

**Blue Mountains Forest Partners  
Full Group Meeting  
Thursday, August 21, 2008**

*Our Mission: Enhance forest ecosystem health, economic opportunities and public safety in Grant County through collaboration.*

***Time: 4:00pm – 7pm***

***Place: The Federal Building in John Day – FS Juniper Room***

**Attendees:** Irene Jerome, Diane Browning, George Meredith, Matt Carter, Sarah Busch, Cindy, Tim Lillebo, Ryan Falk, Dave Hannibal, Dan Bishop, Brian Nelson, Charlie O’Rorke, Curt Qual, Art Andrews, Doug Gouchner, Alden Boetsch, Alaina Pomeroy, Emily Platt, Mike Billman, Dave Traylor, Karen Coulter, Elaine Kohrman

***I. Previous meeting minutes***

Meeting minutes from July BMFP full group meeting were approved unanimously

***II. Operations Group Update***

- Bob Crisler has been selected as the new local coordinator for the BMFP and will begin working in October. Brief background:
  - Will retire from the Forest Service in October after 30 years of service
  - Lives in Prairie City – very familiar with eastern Oregon
  - Has good relationships with diverse stakeholders and experience working with different interest groups.
- Bob will sign on as an independent contract for 6 months at first, after which we’ll do a review and decide if both parties would like to continue the contract.

***III. Damon Creek Subcommittee Update***

- Project Initiation Letter approved by the full group
- See minutes from the subcommittee field trip for full account of discussion

***IV. Zones of Agreement***

- Group reviewed a draft Zones of Agreement document. The document was a compilation of all the agreements the group has made so far (pulled from meeting and field trip minutes, documents submitted to the FS from the BMFP)
- After some modification, group came to agreement on the next version of the document. (Please see separate Zones of Agreement document).
- Issues related to definitions of old growth characteristics identified as needing further discussion.

***V. Next meeting***

Thursday, September 18, 2008, 4:0 – 7:00 pm