

**Siuslaw Stewardship Group
Meeting Notes
June 2, 2011**

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Ross Holloway	Facilitator	Dan Segotta	SNF
Seth Mead	SWCD	Mike Kennedy	Siletz Tribe
Liz Vollmer-Buhl	SWC	David Eisler	SWC
Johnny Sundstrom	Siuslaw Institute	Chandra LeGue	Oregon Wild
Evan Pollitt	Oregon Wild		

The meeting began at 1:00 PM.

Review Notes and Agenda

The participants approved the May 5 2011 meeting notes with one spelling correction.

There was a discussion to clarify the context for the RMEF discussion recorded in the May notes. This was discussed in relation to the Five Mile-Bell project. The group was made aware of RMEF participation in the Alsea SG and in other projects. There was also a discussion of how best to encourage involvement from Eugene BLM. Chandra volunteered to draft a letter from the Group with a request for participation and a suggestion for a tour on Eugene BLM lands. This will be circulated for review prior to the next meeting.

Current Process/Project Updates

Forest Service, Dan Segotta

- Process is underway to fill the Silviculturalist position vacated by the retirement of Russ Volke.
- East Alsea EA decision has been signed and published. The 45-day appeal period commenced on May 27.
- Status of North Fork Siuslaw planning – Has been delayed to incorporate herbicide treatments. Also working on dead wood analysis of proposed units, and completing biological evaluations. Archeologist is also working on consultation with State Historic Preservation Office staff. Anticipate that a preliminary analysis will be out for a 30-day comment period in late-summer. Discussed coordination that will be needed for an outreach event.
- Longer term stewardship contracts – In response to a request from the May meeting, Dan reviewed the current contract length standards. Current maximum length is 10 years, although some longer contracts have been approved in other Regions. This evolved into a discussion on utilization and how much material it is desirable to leave on site, versus full utilization. Dan provided numbers for the average quantity of biomass that is being sold through timber sales and what is remaining on site. The bulk of what remains on site is either scattered back throughout the harvest unit, or used for erosion control. Johnny reminded the group that a 10-year contract entered into before the expiration of stewardship contracting authority will allow the use of retained receipts well beyond the expiration, should that come to pass. North Fork Siuslaw may provide a good opportunity for such a contract.

CPRC&D, Ross Holloway

- Reminder that the application period for projects is now open until September 1, with materials posted on CPRCD website. Johnny suggested that potential applicants be made aware that if they have a large project they should start sharing information soon.
- Jackie is reviewing all projects that have been administered under the current 5-year agreement between CPRCD and the Forest to identify any surplus funds that may be available. If there are surplus funds, one option is to increase existing project allocation by up to 10% if the additional work can be accomplished by Feb 29, 2012 (expiration date of current agreement). SWCD may be able to utilize additional funds within that timeframe. SWC may also have a project that can use extra funds. Ross agreed to talk to Jackie about sending out a notice to all stewardship groups about the availability of extra funds and the process for requesting them.
- The group also discussed surplus funds (~\$4000) from the Walker Creek culvert project that had been approved for design work prior to the change in policy. Dan indicated that these funds can not be moved to a project on Cleveland Creek. Dan did agree to contact Michael Daugherty in the Regional Office to see if there is a way to shift these funds to another stewardship project.
- Liz confirmed with the group that CPRCD will be making an additional \$750 available to SWC for outreach efforts under their existing agreement. Some of these funds will be allocated to helping support the 10-year celebration event.

Planning 10-year Celebration Event on August 17

- *Funding:* Ross reported that CPRCD has authorized him to expend up to \$200 through his existing facilitation contract. SWCD may have some surplus funds available from the \$750 in outreach funds previously allocated. SWC is also planning to allocate a portion of their additional \$750 to the event.
- *Transportation:* Dan will be making arrangements for van transportation from and back to Waldport, Corvallis and Mapleton.
- *Event Logistics:* Dave will be getting cost estimates for porta-potties that can accommodate ~100 attendees. Dave also volunteered to check with the fire department regarding tables and chairs. Dan can get a crew to do the pick-up and delivery once a source is finalized. Liz offered SWC's sound system for the event program.
- *Food:* Ross reported that he has reserved the date with the Angell Job Corp center to provide some of the food. Tentative plan is to have them prepare barbeque chicken and ribs and vegetarian baked beans. Liz reported that SWC has secured a donation of hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages and drinks from a local business. Dan agreed to track down a large barbeque owned by the Forest and arrange to have it delivered. Chandra and Liz will be looking into possible donors for a large cake. Ross will also talk to the Job Corp Center to see if they could provide a cake. Ross will also get a quantity of fresh corn, and Dan will bring a large cook pot and burner.
- *Invitations:* SWC will be handling the distribution of invitations and the receipt of RSVPs. Target date for invitation distribution is the last week of June. Ross will finish designing an invitation flyer and provide that to SWC. Group members will be providing SWC with names and addresses for those they want to include on the invite list.
- *Program:* Johnny will take the lead in planning the program with SSG input. More detailed program planning will take place at the next meeting on July 7.

Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

- Summer Field Trip – consider the possibility of BLM hosted field trip later in the summer or early fall (Chandra to include in letter to Eugene BLM)
- July 7 – regular monthly meeting
 - Continue planning for the 10-year celebration (develop program and update on other arrangements)
 - Initial presentations and discussions on anticipated project applications

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.