

**Marys Peak Stewardship Group
Meeting Notes
November 18, 2010**

| Name | Affiliation | Name | Affiliation |
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| Jane Brass Barth | Facilitator | Mike Totey | ODF |
| Frank Davis | SNF | Courtney Schreiber | SNF |
| Paul Thomas | SNF | Karen Fleck-Harding | MRWC |
| Viva Worthington | SNF | Lon Otterby | Marys Peak Sierra Club |
| Ken McCall | City of Corvallis | | |

Meeting began shortly after 6:00 PM. October notes approved by consensus.

Coast Range Stewardship Fund Proposal Cycle –

Paul Thomas stated that stewardship proposals have all been sent to the Regional Forester. All seven proposals did go forward.

Joint Stewardship Group Meeting –

Meeting with the other stewardship groups set for December 2nd in Newport. Lunch will be provided. Be sure to RSVP by November 30th to Jane Brass Barth. Main role would be to do a show and tell from each group. Ken McCall's suggestion would be to put something together that reflects what we have done for outreach. Mike Totey stated that some of the emphasis would be to give Hebo a little background on what we do. Karen Fleck-Harding stated that the key effort of this group is addressing the entire sub basin rather than just waiting for proposals to come in. Jane Brass Barth stated that it would be nice to show the lifecycle of the Rock Creek project. Group agrees to take Rock Creek project and show how it fits into the bigger picture of what the group does. Ken McCall asked for an outline of the thought process for outreach from Karen Fleck-Harding. Ken McCall, Viva Worthington and maybe Jeff Uebel will be in attendance.

Marys Landscape Project – Future involvement of stewardship groups in this process

The Decision Notice was signed October 28, 2010. The legal notice appeared November 8, 2010. Appeal period ends December 23, 2010. The first sale will be Bridge Thin. Trees will be removed in the thinnings by *designation by prescription*. Individual trees are not marked. The cutters select the trees to remove by following the prescription. The Forest Service sale administrator monitors the cutters to ensure the prescription is being followed. The Stewardship Group could visit the project and monitor the results. Mike Totey stated it would be nice to do a trip to see the stands prior to thinning. Frank Davis noted that the city has an annual tour in May and there are three units just west of city property off of the Forest Service road 3408. He suggested it would be feasible to have the MPSP collaborate with the City and SNF for May field trip. Another option would be for the MPSG to organize a more intense trip to look at all the embedded activities in a stewardship sale. These might be culverts, invasive species treatment, downed wood and snags. Given enough time and advance notice it would be nice to get resource specialists together for the trip. Group agrees to figure out a field trip and have it be a learning experience and a also a recruiting tool to find the people who are interested in Wyden projects.

Another way the MPSG will be involved in future phases of the Marys Landscape NEPA will be attending field trips and reviewing future Multi-party Monitoring reports that cover related projects.

Continue MPSG Goals and Activities Review –

The Group had discussed having three focus areas; water/fish, roads/weeds and terrestrial. Frank Davis provided two maps of the Stewardship Area. One map focused on the streams in the Stewardship Area and the other the road system. Frank asked the group to highlight on the stream map the areas they believe fit the Wyden authority for fish habitat restoration. Jeff Uebel, Natural Resource Staff Officer was in attendance to provide some guidance. Later, Frank asked the Group to highlight roads on the other map that the Group felt fit the Wyden authority for invasive plant treatments. The group felt this activity moved them forward. They will work on the terrestrial map at the January meeting.

The following are some of the discussion points made during this interactive exercise:

- Paul Thomas stated that when we began the Stewardship Group, the BLM seemed to be a larger player. This influenced where the group drew the original boundaries for its stewardship area. Since then, the BLM has moved away from Stewardship contracting in this area. With the BLM not participating in Stewardship contracts, proposed Wyden projects must benefit National Forest lands. Most of the BLM lands that are included within the Marys Peak Stewardship Area also are included in the Alsea Stewardship Area.
- The current Stewardship Area identified not only the area that projects may occur, but also to determine if a contractor should be considered a local resource.
- Karen Fleck-Harding stated that the Watershed Counsel is not in a position to jump on invasive weeds so we really need another partner to collaborate with. The MRWC is at capacity dealing with aquatic invasives. Group agrees that if we were to go to the SWDC board and state that we need someone to provide leadership, we could help with funding. The group suggested asking SWCD to come in and talk and get the different players in so that we are not overlapping projects. Jane Brass Barth will take the lead on reaching out to the SWCD, ODFW, Sierra Club TNC, SWDC, OSU Extension, Upper Willamette Cooperative management group and Institute for Applied Ecology to organize a panel for an upcoming meeting. Group wants to learn what each group is working on.
- Discussed working on isolated invasive species of concern within the stewardship area as a way to proactively stop spread.

Announcements & Updates –

Joint Stewardship meeting at Beverly Beach on December 2 from 11:30 am to 4 pm. Group agreed that the Joint meeting will replace the regularly scheduled December Marys Peak meeting.

Marys LMP EA and Decision Notice has been signed and distributed. It can be found on the web at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw/projects/nepa/marys-lmp/index.shtml>

Next meeting January 27th