

**South Fork John Day Watershed Council**

**Meeting Agenda**

**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**1:00 pm, Izee Schoolhouse**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID: 818 7024 4326**

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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
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OR Community Foundation: Capacity
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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