

**Siuslaw Stewardship Group  
Meeting Notes  
February 3, 2011**

Attendees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Ross Holloway	Facilitator	Pam Gardner	SNF
Seth Mead	SWCD	Dan Segotta	SNF
Liz Vollmer-Buhl	SWC	Chandra LeGue	Oregon Wild
Johnny Sundstrom	Siuslaw Institute	David Eisler	SWC

The meeting began at 1:05 PM.

**Review Notes and Agenda**

The participants reviewed the January, 2011 meeting notes and offered one spelling correction to the name of Jay Bozievich, Lane County Commissioner. Notes were approved with that correction.

**Current Process/Project Updates - FS**

Hebo Stewardship Group – Dan reported that the initial meeting of the Hebo Stewardship Group is scheduled for February 9, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Beaver Fire Hall in Beaver, Oregon.

Members of other stewardship groups are encouraged to attend and share their experience with forming their groups.

Multiparty Monitoring Project – Dan reported on a meeting with IRM to finalize monitoring contract details for the coming year. They have decided to drop the field trips to cut costs. The number of plots will be increase from 31 to 45. Ideas for making the Access database interactive for users have turned out to be too expensive to do at this time. IRM will be constructing some standards reports that can be downloaded as pdf files. There will also be an effort to identify any specific reports that would be useful for supporting reauthorization efforts. There was agreement in the group that Siuslaw NF monitoring should strongly influence any templates that are developed for collecting stewardship accomplishment data more broadly.

Current Cycle Project Approval – There is one project for which Regional Office questions are still being resolved. It involves the use of stewardship funds for landowner contact, and whether this is an implementation or pre-implementation item. Region seems to have agreed that at the project level, landowner contact is a legitimate implementation cost.

Updated Region 6 Stewardship Contracting Handbook – All of the updates appear to apply only to service contracts, and mostly involve eastside forest's projects.

**Process/Project Updates - Others**

SWC Riparian Restoration Project – Liz reported that plant distribution is scheduled for Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

SWCD Newsletter – Seth provide a handout of an insert on stewardship that is to be included in the next SWCD newsletter.

Forest Certification – Johnny reported that there are renewed discussions about the possibility of seeking FSC certification for federal forest lands. There was a pilot project on the Mt. Hood NF several years ago, but no one is aware of what happened with that. Johnny also reported that there are communities in Montana that are acquiring forest land from divested timber company

holdings and creating community forests. Ross indicated that the same thing is occurring in Central Oregon, with several parcels potentially going into ownership by various community groups.

PAYCO – Project applications are due on February 25.

### **Five Mile-Bell Communication Plan**

Seth did not receive any comments on the draft circulated at the last meeting. During the discussion, it was pointed out that the project area is actually within the Umpqua SWCD area. The group agreed that Umpqua SWCD should be contacted for their involvement. This prompted a discussion of the Smith River Watershed Council and whether it was time to invite them into the SSG. Liz agreed to invite their coordinator to a future SSG meeting.

### **Stewardship Contracting Reauthorization Discussion**

No new information on organizing a lobbying effort. Ross agreed to make Cass Moseley and Nick Goulette aware of SSG's interest in helping define any data collection templates for stewardship accomplishment information. Also, it was pointed out that Tim Dabney (USFS – WO) may be able to provide information on what forests are using stewardship authority. Johnny would like to start compiling a list of forest and contacts to collect information to support reauthorization efforts.

### **10-year Celebration of SSG formation**

Planning discussion began for an event to take place this summer. The group discussed several ideas, and concluded that the focus should be some sort of barbeque/picnic, perhaps combined with a short field trip to a past project site. Dave Eisler agreed to hosting the picnic on his property. Ross will visit with Jackie about the availability of outreach funds to pay for part of the food for a barbeque. Tentatively settled on the July-August period for scheduling this event.

### **Contacts with County Commissioners**

The group discussed two possible forums for inviting the new County Commissioners out to see the work of the group. One possibility is the summer field trip, and the other is the 10-year celebration event. Dates for both will be set in the next month or two. Chandra suggested a pre-meeting with Commissioners to brief them on our work. Liz is coordinating an effort for SWC staff to meet with the new Commissioners, and prepare for a follow up briefing by members of SSG. Once a potential date for such a briefing becomes clear, Ross will communicate with group members to identify 2 or 3 individuals who could attend and provide a briefing. All agreed that Dan's State of the Forest slide show would be an excellent tool for this briefing.

### **Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

- March 3 – regular monthly meeting. Agenda items to include...
  - Eugene BLM update (subject to Rich Kelly's availability)
  - Continue discussion of plans for the 10-year celebration
  - Potential topics for Spring Roundtable
  - Update on timber sale activity
  
- April 7 – regular monthly meeting.
  
- May 5 – regular monthly meeting.

Good of the Order – Johnny reported that in September the Siuslaw Institute, Siuslaw Watershed Council and the Wild Salmon Center will be hosting a group visiting from Russia. These will be people interested in watershed councils, which are now being formed in Russia.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.