

**PFOA Board of Directors Meeting
October 15, 2016
Minutes**

- Board members Kim Walter, Heather Dean, Robin Jeffers, Jim Wurzer (by phone) and Pine Forest Manager Brad Sawtell were present.
- Also attending was Jerry Luce of Western Processing, who is in charge of the logging for the timber harvest.
- 20 PFOA members attended.

This meeting had only one topic: the impending timber harvest and sale. For that reason none of the usual board meeting activities occurred. Over the course of the meeting members heard the details of the work, and had their questions answered and their concerns addressed.

Kim Walters provided a brief welcome and introduced Jerry Luce.

Jerry provided his credentials, mentioning, among other things, his 31 years as a forester with the Forest Service (duties included timber management, engineering, silviculture, and fire prevention specialist). He also described his current specialty as a forester—beautification logger. This job requires that logging do as little harm to the environment as is possible, while its beauty of the environment and improving forest health. Not only has he created 3 parks for the city of Spokane, but he has worked with Bill Berrigan for 20 years on beautification projects.

Some of the questions and concerns addressed

Will private driveways have logging trucks on them? No, logging trucks will be only on main roads, alongside of which cut logs will be placed for pick-up. Also, Jerry's insurance covers damage to drain fields and driveways. He is more concerned about damage to drain fields from falling trees, which is why we are asking you to flag your drain field with red tape (get it from Brad's front porch).

Is limbing of uncut trees part of the work being done? No, that will be part of the project we hope to re-visit after the harvest is completed. This is the DNR cost-sharing grant that we were denied until we could harvest some of the timber in Pine Forest.

The likely order of work on our forest

- October/November 2016: begin timber harvest, sending logs to the mill in Darrington until snow closes Highway 20.
- October/November 2017: finish timber harvest
- After completed timber harvest: apply for DNR 50/50 project and complete that work
- Once DNR work is done, some lots will still need work and we may ask the PFOA community to work on this as part of our responsibility to maintain our Firewise status.

What about current road conditions? We expect there to be more work needed on roads because of the logging, and for that reason are holding off on having work done now. Whether that work is done before snow falls and changes the condition of the roads is TBD.

The meeting adjourned at about 3:30.