

**ALSEA STEWARDSHIP GROUP
MEETING NOTES
October 18, 2010 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Fall Creek Hatchery**

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Ross Holloway	Facilitator	Pam Gardner	USFS
Dan Segotta	USFS	Jackie Nichols	Cascade Pacific RCD
Vicky Mugnai	USFS	Mike Kennedy	Siletz Tribe
Elmer Ostling	AWC	Wayne Hoffman	MCWC
Chandra LeGue	Oregon Wild	Ray Hughey	RMEF
Josh Lambert	Lincoln SWCD	Fran Recht	PSMFC
Joe Rohleder	AWC		

Welcome and Introductions

Review Notes and Agenda

- Additional agenda items: impact of Doug Shaller's passing on the Lincoln County Restoration Project, outreach funding, meeting announcement.
- Notes of the September 29 meeting accepted with the following correction:
The Canal Creek project title should read Canal Creek *Stream* rather than *Steam*.

Meeting Announcement, Chandra LeGue

Chandra announced that the Watershed Center is convening another meeting: November 16 in Medford. (This is the meeting that Tom Davis attended last year.) The agenda for the meeting will focus on ways to improve stewardship. ASG members encouraged to attend the November 16 meeting to talk about successes.

Project/Agency Updates

Forest Service, Dan Segotta

- Selection for District Wildlife Biologist made: Marty Bray, who comes to the Siuslaw from Alaska's Chugach NF, brings experience collaborating with state and tribal groups.
- The SNF Board of Directors (an internal FS team) plans to meet October 29, October 30 or November 8, to review the stewardship projects and Roundtable recommendations.
- There will be a meeting this week to address criteria set forth by ASG regarding the Canal Creek Stream Habitat Enhancement project. Meeting will involve the project designer, Jack Sleeper (SNF Fish Biologist) and Chuck Fisher (SNF Hydrologist).
- Dan Segotta informed this group that the Watershed Center has the national monitoring contract, handled through agency and non-agency partners. SNF's selected project for monitoring is Jeep Thin (SNF's work has made a positive impression and is the model for what success looks like). The Watershed Center will pose general questions about post-project monitoring. They will be interviewing Dan, Marc Barnes and Fran Recht.

Forest Service, Pam Gardner

- The large wood project at the North Fork Siuslaw is completed; approximately 20 trees were moved and placed this past weekend. Alsea is next.
- Pam participated in last week's RAC field trip to showcase four projects:
 - Meadow maintenance/silverspot butterfly
 - Interior forest meadow maintenance
 - Noxious weed treatments: Big Creek knotweed treatment (private and FS land), and gorse treatment at Baker Beach (the 2009 EA allows us to treat more of the buffer area)
 - Riparian release by Sweet Creek road
- Pam attended the October 16 and last meeting of the OHV Designated Routes Working Group for the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. This diverse group has been meeting for the past year to develop and propose routes that could be considered for designation in Management Area 10(C). Pam feels very positive about the group's achievement. The successful collaboration is due, in no small part, to Ross Holloway's facilitation skills.

Cascade Pacific RC&D, Jackie Nichols

CPRC&D has identified additional funds available for outreach, amounting to approximately \$1500 per stewardship group. Groups are encouraged to develop ideas for utilizing these additional outreach funds. The group discussed an outreach process that combines a science based limiting factors analysis with site specific landowner outreach. The MCWC recently utilized this process to initiate productive outreach with 40+ landowners in the upper Yaquina River area to address a variety of watershed and habitat improvement needs. A similar process is in the works for the Five Rivers area that will involve the stewardship group. Next step: begin planning for outreach efforts in the Five Rivers area (target date February/March 2011). At the November meeting of ASG, discussion will continue about outreach and a decision made on the best use of the additional \$1500 available through CPRC&D.

October 12 Roundtable Report

Notes from the Roundtable meeting are still pending, and will be circulated to SG members when they are available.

The Roundtable focused primarily on two topics:

1. Convening another joint stewardship group meeting (possible dates: Dec 2 and Dec 7). Meeting location is being planned for Newport. The Hebo District Ranger and potential partners for a new stewardship group in that area will be invited to attend. If ASG members know potential stewardship participants in that area that should be invited, please pass that information along to Ross. It has been proposed that each stewardship group make a project presentation during the joint meeting (accompanying pictures would be helpful).
2. Wyden Project Priorities: Chuck Fisher was in attendance at the Roundtable meeting and provided an overview similar to the one he provided at the September 29 meeting of the ASG. Dan Segotta, also in attendance at the Roundtable meeting, provided information about funding: there is money available for all projects. The Canal Creek

Stream Habitat Enhancement project was placed at #7 in priority with the same conditions put in place that reflect the conditions set forth by the ASG. The Roundtable recommended funding the other 6 projects.

Dan Segotta reported that FS technical specialists were available to work with Canal Creek project applicants. If the concerns raised by the ASG and the Roundtable can be addressed, including emphasizing in-stream benefits, the project will be fully funded. (The partial funding available for the lowest priority FS retained receipt project, if dropped, would provide the “wobble room” to cover it.) If the Canal Creek project does not move forward, funding for 3 Wyden stewardship projects could be increased (Lincoln SWCD’s and 2 SSG projects). By November’s meeting of the ASG, we will have the results of the technical team’s analysis of the Canal Creek project and will know if that project is moving forward.

Other Business

Status of the Lincoln County Restoration Planting Project

With Doug Shaller’s passing, Dan Segotta has been in contact with Lincoln County Public Works and reports that Lincoln County remains committed to moving forward with the project. There was discussion about the possibility of Lincoln SWCD providing technical support for the project or taking the lead on the project if the County needs their assistance to implement the project. The consensus of the group was that such assistance should be offered, but that it will be up to Lincoln County as to how best to implement the project.

Future meeting dates and agenda items

November 15	6 – 8 pm	Alsea Library Agenda to include discussion of project presentation ideas for the joint meeting in December, and a discussion on use of the new outreach funds.
December 2	midday	Joint meeting of the stewardship groups in Newport (time and location to be announced).
January 24	3 – 5 pm	Waldport (Central Coast Ranger Station) Agenda may include presentation of MCWC outreach by Karen Fleck-Harding and Steve Trask in Upper Yaquina

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm