

Coast Range Roundtable
Meeting Notes
April 27, 2011, 10:00am – 12:30pm
Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor's Office
4077 S.W. Research Way, Corvallis, Oregon

Meeting Participants

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| Johnny Sundstrom, SSG | Michael Reichenberg, HSG and FS |
| Dave Eisler, SSG | Colin Crook, FS |
| Mike Totey, MPSG | Jeff Uebel, FS |
| Ken McCall, MPSG | Jackie Nichols, Cascade Pacific RC&D |
| Chandra LeGue, ASG | Ross Holloway, ASG/SSG Facilitator |
| Mike Kennedy, ASG | Jane Brass Barth, MPSG/HSG Facilitator |

1. Joint Stewardship Group Meeting Debrief

Ross reminded the group of the meeting held in Newport in December 2010. The joint meeting essentially has replaced the Winter Roundtable meeting. With everyone's agreement, the Coast Range Roundtable policy was revised to this effect.

The group agreed to hold the Fall 2011 Joint meeting in early November rather than December to make it easier for some people to participate and to fit better with the multi-party monitoring report schedule. Presenting the report in November will allow the contractor to get input into its draft report with more time to make revisions for the final report.

Suggested agenda items for the 2011 meeting are:

- Multi-party monitoring draft report presentation
- Success stories from each SG as was done this past year
- Proposal cycle review, in particular hear from the HSG how it worked for them this first time around
- Workshop on how to plan stewardship projects to create sustainable jobs and to involve community resources – Jackie has proposed doing these types of workshops in the NFF grant proposal she recently submitted. Potential partners are OEDD and USDA Rural Development. Johnny shared that the workshops he and Marcus did on “right-sizing” contracts to fit small villages in Alaska would be relevant. He could bring in examples of how stewardship contracting can build community capacity.

2. Coast Range Stewardship Fund

Update on potential fund size this cycle – Colin distributed a handout prepared by Dan Segotta which showed open stewardship sales and the retained receipts generated off them so far this fiscal year (\$288,000). The FS expects the total to be greater, perhaps as much as \$400,000, by the end of the year. This would mean \$160,000 for

Wyden projects. The Roundtable asked Colin to add a column to the handout showing what stewardship area each sale was in. The purpose was to help the groups understand geographic location of sales, not to look at which area was generating how much. Colin also said that Dan would tighten up the dollar estimates by end of June. Jackie added that CPRCD is looking for any remaining funds in the current 5-year agreement that have not been shifted to projects. Any such funds could be added to the upcoming cycle. These funds are for Wyden projects, not for outreach.

Affirm inclusion of new Hebo Stewardship Group (HSG) – All agreed that the HSG would be an equal participant in the Fund going forward. The HSG anticipates having project proposals to submit this year. The Roundtable policy document was revised to indicate 4 groups now exist on the SNF.

Timeline for 2011 Cycle – Jackie distributed a handout with the revised timeline. Only changes from last year were specific dates/weeks for Fall SG, Technical Team and Roundtable meetings. HSG will be added wherever the other 3 SGs are listed.

Improvements to the Process- Jackie spoke with Chuck Fisher, Tech Team lead, for his input. He will try to have members from more disciplines next year. His goal is to provide applicants with more comments, rather than just numbers. He thinks the point system makes the review seem more comparative, when the purpose is to let each applicant know how sound its proposal is and what needs to be improved to receive support.

During this discussion, Johnny shared that the Siuslaw SWCD has received a new demand from Lane County for a certified engineering report to get a riparian permit for its stewardship project funded last round. This is a new requirement and expense that was not anticipated or included in the project budget. The Roundtable discussed ideas to address this issue not only to help in this specific case, but in anticipation of it affecting other projects in the future. One idea was to include an engineer on the Tech Team and see if that could meet the county's demands. Chandra has a contact at Lane County, John Moriarity, who might be of help. Jeff Uebel will talk with Seth Mead to help problem solve for the current project.

Improvements to the Application Form- As in past years, Jackie is considering how to make the application form more user friendly. She will be adding questions to fit terrestrial and invasive species projects as the current form, adapted from OWEB's form, emphasizes aquatic projects. She also is looking at how to simplify and condense it as well as to make sure all questions are clear. She plans to have FS staff review the application form before finalizing it. Johnny suggested that past applicants could be the best sources of input. Jane and Ross will make sure all SG members, in particular, past applicants, know how to give Jackie their input by mid May. Mike Totey asked if there was any standard application form used nationally, but the answer was No.

3. Stewardship Reauthorization in 2013 Discussion/Action Items

In the immediate term, the SNF SGs do not need to take a concerted action. The Rural Voice for Conservation Coalition (RVCC) is developing outreach documentation. They are gathering vignettes nationwide to highlight unique aspects of different stewardship groups. The SSG is included for its use of Wyden Authority. The goal is to have the document available by the end of May for Western Week in Washington DC. The political thrust is to connect with members of Congress who have stewardship projects in their districts. The document will be available to our SGs for outreach. It also may help us get more connected with other groups nationwide.

A year from now, the SGs should be ready to share their story with good data in a joint letter to our Congressional folks. This letter to the OR delegation should tell how stewardship works, why it is great, the history of our success, and that we want to keep it going. It is important for us to translate the multi-party monitoring data into a format that can be an education and outreach tool in time for reauthorization hearing. Chandra will connect with IRM about its report format and Johnny will connect IRM with Shiloh Sundstrom at U of O for ideas, too. During reauthorization, Johnny would like to push for planning and design projects to be allowable again, project-level monitoring to be an allowable cost as it was in the pilot, and project approval at the Forest Supervisor's level.

4. 10-Year SSG Celebration

The SSG is planning a celebration on August 17th at Dave Eisler's property. All 4 groups are invited to attend. The SSG will get more information out as plans come together. The ASG is considering having their summer field trip to Cataract Thin that day. The FS has agreed to provide transportation to and from Mapleton and Corvallis for people attending the celebration. The group discussed who to invite from the FS Regional Office. They also discussed the need for a "press release" or similar document that can be used to advertise and promote the event among interested stakeholders. This will be discussed with SSG members.

5. General Sharing

Jackie reported that CPRCD and the SNF are working out a new 5-year agreement. Projects funded last Fall will go under this new agreement. Jackie assured the group that CPRCD still has capacity to coordinate stewardship despite loss of its federal funding. It does the stewardship work through contract funds.

Ross shared that the ASG will have a special presentation on forest truffle ecology and management at its May 16 meeting. He will circulate the details and invitation to the other SGs.

Jeff shared that the FS is convening a workshop on Global Climate Change on May 16th from 9am -4pm in the Yachats Commons. The workshop is targeted at FS staff but is open to the public. Jane and Ross will get the registration information out to all groups.

Jeff reported that Paul Engelmeyer had a meeting with NOAA staff in Portland and is drafting a field trip agenda to look at riparian protection issues on the Siuslaw National Forest. It is not known yet whether SG members will be invited to participate.

Chandra and Ross shared information on the “Collaborative Sensing” meeting that is being held in Ashland next week. Stewardship group members from northern California and southern Oregon are gathering to share experiences and identify successful approaches to collaboration. Chandra will be attending to represent Siuslaw National Forest stewardship groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.