

**Siuslaw Stewardship Group  
Meeting Notes  
May 5, 2011**

Attendees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Jane Brass Barth	Facilitator	Colin Crook	SNF
Seth Mead	SWCD	Mike Kennedy	Siletz Tribe
Liz Vollmer-Buhl	SWC	David Eisler	SWC
Johnny Sundstrom	Siuslaw Institute		

The meeting began at 1:00 PM.

**Review Notes and Agenda**

The participants approved the April 2011 meeting notes with two minor clarifications.

**Current Process/Project Updates**

Forest Service, Colin Crook

*Personnel updates*

- Russ Volke, Central Coast Ranger District Silviculturalist retired at the end of April.
- Melissa Shelley, Wildlife Biologist, accepted a promotion and has moved 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.

*Stewardship*

- There is a lot of stewardship thinning activity for the time of year and the FS anticipates a busy Summer. Colin will get an update on retained receipts for the SGs by end of June.
- Colin has a request from Robert Olvarado in the Regional Office for information on OWEB's contribution to stewardship projects. Jackie Nichols is getting information together on what OWEB's participation was in specific projects funded to date. Seth and Liz indicated they could help with information, if needed.

Other

*SWCD* – Johnny shared that he brought up the floodplain issue with Lane County at the Roundtable. Jeff Uebel, FS, and Seth will discuss this issue and report back to the group at a future meeting.

*Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation* – The group shared briefly on if/how the RMEF participates in stewardship. Comments shared were that the RMEF tends to participate on the east side.

**Eugene BLM Update**

Mark Stephen did not attend the meeting. The group will continue to invite him to their meetings. In the absence of a special presentation by Mr. Stephan, the group chose to discuss a proactive approach with BLM. Ideas shared were:

- Push BLM to use the Stewardship Authority to create retained receipts when they do stewardship contracts.
- Get BLM to ask the SSG for input into its stewardship planning and sales as the FS does.
- Urge the BLM to increase its use of the Stewardship Authority.
- Approach the BLM on multiple fronts:
  - Individual groups keep in contact with relevant staff in the 3 districts (Eugene, Salem and Tillamook). Reaffirm invitation to participate in SG meetings information-sharing and discussions.
  - Ask again to have BLM staff on Technical Review Team for Coast Range Fund.
  - Johnny and Mike communicate with BLM via the PAC.
  - Eventually have all 4 SGs send a letter to the Regional BLM office.
  - Improve communication between FS and BLM on stewardship.

### **April 27 Roundtable Meeting Highlights**

Johnny, Mike, Dave and Colin all had participated in the meeting. They shared the following highlights. Full Roundtable meeting notes will be circulated in the near future.

- There is estimated to be between \$115-160,000 for Wyden Projects in the upcoming cycle.
- The SSG may need to move its October meeting to fit between the Tech Team's evaluation and the Roundtable meeting. The group can decide that closer to the time.
- Reaffirmed Hebo Stewardship Group participation in the funding cycle. There will now be 4 guaranteed top priority projects, assuming sufficient funding.
- Jackie is revising the application form and looking for input, in particular from past applicants. Please send her input by May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The need for a united approach from all 4 SGs on Stewardship Authority reauthorization is about a year out. The RVCC has just completed a collection of stewardship success story vignettes, one of which is the SSG. Johnny will get these to Ross and Jane to distribute to all SG participants.

The group decided to write a letter to the Tillamook SWCD to encourage its participation in the new Hebo group. The letter will express the benefits the Siuslaw SWCD gains from its participation in the SSG. Seth will take the lead on drafting the letter.

### **Planning for a 10-year Celebration**

Planning discussions continued for an event to take place on August 17<sup>th</sup>:

- *Basic logistics:* Liz suggested the event go from 3:00 to 7:30 P.M instead of the original plan to 7:00pm in order to allow people more time after their work day. Group agreed to this change.
- *Invitations:* All SSG members are asked to bring their annual meeting lists, volunteer lists, etc. to the June SSG meeting to generate an invitation list. SWC and SWCD will take the lead on getting invitations out, making follow-up calls and getting RSVPs by mid-July. The group also would like to have stewardship sale purchasers and contractors come to the celebration. The group made an official request as follows:
  - The SSG requests, as part of a 10-year historical analysis, that the SNF provide it with a list of purchasers and their contractors, FS employees and others who have been involved in stewardship contracting over the past 10 years.

- *Food:* The SWC has some funds for food as this event. The SWCD may have about \$300 to contribute from its outreach dollars that were not spent on a Dunes City effort. Seth will check on this. The group asked Ross to find out if there are any additional outreach dollars available through CPRCD for food at this celebration. The group would like Ross to pull the overall food budget together.
- *Program:* Johnny will take the lead of planning the program with SSG input. At the June meeting the group will discuss timing and what elements they want in a program (e.g., education, historical reminiscing, entertainment, displays). Johnny also will check with Dan as to when FS staff will be able to attend the gathering.
- *Transportation:* Dave Eisler will check with the FS about carpooling from Mapleton. Ross can provide information on connections to the proposed ASG field trip that same day.

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

- June 2 – regular monthly meeting
  - Continue planning for the 10-year celebration (invitation list and program):  
**Everyone bring their invitation lists.**
  - Ask Dan Segotta for a North Fork NEPA update and a strategic discussion of long-term stewardship contracting on the SNF given the 20-year supply needs of biomass facilities. This relates to Stewardship Reauthorization terms.
  - Start discussion for a Fall field trip
  - Eugene BLM update (Mark Stephen)
- Fall Field Trip

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.