response to your original email request received on April 25, 2016 which presented a question regarding the application of Oregon Government Ethics law and how the law may apply to public officials who may wish to participate in the Oregon Forest Resources Institute Forest Tour which is planned for July 14, 2016. Since that initial request, you are now requesting this guidance to be in a more formal manner. This analysis and advice is being offered under the authority provided in ORS 244.284 as guidance on how the current provisions of Oregon Government Ethics law may apply to the specific circumstances you have presented.

From the information provided, it appears that Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) wants to host an educational tour for public officials. The purpose of the tour is to educate and inform state government officials on harvesting methods and options to manage Oregon forests. The tour will highlight three different types of landowners who have used different harvest methods and allow participants to interact directly with subject matter experts regarding different methods and options to manage Oregon forests.

During this tour, OFRI will provide and pay for food, lodging and travel expenses. In this request, the question asked is what restrictions or requirements Oregon Government Ethics law may impose on public officials who may wish to participate in this tour.

Under most circumstances when a public official is offered food, lodging and travel at no cost to the public official, it would be a gift as defined in ORS 244.020(7)(a). ORS 244.020(7)(b) excludes several items from the statutory definition of "gift", including reasonable food, travel expenses provided to a public official when representing government. ORS 244.020(7)(b)(F) allows acceptance



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of the payment of reasonable expenses for food, lodging and transportation for public officials, when the public official is representing their government agency during an fact-finding mission. The Commission has adopted an administrative rule OAR 199-005-0001(2) to provide clarification to the term "fact finding mission or trip."

Based on the information you provided it appears that ORS 244.020(7)(b)(F) would allow public officials to accept meals, lodging and transportation expenses to participate in the Oregon Forest Resources Institute forest tour, which appears to meet the definition of a fact-finding mission, as defined in OAR 199-005-0001(2).

The public officials who participate in the event and who must file and Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest form with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission would be required to report the aggregate value of these paid expenses pursuant to ORS 244.060(5). It is required that OFRI, as the source of a gift, provide a detailed cost analysis of a gift, it would be a courtesy to the public officials who may wish to participate in this event to receive a statement with the aggregate value of expenses paid on their behalf for filing purposes.

If you have any additional questions regarding the application of Oregon Government Ethics law please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Ronald A. Bersin  
Executive Director

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\*\*\*\*\*DISCLAIMER\*\*\*\*\*

This staff advice is provided under the authority given in ORS 244.284(1). This opinion offers guidance on how Oregon Government Ethics law may apply to the specific facts described in your request. This opinion is based on my understanding and analysis of the specific circumstances you described and should not be applied to circumstances that differ from those discussed in this request.



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## 2016 OFRI Board Tour

**Theme:** Timber Harvest Systems

**Cosponsor:** Oregon Society of American Foresters

**Audience:** Forest Sector Leaders and Policy Makers

**Date:** July 14, 2016

**Start/End:** Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg

**Tour Area:** Camas Valley area – (T29S, R9W, Sec. 34 & 35)

**Description:** The tour will highlight themes from OFRI's new special report: choice of timber harvest system depends on forest type, forest owner and management objective. The tour will showcase three ownerships with two different management systems.

### **Agenda:**

9:00 Load Bus –

9:15 Depart for Camas Valley – watch OFRI Harvest Systems video en route

10:00 Stop 1 - **Roseburg District BLM** – “Here's Your Sign” Timber Sale (Sec. 35)

- Welcome & Overview of the day – Mike Cloughesy, OFRI (10 min)
- BLM Forest Management Overview – Abe Wheeler, BLM (15 min)
- Variable-retention Regeneration Harvest – Abe Wheeler & Trixy Moser, BLM (40 min)
- Early seral habitat and VRH – TBA, BLM (15 min)
- OSAF Commercial Timber Harvest on Public Lands in Oregon position – Mark Buckbee, OSAF (10 min)



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11:30 Travel to Stop 2 & Lunch

12:15 Stop 2 - **Lone Rock Timber**

- Lone Rock Timber Forest Management Overview – Jake Gibbs, LRTC (15 min)
- Planning for clearcutting – Ryan Bronson, LRTC (15 min)
- Reforestation & herbicide spraying – Joe Newton, LRTC (15 min)
- Early seral habitat & wildlife/forestry management – Fran Cafferata Coe, Cafferata Consulting (15 min)
- OSAF Using Pesticides on Forest Lands and Clearcutting positions – Stephen Fitzgerald, OSAF (15 min)

1:30 Travel to Stop 3

1:45 Stop 3 - **Roseburg Forest Products** – Green Signal Harvest Unit (Sec. 34)

- Roseburg Forest Products Forest Management Overview – Eric Geyer, RFP (15 min)
- Active logging unit – Harold Rowe, RFP (15 min)
- Oregon Forest Practices Act – TBA, ODF (15 min)
- Small woodland owner perspective – Rick Barnes, Barnes & Assoc. (15 min)
- Thoughts on the day – Oregon Legislative Leaders (20 min)
- Wrap up – Paul Barnum, OFRI (10 min)

3:15 Return to Douglas County Fairgrounds – Visit/nap on bus

4:00 Adjourn Tour

For information contact:

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September 1, 2016

Ms. Lori Brocker  
Oregon Secretary of the Senate  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE, Room 233  
Salem OR 97301

Dear Ms. Brocker,

This letter confirms that the July 14, 2016 educational forest tour organized by Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) was conducted substantially according to the itinerary and agenda submitted with the application. The total cost was \$226.30 per participant:

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| • July 13 lodging | \$141.64 |
| • July 13 dinner  | \$56.71  |
| • July 14 bus     | \$21.70  |
| • July 14 lunch   | \$6.25   |

It was a fact-finding event to educate and inform state government officials on harvesting methods and options to manage Oregon forests. Enclosed is a list of public officials who attended.

Sincerely,

Kathy Storm  
Senior Manager, Business Operations

TITLE	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	BUSINESS_TITLE	ORGANIZATION
	Michelle	Binker	Chief of Staff	Representative Carl Wilson
	Terry	Brayer		
Commissioner	Kevin	Cameron		Marion County
The Honorable	Richard	Devlin	Senator	Oregon State Senate
The Honorable	Lew	Frederick	Representative	Oregon House of Representatives
Commissioner	Tim	Freeman		Douglas County
	Samantha	Gladu		Senator Shields' Office
The Honorable	Mark	Hass	Senator	Oregon State Senate
Commissioner	Bob	Main		Coos County
	Sheri	Malstrom		
	Jim	McCauley		Washington County
The Honorable	Mike	Nearman	Representative	Oregon House of Representatives
The Honorable	Bill	Post	Representative	Oregon House of Representatives
Commissioner	Stan	Primozich		Yamhill County
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The Honorable	Duane	Stark	Representative	Oregon House of Representatives
The Honorable	Carl	Wilson	Representative	Oregon House of Representatives
The Honorable	Bradley	Witt	Representative	Oregon House of Representatives