

## Hebo Stewardship Group Meeting

June 9th, 2011

SDCWC Office, Lincoln City

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Catherine Pruett	SDCWC	Ron Hudson	Hebo Ranger District
Dave Martin	Westwind Stewardship Group	Paul Robertson	Devils Lake Water Improvement District
Luke Gmazel	City of Lincoln City	Brett Sommermeyer	ConBio Consulting LLP
Paul Katen	SDCWC	Anne Walker	USFWS
Guy Holzworth	NNWC	Mike Kennedy	Siletz Tribe
David Skelton	Hebo RD	Michael Reichenberg	Hebo Ranger District
		Jane Barth	Facilitator

Jane Barth reviewed the agenda. The main objective for the meeting is to share potential stewardship project ideas for the upcoming Coast Range Stewardship fund cycle. All projects need to be supported by a stewardship group to receive funding.

Jane reviewed draft meeting notes from last month and asked if there were any suggested changes. Meeting notes were accepted by consensus.

### Documents to Formalize Group

Michael reported that the Stewardship agreement has been approved by the Regional Office and are now just awaiting final signatures.

### FS Updates

Michael shared that the Salmon/Neskowin Restoration Project selected Alternative 2 modified. This decision was signed by FS supervisor 6/9/2011. There is a 30 day appeal period. The project includes 5 sales to thin approximately 1600 acres. This would produce about 19 million board feet for an estimated value of \$570,000. The first sale is Minsky, which is likely to be sold as a standard sale. Morton could be a stewardship sale. The project also includes 6 miles of road decommissioning, 13 miles of road being put into "storage," and fixing 24 problem culverts. Will start generating revenue from sales in FY12.; earning retained receipts from these sales may take 1-5yrs.

Jane shared that the National Forest Foundation had approved Jackie Nichols' resubmitted proposal. The \$15,000 will be used to provide Hebo Stewardship group facilitation and outreach support.. The group can decide how to best use the outreach money. The other stewardship groups have used their funds to do field trips, hold public forums, publish brochures, conduct landowner outreach, etc.. Jackie is in the process of finalizing the agreement with NFF and will provide the group with more information at a future meeting.

## Coast Range Stewardship Fund Potential Projects

1. Bear Creek Large Woody Debris Placement Proposal – Catherine, SDCWC
  - A Tributary to Salmon River, Steve Trask completed 2009 Limiting Factors Analysis.
  - Primary impediment in Bear Cr was lack of pool habitat & decline in beaver, past logging practices, etc.
  - Bear Creek is a Coho bearing stream, improves instream habitat, benefits NFS lands.
  - Project components: add large woody debris, encourage floodplain interaction, increase spawning gravels, etc.
  - One similar project was completed in 2009, cost approx \$25K. It is anticipated the remaining 2 reaches will cost similar.  
Need to determine land owners at specific reaches, and receive landowner permission.
  - Source trees. Pixieland Restoration area has approximately 800-1000 spruce trees. Invasive plant control may limit the use of this source location.
  - OWEB is possible match since funded other project. Logs also a potential match.
  - **The group supported SDCWC moving forward on a proposal for this project.**
  
2. Meadow Enhancement on Mt. Hebo for Silver-spot butterfly – Anne Walker, USFWS
  - Hebo population is the source for 3 of 5 populations on the Oregon coast and is a source for Oregon zoos. The Hebo silver-spot butterfly population is the only stable population.
  - Project components: Tree encroachment removal to maintain meadows. Enhance meadows with native wildflowers
  - **The group supported the project. However, since the project site is owned by the FS, the project would not be a Wyden Authority project.** Michael will find out how the project might be funded with the FS's 60% of retained receipts and report back to the group.
  
3. Multiple NNWC Project (see handout) – Guy Holzworth
  - a) Farmer Cr culvert replacement and small dam removal, planned FY11, postponed until FY12.
    - Needs approx \$35K to remove approx 5ft dam across lower Farmer Creek.
    - USFS is replacing a culvert upstream of project area, and completing large woody debris (LWD) placement in 2011.
    - OWEB as matching source.
    - This project fits Wyden Authority and received group support for moving forward.
  
  - b) Niagara Cr LWD placement – possible match funding for Heli LWD placement; \$200k. It is possible to get stewardship funds to be a piece of such a large project. The City of Corvallis project would be a useful example for NNWC if it pursues this project.
  
  - c) Cedar Creek – BLM is working in the area; project would be riparian planting to follow BLM's LWD project. Need to determine land ownership to see if fits Wyden.

- d) East Beaver Creek Culvert – BLM is the property owner. Need to verify if retained receipts can be used for projects on federal land that is NOT owned by FS. The thought is that it is NOT allowed. Project would be to remove a culvert (\$250k) and replace a 60 ft. bridge (\$2.5m).
- e) East Beaver Creek restoration – remove road, repair road, place LWD, riparian planting. Road has been washed out, and the BLM is working on restoration plan.

#### Questions Emerging from Above Discussion

1. Can retained receipts be used for a project that benefits Federal lands other than USFS land? Michael will research.
2. Can Wyden Authority be used for work on BLM lands if there is a benefit to NFS lands? If not? Michael will research.
3. When we get to the point of ranking the projects, are the FS participants involved in the decision from the group?
  - FS technical team evaluates projects on technical soundness and gets its report to the SG in late September. Chuck Fisher, technical team lead, met with each group last year to go over the report, answer questions, and provide advice to applicants on how to address concerns raised by the tech team. Applicants have the opportunity to submit revisions to their original proposal at this stage.
  - Stewardship groups rank the projects deemed feasible by the tech team at their early October meetings and send the priorities to the mid October Roundtable meeting via their 2 reps. FS folks participate in the SG discussion, but do not vote.
4. What do we do next after proposing projects?
  - Individual organizations complete Coast Range Stewardship Fund applications. Proposals due by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Application is on the website. Discuss proposal further at HSG meetings if need additional input. Reach out to the group for advice on matching funds, landowner contact, technical design, etc. as needed.
  - It is important to make contact with appropriate FS personnel for help with technical design of projects. This communication will help the project make it through technical review in September. Please contact Michael rather than going to specialists directly so Michael can help make sure specialists have time to work with you.
5. At what meeting will the group determine when we move forward on projects?
  - Summer HSG meetings are when the group hears about project ideas, raises any “red flag” issues related to fit with Wyden Authority, and expresses support for applicants to move forward with proposals.
  - Multiple proposals can be submitted from each stewardship area. The number of proposals actually funded will be determined at the Roundtable, but each area is guaranteed one project being funded before any area has a second funded.

6. Any match requirement? A 25% match is encouraged but not required. In practice, Jackie will contact proposal writers who have less than 25% to help them come up with ways to increase it. The reason it is not “required” is to give high priority projects the ability to be funded even when match is difficult to acquire.

7. Can USFS trees be used as match?

- Michael will check on the policy. Past projects have used FS logs as match, but Jane recalls something about a policy change on that option.

## **Announcements**

- Future meeting dates and locations
  - 7/14 – Kiwanda Community Center, Pacific City
  - 8/18 – Lincoln City (week later than usual requested by Jane who is on vacation until August 16<sup>th</sup>)
  - 9/8 – Kiwanda Community Center, Pacific City
  - 10/6 – week earlier than usual to get priorities to Roundtable before it convenes the week of Oct 10.
- SDCWC 6/14 6:30pm, Presentation on Protecting Drinking Water at Driftwood Library
- June 18<sup>th</sup> the Westwinds is having a visitor day at the YMCA.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> NNWC presentation on salmon habitat conservation in Russia
- All invited to Siuslaw Stewardship Group 10-year Celebration in Mapleton area on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Jane will get details out as she receives them from the SSG.