

**South Fork John Day Watershed Council
Meeting Agenda
January 12th, 2026**

1:00 pm, Izee Schoolhouse

Join Zoom Meeting
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- 1. Public Comment**
- 2. Agency Reports (5 minutes per agency)**
 - a. Updates from attending agencies
- 3. Jake Dittel, ODFW Mule Deer Predator Study**
- 4. Darrell Clark, USDA non-lethal wolf specialist available to assist with non-lethal methods, hazing, range riding, cleaning carcasses from properties, documents that producer is working to deter predators. Free service to all producers, start documenting that non-lethal has been attempted. Have to show non-lethal action before you can take lethal action. If have conflict west of 395 can't resolve. Need to document as much as possible. Have to have 2 confirmed, removed all attractants,**
- 5. Livestock and protection act needs to pass.**
- 6. Nolan Riis:**
- 7. Hannah Smith: application deadlines this Thursday. RCPP application deadline out into the fall. Ranking deadline in April or May, all apps that would need engineer & ODF, looking at them in snowbank. Give time to get eyes on all projects. November deadline.**
- 8. Zane: wild horses moving onto private, email help track, wild horse counts: observed 535 horses. Still can capture and ship to facilities, BLM not in as good shape. Gather in 2026 with contraceptive methods**
- 9. Action Items**
 - a. Board Elections, Term – 2026 – 2029: Scott, Richard, Jim
 - b. Officer Elections
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Vice Chair
 - iii. Secretary/Treasurer
 - c. Staff Time
 - d. Minutes
 - e. Financials
 - f. Approval to invest \$50,000 in Certificate of Deposit at Bank of Eastern Oregon with Amy and Board Chair on the Account: phil moved to approve, Richard 2nd
 - g. Letter of Comment regarding Pet and Livestock Protection Act
 - h. Letter of Comment regarding BLM Battle Creek Juniper removal
- 10. Staff Report**
 - a. 2014-2026 Project Report
 - b. Grant results
 - i. MC funded
 - ii. Engagement, Aldrich, monitoring, no
 - c. Upcoming proposals

Oregon Conservation Recreation Fund: Monitoring Strategy
OR Community Foundation: Capacity

OWEB - R9 SFJDR Design
OWEB - Cottonwood Ck Design
OWEB - Utley Culturals
OWEB - Aldrich Forestry
OWEB - Cottonwood Juniper
OWEB - Engagement
OWEB Sm Grant - Cottonwood Pasture Fence and Juniper

d. Utley Roadless Funding and Partnership Discussion

11. Coming Up

- a. 2/2/2026
- b. 2/9/2026: Annual Self-Assessment

12. Adjourn meeting, Next meeting date: Monday, February 9th, 2026

Toryn Walton, wolf biologist