

**ALSEA STEWARDSHIP GROUP
MEETING NOTES
April 18, 2011 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Fall Creek Hatchery**

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Ross Holloway	Facilitator	Jackie Nichols	CPRCD
Ray Hughey	RMEF	Mike Kennedy	Siletz Tribe
Elmer Ostling	AWC	Tom Davis	AWC
Colin Crook	USFS	Vicky Mugnai	USFS
Linda Johnston	AWC		

Welcome and Introductions

Review Notes and Agenda

Notes of the March 21 accepted as submitted after a discussion that clarified FS personnel changes discussed last month.

CPRC&D and Hebo SG updates added to agenda.

Follow-up discussion to last month's presentation by Katie Arhangelsky with Oregon Parks and Recreation (who attended at ASG's invitation): Can Wyden dollars be used to fund a project submitted by OPRD for the Beaver Creek area? While it is permissible and not a legal issue, whether or not to fund such a project would be a policy choice made by ASG.

Project/Agency Updates

Forest Service, Colin Crook (two handouts: *Draft "No Effects" Buffer Widths* and *FY11 Stewardship Available Receipts through March*)

Personnel updates

- Russ Volke, Central Coast Ranger District Silviculturalist is retiring at the end of April.
- Melissa Shelley, Wildlife Biologist, accepted a promotion to the Wallowa-Whitman NF.
- Viva Worthington and Jerry Ingersoll selected the candidate who will detail into Viva's Deputy District Ranger position. Christy Cheyne accepted the 120-day temporary promotion. Her report date is May 9. Christy is a wildlife biologist for the Klamath NF. She will likely attend ASG's May 16 meeting.

Stewardship sales

- Bridge Thin (Mary's Peak area) is poised to go - cruising completed; road package almost done; sale is expected to be advertised in July.
- Kuskie Thin (Fall Creek area): the next potential stewardship sale. Anticipating approximately 4.3 MMBF (short log scale) on 328 acres. Logging layout underway. Waiting

for “no effects” outcome. Buffer width proposal as indicated on the *Buffer Widths* handout will be used for the “no effects” call. Target date to advertise the sale is July.

- Current Stewardship Sales Operating: N Beaver, Jeep, Buck, Early School and Skinner Thins. Discussion about the life of a sale: large sales can last 6, 7 or 10 years (maximum is 10 years). MRCTA (Market Related Contract Term Adjustment) compensates for a depressed market and can extend a sale.
- Follow-up discussion: timber must be felled away from waterways. As discussed last month, the Forest’s goal for stewardship sales is to move the percentage up to 50% of the timber sales, which will likely result in an increase in retained receipts.

Buffer Widths-No Effects Comparisons

Handout shows SNF’s resource specialists recommended “no-effects” riparian buffer widths, NOAA suggested widths and the final SNF proposal approved by Jerry Ingersoll after discussion with specialists. Buffer widths for perennial, non-Coho streams (e.g., cutthroat trout) are included.

Retained Receipts

Handout provides approximate receipts for the 13 stewardship sales (from beginning of the fiscal year to the end of March). Total receipts to date: \$288,000. We should see approximately \$400,000 in retained receipts this year. SNF working around wildlife restrictions for future sales; SNF currently logging where there are no wildlife impact concerns.

Cascade Pacific RC&D, Jackie Nichols

- Paul Thomas is working on the grants and agreements paperwork for the 2011 awards. After review by the Regional Office, budget changes were made to three proposals.
- Jackie is working with Matt Mellenthin of IRM to make the Multi-Party Monitoring report easier to understand by the layperson. Matt is also developing a step-by-step guide to assist with navigating the database.
- Jackie submitted a proposal to the National Forest Foundation to provide funding to support the Hebo SG. While not funded this go-around, Jackie will make suggested improvements and resubmit proposal. Funding would provide for a facilitator and outreach for Hebo’s new stewardship group.
- FY11 federal budget: this is the first year that RC&D will not be funded and as a result, there will be more grant-writing in CPRC&D’s future.
- This year’s project application process will begin June 1 and applications will be due September 1. With increased retained receipts, there will be approximately \$170K to \$180K available for Wyden projects.

Hebo Stewardship Group, Mike Kennedy

- The third meeting was held last week.
- Group reviewed the charter and the meeting ground rules.
- The mapped SG area boundary will probably comprise the Hebo Ranger District and all watersheds that flow into or out of it.
- Charter and map boundaries to be adopted at next month’s meeting (May 5).

NOAA Field Tour Update, Ross Holloway

- Small group field trip is under discussion with NOAA Portland staff (Paul Engelmeyer leading discussions).
- Participants to be announced; NOAA is interested.
- Ross to follow up with Paul Engelmeyer, and will keep group informed as plans are solidified.

April 27 Roundtable Input (handout: *Coast Range Stewardship Fund Timeline* (draft))

Meeting scheduled for April 27 at the Supervisors Office in Corvallis.

Chandra LeGue and Mike Kennedy will represent the ASG; others are certainly welcome to attend.

Agenda items:

- project proposal review
 - improvements to application materials and information
 - improvements to the technical review process and the application review process
- multi-party monitoring update
- update on stewardship contracting re-authorization
- discuss joint group meeting: looking at November rather than December
- suggested topic by ASG: standards for bidders/sub-contractors – group concluded that while this may be a topic of interest for the future, it is not relevant to the Roundtable's purpose.

Summer Field Trip

More discussion about taking a look at the Cataract Thin research project in N. Fork Siuslaw (would provide an opportunity to look at prescription diversity). Date to be firmed up next month.

Other Business

Brief discussion about the large wood placement in Canal Creek. Many of the trees were hazards or blowdowns along key FS roads.

Announcements

Coast Range Climate Change Workshop

Date May 16 (same day as next ASG meeting)

Time 9:30 to 4:00

Location Yachats Commons

Lunch provided by the Angell Job Corps Culinary Arts program (\$4.00)

Accelerating Structural Complexity to Develop Ecologically Diverse Douglas Fir Forests - Workshop

Host Western Forestry and Conservation Association

Date May 26

Location Holiday Inn Airport - Portland
Registration \$195 before May 18 \$245 after May 18
<http://www.westernforestry.org/Conferences/AcceleratingStructuralComplexity.html>

Siuslaw Stewardship Group 10-year Celebration

Date August 17
Time 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.
Location Dave Eisler's property, Walton, OR
May consider scheduling ASG summer field trip to coincide with this event

Future meeting dates and agenda items

There was some interest in keeping to the 3:00 to 5:00 schedule throughout the year. Ross polled members who have had difficulty making it to afternoon meetings, and it seems that keeping with the current schedule of moving to evening meetings in the spring-summer period will better accommodate everyone's schedules.

Suggested agenda item for a future meeting: impacts of special forest product harvesting.

May 16	6 – 8 pm	Waldport (Central Coast Ranger Station) Roundtable update & presentation by Jean Buckner and Jim Trappe
June 20	6 – 8 pm	Alsea Public Library

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm