Making Energy Work for Rural Oregon
John Day, Oregon
Grant County Regional Airport, 72000 Airport Road
November 19, 2015

9:00-10:00am: John Day Airport Biomass Boiler Tour
(Speakers: Mayor Ron Lundbom & Patrick Bentz, Airport Manager)

- Coffee and registration
- Welcome
- Tour

10:15-11:00am: Energy Independence - Inspirations from Lake County
(Speaker: Jim Walls, Lake County Resources Initiative)

- Biomass
- Solar and geothermal
- Efficiency

11:00am-12:00pm: Ecological & Economic Rationale for Biomass Utilization
(Speakers: Steve Beverlin, Malheur National Forest; King Williams, Iron Triangle; Scott Fairley, Regional Solutions; Mark Webb, Blue Mountains Forest Partners)

- Defining the ecological need for forest restoration and current activities
- Identifying and developing markets for small diameter biomass
- Regional and state level efforts to develop infrastructure

12:00-1:00pm: Lunch Table Topics

- Biomass economics (King Williams, Iron Triangle; Jim Walls, Lake County Resources Initiative)
- Local biomass opportunities (Andrew Haden, WiseWood)
- State and federal policy support (Dylan Kruse, Sustainable Northwest; Rob Del Mar, Oregon Department of Energy)
- Residential efficiency opportunities (Boyd Wilson, Bonneville Power Administration; Sandra Ghormley, Oregon Trail Electric Coop; Nancy Van Sickle, Oregon Trail Electric Coop)
- Agricultural energy and water savings (Bonneville Power Administration, Columbia Power Cooperative Association, Oregon Trail Electric Cooperation, Wallowa Resources, Natural Resource Conservation Service)
1:00-1:15pm: Lunchtime small group discussion report out

1:30-2:15pm: Scales of Biomass Utilization
(Speakers: Andrew Haden, Wisewood; Bob Parker, OSU, Baker County Extension; Dylan Kruse, Sustainable Northwest)

- Residential wood stove use
- Institutional/Commercial use
- Utility scale, biomass cogeneration and policy

2:15 – 3:00pm: Agricultural Energy & Water Savings
(Speakers: Kyle Petrocine, Wallowa Resources; Tom Osborn, BPA; Susie Snyder, Oregon Trail Electric Cooperation; Rob Del Mar, Oregon Department of Energy)

- Building technical assistance for agricultural producers – what are the needs of the local irrigators and ranchers?
- Micro hydro and irrigation energy efficiency opportunities
- Utility incentives and state tax credits
- Federal programs and financial assistance

3:00-3:30pm: Next Steps & Take Away
(Sally Bartlett, Grant County Economic Development; Dylan Kruse, Sustainable Northwest; Kyle Petrocine, Wallowa Resources)

- Facilitated discussion