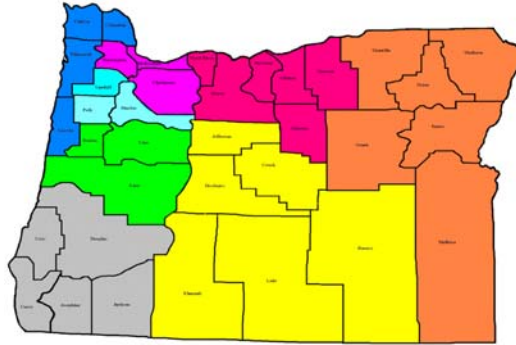


**October 14, 2009**



**Conference Time!**  
*or getting Tools for Turbulent Times*

Salem – The 2009 Annual AOC Annual Conference is a month away. This year's theme is *Tools for Turbulent Times*. In addition to riveting and informative sessions on Emergency Management, Water Policy, the tax measures, uses for EFU land, labor negotiations and more, there will be meetings of all eight Districts (pictured above) and meetings of AOC Steering Committees.

The Annual AOC Business Meeting will feature the always spirited discussions of resolutions and the election of new officers. This is must attend stuff. And it's all being held at the good old Portland Marriott Waterfront Hotel in, well, Portland. The hotel is conveniently located within walking distance of shopping, fine dining, and entertainment and is only a few minutes from light rail and the street car, which leads to other shopping venues, fine dining and entertainment adventures.

In other words, heart stopping, feet pounding, non-stop excitement, entertainment and information you won't want to miss. (We get paid to write this stuff you know.)

If you haven't registered yet or made your hotel reservation, be sure to visit our newly revamped website [www.aocweb.org](http://www.aocweb.org). You'll find a lot of information right there. Just a few clicks and you're set to join hundreds of county folks from around the state.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the AOC office at 503-585-8351. Operators are standing by to help you.

And now, more information on the Monday Environment and Energy Seminar...

## ENERGY

Tools for Today and Tomorrow

*What Counties Need to Have on Their Tool Belts*

AOC Pre-Fall Conference Workshop

Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m – 4:30 p.m

Portland Marriott Waterfront

**1:30 The Courthouse Challenge** – During 2009, over 20 counties in Oregon took the County Courthouse Challenge to update and make their courthouses more energy efficient. Get the update on how much energy and money is being saved.

**2:00 What is a Carbon Footprint?** – Learn how to calculate a carbon footprint and find out about the carbon registry.

**2:30 Financing Packages for Renewable Energy Projects on Public Buildings** – Multitudes of incentives and financing options for alternative energy projects are available for your public buildings. Learn how to take advantage of these opportunities.

**3:00 Energy Efficiency Improvement Program** – Discover how your county can provide the financing for energy efficiency upgrades in your community.

**3:30 Green Jobs in Oregon** – Learn about the changing job market in Oregon and how to take advantage of it in your community.

**4:00 Smart Grid Technology** – What is “the Smart Grid”?

This workshop is being sponsored by the AOC Environment and Energy Steering Committee. Registration is not necessary; however RSVP by Nov. 1 is requested. Please respond to Emily Ackland [eackland@ocweb.org](mailto:eackland@ocweb.org).

*See you at Conference!*

**A note from the Ethics Commission.** AOC received this email recently and we think you ought to have the opportunity to share it.

We have been receiving a large volume of QPOD (Quarterly Public Official Disclosure) forms. **Please inform the officials with whom you are in contact with that the form is no longer required.** They do however need to continue to file the SEI (Statement of Economic Interest) form which is due April 15<sup>th</sup> of every year.

**\*Please note that this form is entirely separate from the Lobbyist and Client/Employer quarterly forms.\***

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Contact Ms. Mowry with your questions please. We're getting ready for Conference. (just kidding, call us if you want to vent.)

**Another meeting for Don Lindly.** Lincoln County Commissioner and Past AOC President Don Lindly has been appointed to the nine member, independent Infrastructure Authority Board by Governor Kulongoski. The Board will oversee financing of community development and infrastructure projects across the state.

The Board was established by the Legislature last session to oversee the work of the Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA), the new community development arm of Business Oregon – The Oregon Business Development Department which was created to replace, in part, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.

You need a scorecard to keep up with changes in Salem these days.

Congratulations Commissioner Lindly!

**Block Grants.** Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) is accepting applications until December 31, 2009 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, competitive application round. Award decisions for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be made in February 2010.

Since the early 1980's, OBDD has administered the State of Oregon's CDBG program with funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The program serves non-metropolitan cities and counties of Oregon. OBDD reviews applications for funding under the Community Development Block Grant program on a quarterly basis or until all funds available for the year have been obligated.

The department currently has several million dollars left to award for 2009, so we encourage you to contact the department and allow our regional coordinators to work with you to develop an eligible project.

For further information about the Oregon Community Development Block Grant program, please contact OBDD or visit <http://www.orinfrastructure.org/>

**Time for a report from our Nation's Capitol on Oregon Forests....**

## **Work Plan for Western Oregon Forests Announced**

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar launched a work plan for Bureau of Land Management forests in Western Oregon on October 14th. Secretary Salazar says the plan will add economic certainty for local communities while protecting endangered species.

In July, Secretary Salazar withdrew the Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR). At the time, Secretary Salazar said WOPR failed to meet Endangered Species consultation criteria.

The new plan has 62 proposed timber sales over the next 12 months under the Northwest Forest plan. Secretary Salazar said the sales could provide up to 230 million board feet of timber for local mills. He said the proposed plan provides a level of certainty for the local timber industry in addition to supporting jobs and local infrastructure and provides protections for the environment. Secretary Salazar said the timber sales will comply with Endangered Species laws.

In addition to the timber sales, Secretary Salazar and representatives of the BLM and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announced that federal field teams will identify future proposed timber sales with the high likelihood of being sold and harvested and a special task force that will look at forest management issues in Oregon.

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, D-OR and U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio, D-OR joined Secretary Salazar at Wednesday's announcement. Senator Wyden said the plan will save time on timber sales in the future, gives mills more certainty, creates more jobs and moves toward making forests healthier. Congressman DeFazio said the plan deals with the issue of consultation between federal agencies and streamlines the process. He also said the plan makes up for the "years lost with the WOPR."

According to Secretary Salazar and representatives of the BLM and Fish and Wildlife, approximately 150 million board feet per year were harvested in Oregon BLM forests between 2005 and 2008. 46 of the proposed 62 timber sales could provide nearly 200 million board feet. The remainder, still under consultation, would provide some 31 million board feet.

Senator Wyden and Congressman DeFazio said they plan to move ahead on proposed legislation concerning forest management and health, so-called thinning bills. Governor Kulongoski issued a statement calling the Secretary's announcement a "good first step." The Governor also said "The revision of the Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Plan and the Western Oregon Plan must remain a top priority for the Secretary and President Obama. Because the federal payments to our O&C counties are slated to end in 2012, we must have strategies in place by then that avert the financial crises that will strike local governments and schools in those counties. And, while the federal land harvest levels cannot entirely replace those payments, they will continue to be a very important component of local governments' finances."

Secretary Salazar, the representatives from BLM and Fish and Wildlife, Senator Wyden and Congressman DeFazio also acknowledged the importance of preserving county infrastructure.

**We've used up our allotted space.** Good thing, huh? Thanks for staying with us. Mike McArthur is the Publisher of *Oregon Trails*. Laura Cleland is the editor. Eric Schmidt tries figure it all out.



Photo submitted by Yamhill County Clerk Becky Stern Doll.  
She says it's what the AOC staff looks like on a Monday morning.

Don't forget to register for Fall Conference.