

**Marys Peak Stewardship Group
Meeting Notes
January 27, 2011**

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Jane Brass Barth	Facilitator	Mike Totey	ODF
Frank Davis	SNF	Courtney Schreiber	SNF
Matt Mellenthin	IRM	Lon Otterby	Marys Peak Sierra Club
Viva Worthington	SNF	Art and Betty Sleight	Land Owner
Ken McCall	City of Corvallis	Jackie Nichols	STWD Coordinator
Steve Trask	Bio-Surveys, LLC	Karen Fleck-Harding	MRWC

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

Current Cycle Coast Range Stewardship Projects –

Frank Davis heard that the proposals were sent from Mike Daugherty to the Regional Forester with no changes, they were all accepted.

Marys Landscape NEPA Project Update –

The Marys Landscape Management Project Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice is complete and no appeal were received. The project can go forward. The first sale is Bridge Thin. Tentative sell date is June 30th with an estimated 200 acres and 3000 MBF. The Rock Creek Bridge will not be replaced at this time. Funding strategies are being developed to replace the bridge before there is a problem. Structurally it is sound; it has just outlived its design life. There is a meeting with the City of Corvallis Public Works next Friday to discuss the Siuslaw Nation Forest implementation plans.

Amber Reese will be replacing Ken McCall with the City of Corvallis and she is anticipated to be present at the next meeting of the Watershed Advisory Commission. She is a forestry grad from OSU. She hopefully will start attending MPSG meetings next month.

Discuss Joint Stewardship Group Meeting –

The joint Stewardship Group meeting was held on December 2nd. Draft minutes passed out to group. Jane Brass Barth shared that there was a lot of good information sharing and getting Hebo up to date. The e-mail about the first Hebo Stewardship Group meeting went out to the partners from the Hebo area as well as phone calls to all pertinent parties. The meeting will be held at the Beaver Fire Hall on February 9th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A lot of what was discussed on December 2nd will be a part of the meeting. Michael Reichenberg of the Hebo Ranger District will be Forest Service liaison for the Hebo Stewardship Group like Frank Davis is for the Marys Peak Stewardship Group. Jackie Nichols is currently writing a Grant to the National Forest Foundation for funding to help support the start up expenses of the Hebo group.

Matt Mellenthin discussed the Multi-Party Monitoring Contract and asked for any suggestions for Dan, Jackie and himself to discuss on Monday. It is a one year contract that is rolled over to another year. Frank Davis was wondering if there a possibility to do photo points of the Marys LMP projects. Mike Totey asked Jackie Nichols if there was a possibility to extend the contract to include other locations. Jackie thinks it is possible to potentially shift funds around and that it can be included in the 2011 Multiparty Monitoring.

The Wyden authority is permanent now. Frank Davis stated that the Stewardship authority is valid until 2013. We use Wyden in Stewardship but Wyden doesn't need stewardship to happen. All the Forests that are involved in Stewardships are going to be very supportive of continuing with it. Stewardship reauthorization is depended on participation.

The Round Table is looking to gather again in spring to discuss some topics and what strategies are emerging and how can the groups help out.

Continue MPSG Goals and Activities Review –

Frank Davis brought out maps of the Stewardship areas showing the highlights from the group's work at the last meeting. They continued highlighting areas they believe will meet Wyden authority. Steve Trask believes Scheele and Shotpouch Creeks were the only areas that seem to have been left out that do have benefit to Federal Lands. Shotpouch is a good opportunity for collaboration because the Marys River Watershed Council is doing some collaboration work with the residents. Steve Trask to talk to Jeff Uebel about the Shotpouch benefits to Federal land.

Matt Mellenthin will help move the invasive species priority area forward. Matt brought up Debbie Johnson who does grant writing for invasive species. He also mentioned work IRM did in Marion County and will share landowner outreach documents with the group.

Mike Totey supported the map work creating these boundaries. At the February meeting, the group will work on the terrestrial projects map, consider forming subcommittees to move towards action, and plan a related Spring field trip.

Announcements & Updates –

- Secure Rural Schools Payco projects due February 25th.
- Karen Fleck-Harding gave an update on Greasy Creek: right now are in the process of finalizing the Rapid Bio Assessment and plan on scheduling a meeting with neighbors in February. Continue Greasy Creek outreach in a project development type phase. 1st phase of projects that would look at fish passage with some riparian passage. Are planning to submit a proposal to the National Forest Foundation for funding and design for the next phase of funding. Jane Brass Barth agrees to sign a letter of support from the Marys Peak Stewardship group and Karen efforts.
- Steve Trask discussed the project approved a year ago on Greasy Creek; a bank that had been rip rapped by a landowner. The landowner was convinced to try an alternative approach and we were able to pull the bank back 200 feet pre commercial thinning. On that 200 feet staked in the process of being planted with willow.
- February 24th next meeting – project update choice and presenter
- False Brome workshop (Corvallis Library – 85 slots) and field trips (30 slots) – March 11th at 9:30 am; contact Debbie@applegateforestry.com to register