



US Forest Offset Working Group (Meeting #5)

Agenda for November 12th | 9:00 am – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom, the public may view the meeting in a webinar format

Registration link: https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xPJUJwJXTd-PXmcY1RUepg

Welcome and overview

- Welcome to the meeting
- Disclosure of financial interest related to topics to be discussed
 - Please come prepared to share any relevant financial interests or professional engagements **not previously shared** related to the changes discussed in this meeting such as:
 - Intention or consideration of development of a forest offset project in Washington’s market
 - Ownership, involvement, or other interest in an avoided conversion or reforestation offset project
 - Ownership, involvement, or other interest in an IFM projects on public lands
 - Any other financial interests that may be perceived as pertinent to this this discussion
 - Please note that the existence and disclosure of a financial interest **does not** preclude you from full participation in this discussion and meeting

Topic 1 – Project Baselines for Avoided Conversion Projects

- Ecology will share a brief overview of the baseline quantification approach for avoided conversion projects in the existing protocol, and relevant alternative approaches in voluntary offset market protocols.
- Discussion questions;
 - Corrections, context, and clarifications related avoided conversion projects
 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of this approach to avoided conversion project baseline setting?
 - Are there elements of the AC baseline setting approach that warrant revision? If so, how?
 - Should Ecology consider approaches to reduce the reliance on a single appraisal to determine the baseline? If so, what approaches should Ecology consider?
- Relevant materials:
 - [CARB US Forest Protocol 2015 – Avoided Conversion Projects \(Section 5.3, p. 70 - 76\)](#)

Topic 2 – Project Baselines for Reforestation Projects

- Ecology will share a brief overview of the baseline quantification approach for reforestation projects in the existing protocol, and an associated CARB Offset Taskforce recommendation.
- Discussion questions;

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- Corrections, context, and clarifications related to reforestation projects
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of this approach to reforestation baseline setting?
- Are there elements of the reforestation baseline setting approach that warrant revision? If so, how?
- Does a streamlined approach to reforestation baseline setting effectively address the primary barriers to reforestation project development?
- Relevant materials:
 - [CARB US Forest Protocol 2015 – Reforestation Projects \(Section 5.1, p. 48 - 54\)](#)

Topic 3 – Project Baselines for IFM Projects on non-federal Public Lands

- Ecology will share a brief overview of baseline quantification approach for IFM projects on public lands and an associated CARB Offset Taskforce recommendation.
- Discussion questions;
 - Corrections, context, and clarifications related IFM projects on public lands
 - Should baseline quantification for IFM projects on public lands differ from baseline quantification for projects on private lands?
 - Can revisions to baseline setting requirements for public lands projects make these projects feasible or are the other constraints in the protocol (e.g. 100 year project length) more salient?
- Relevant materials:
 - [CARB US Forest Protocol 2015 – IFM Projects on Public Lands \(Section 5.2.2, p. 66 - 67\)](#)

Public comment opportunity

Public participants, Ecology's facilitator

- There will be a 15-minute public comment period. Public members are welcome to speak for up to two minutes. The comments should be focused on the content of the Forestry Offset Technical Working Group topics. Ecology will not respond to comments made by the public. Members of the public may provide written comments on the rulemaking process through the [digital comment platform](#).

Next Steps and Action Items

Next meeting: December 3rd, 2024, 9 am – 11 am (Pacific Time)

Topics:

- Leakage deduction
- Forest management requirements and restrictions

Resource and Assistance

- Contact Jordan Wildish at CCAOffsets@ecy.wa.gov or 360-280-6488
- [US Forest Offset Working Group Webpage](#)