Trust Land Transfer Proviso Work Group

Meeting 5



September 2, 2021, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Agenda

12:00-12:30	Welcome and Work Group Business	All
	Timeline Review and Agenda Meeting Notes Public Meeting Summary Quick Overview of Framework and Topics	Lisa
12:30-1:30	Topics Discussion #1: Types of Trust/Inter-trust Transfer	All
1:30-1:40	Break	
1:40-2:40	Topics Discussion #2: Underperformance/Conservation & Communities	All
2:40-2:50	Break	
2:50-3:50	Topics Discussion #3: Legislative Funding/80:20	All
3:50-4:00	Wrap Up/ Next Meeting	Lisa



Project Timeline



Meetings 5 and 6: Develop New Process Option

- Work group synthesizes issues and opportunities
- Consider, discuss, consolidate and/or reduce new process options
- Work group identifies a recommended option(s) to move forward

Meeting Notes



Draft TLT Process Framework: Proviso

SHB 1080 Sec. 3333. (1) The department of natural resources shall convene a work group of trust land beneficiaries and stakeholders to develop a recommended process for the way trust land transfer proposals are developed and implemented. Consideration should be made for:

- Increasing the income value of the trusts,
- Limiting impacts to trust lands not being considered for transfer,
- Conservation value of lands that are a potential candidate for transfer, and,
- Use of the land bank for securing repositioned land that would result from any transferred projects, and,
- Any other items necessary for a well-supported program.



Draft TLT Process Framework: Questions

- How does a parcel get identified and put onto the Trust Land Transfer (TLT) list?
- What criteria is used to evaluate and prioritize parcels that are on the TLT list?
- Who evaluates the parcels and prioritizes the TLT list?



How Does a Parcel get Identified and put Onto the Trust Land Transfer (TLT) List?

- Topic 1 WHO SUBMITS PROJECTS Who can submit a project?
- Topic 2- LAND TYPE Should the project have to be a certain land type (forested, agricultural, commercial, etc)?
- Topic 3- TYPE OF TRUST /INTER-TRUST TRANSFER Should the project have to be any specific type of trust (ie, Common School, State Forestland, etc.) and should Inter-Trust Transfers continue (as is) as a part of the process?
- Topic 4- UNDERPERFORMANCE Should the property have to be underperforming from a revenue perspective due to: lack of access for operability, ecological features, social values, or something else?
- Topic 5- SIZE OF PARCEL Should there be a limitation to parcel size?
- Topic 6- RECIPIENT AGENCY Should project proposals need to have a public agency identified and agreed to as the recipient of the parcel?
- Topic 7- M & O and AGENCY FUNDS Should projects need to include adequate funds for DNR administrative costs and address Maintenance & Operating funding for recipients?



What Criteria is Used to Evaluate and Prioritize Parcels That are on the TLT List?

- Topic 8 TRUST RESPONSIBILITIES- Is the project in the best interest of the trusts (such as does the project increase the income value of the trusts, etc..)?
- Topic 9 LEGISLATIVE FUNDING- Is the project likely to receive legislative funding? Topic 10 80/20 'RULE'- Should the 80/20 'rule' continue to be a consideration?
- Topic 11 –CONSERVATION & COMMUNITIES- How does the project affect local communities, what is the conservation value of the parcel? How does the project affect marginalized or underserved communities?
- Topic 12 ADDITIONAL CRITERIA- Are there other items necessary for a well-supported program? Is this project limiting impacts to trust lands not being considered for transfer?
- Topic 13 –CHANGES TO CRITERIA- How does criteria get changed or updated over time?



Who Evaluates the Parcels and Prioritizes the TLT List?

- Topic 14 EVALUATION COMMITTEE? Should there be an evaluation committee to evaluate and develop a prioritized list? If so who should be represented on the committee?
- Topic 15— APPROVAL PROCESS- What is the process for developing and approving a prioritized list prior to submitting to the legislature?

Common to all buckets:

 Topic 16 –TRANSPARENCY – What should be done to make this process more understandable, transparent and repeatable?



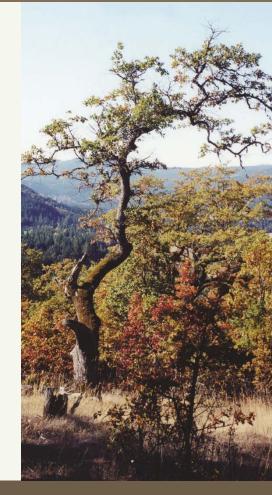
Types of Trust/Inter-trust Transfers

1. From your standpoint, what would be the process implications if the program was available for any type of trust land (i.e. not just common school)?

WHAT would happen and WHY is it important to you?

2. If Inter-Trust transfers are not utilized, what tool do you suggest DNR use to address underperforming non-common school trust lands?

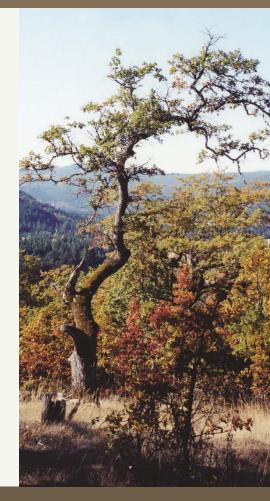
WHAT tool and WHY do you suggest it?



Types of Trust/Inter-trust Transfers

- 3. If Inter-Trust transfers are conducted between State Forestlands and Common School trust lands:
 - -What process suggestions do you have that could reduce impacts to local taxing districts,
 - -What process suggestions do you have that could reduce impacts to common school lands.

WHAT are your process recommendations and HOW would they work?



Underperformance/Conservation and Communities

- 1. What are the characteristics that contribute to trust land property underperforming?
 - lack of access for operability,
 - ecological features,
 - social values, or
 - something else?

WHAT specifically contributes and WHY does it?

2. Are these characteristics tied to any specific land type (forest land, ag land, etc)? If so, WHAT specifically and WHY?



Underperformance/Conservation and Communities

1. Do you have ideas for increasing the ability for trust lands to perform?

WHAT would you recommend and HOW would it work?

- 2. If an underperforming trust parcel is being proposed for transfer out of trust status, should it also be evaluated in part by:
 - How does the project affect local communities?
 - What is the conservation value of the parcel?
 - How does the project affect marginalized or underserved communities?
 - Other, what else?

WHAT considerations and WHY?



Legislative Funding/80:20

- 1. What project characteristics increase its potential to receive legislative funding?
 - WHAT and WHY does it matter?
- 2. Should other sources of funding be a consideration? WHAT sources and HOW would that work?
- 3. Should DNR establish a standard ratio (regardless of timber) for cash to beneficiary and cash to replacement fund?
 - If yes, WHY?



Upcoming Work Group Meetings

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Meeting #6: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 | 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Meeting #7: Meeting Date & Time -TBD

