

**Siuslaw Stewardship Group  
Meeting Notes  
July 7, 2011**

Attendees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Ross Holloway	Facilitator	Dan Segotta	SNF
Seth Mead	SWCD	Ginger Cloutier	SWC
Liz Vollmer-Buhl	SWC	David Eisler	SWC
Johnny Sundstrom	Siuslaw Institute	Chandra LeGue	Oregon Wild

The meeting began at 1:05 PM.

**Review Notes and Agenda**

The participants approved the June 2, 2011 meeting notes with several minor corrections.

**Current Process/Project Updates**

Forest Service, Dan Segotta

- § Two Chiefs Award – This award is made annually by the Chiefs of the USFS and NRCS to recognize collaborative efforts to restore watersheds. Siuslaw National Forest Stewardship Groups have been selected to receive an award for 2010. Dan reviewed a list of organization and individuals who will receive recognition. FS Regional Forester and NRCS State Director will be attending the August 17 celebration event to present the awards.
- § Pam Gardner will returning to her District Ranger job in Waldport on July 28.

SWC, Liz Vollmer-Buhl

- § Reported on a meeting and forest tour with Lane County Commissioners that occurred on June 14. Focus was on federal forest lands in the County. Group visited BLM and Willamette National Forest lands. Liz had an opportunity to talk about the work of SWC and the Stewardship Group. Three of the five county commissioners attended the tour.

Joint Forestry Team, Johnny Sundstrom

- § Johnny will be attending a meeting with the Chiefs of USFS and NRCS on July 28. Topics to be discussed include the loss of RC&D funding, State Farm Bill support, the recent State assessments, and the rising need for technical assistance in the face of diminished capacity to provide it. How services can be delivered more efficiently will be a big issue in the next Farm Bill.
- § Also reported that the Ecosystem Workforce Program at UofO has just published two documents that address assessing the economic value of restoration projects. Ross recently forwarded an e-mail with links to these documents.

**Planning 10-year Celebration Event on August 17**

- § *Invitations:* Reviewed the invitation list compiled by SWC and made a number of suggestions for additions. Target date for distribution is the middle of next week (~July 8) Ross will make some final suggested edits to the flyer and send to SWC.

- § *Funding*: Dan reported that with the addition of the Two Chiefs Award recognition to the event, he will now be able to pay for some logistical support with FS funds.
- § *Food*: Ross reported the cost for barbeque chicken and ribs and vegetarian baked beans from the Job Corp center will be ~ \$2.50 per person. Tentative plan is to have them prepare enough food for 50, which should be adequate when combined with the donated food from Randy's Riverview Market. We can increase the amount if RSVPs warrant. Cake options were discussed. It was decided to get a sheet cake from Safeway that recognizes the ten years of stewardship, and a standard size cake from Sweet Life Bakery for the Two Chiefs Award. Dan agreed to provide potable water for the event with large water jugs.
- § *Transportation*: Dan has arranged for three 8-passenger vans to provide shuttles from Waldport and Corvallis, and from the SWC office in Mapleton. He will be making arrangements for van transportation from and back to Waldport, Corvallis and Mapleton.
- § *Event Logistics*: Dave reported that he has reserved one porta-potties. Group agreed that we should increase that to three, with one being disabled accessible. Dan will arrange for the FS to rent the porta-potties. Dan will also arrange to have FS rent 20 tables and chairs, and get a crew to do the pick-up and delivery. FS will also provide a sound system. Dave will construct a small stage. Chandra shared information on renting plates and utensils from Cascadia Wildlands, and agreed to make arrangements to supply enough for 100 people. Liz agreed to research options and costs for making a banner that can be displayed at the event and also used for other events in the future.
- § *Program*: Overall theme will be Ten Years of Successful Collaboration on the Siuslaw. Program elements will include: ~ 10 minutes on Siuslaw Watershed Council efforts; ~ 10 minutes on Stewardship by Johnny; Background information on accomplishments from Dan; Personal reflections from 3 or 4 people who have been involved over many years; and, presentation of the Two Chiefs Awards. Dan and Johnny will work with FS Regional Office staff to come up with a specific plan for presenting the Two Chiefs Awards.
- § *Media*: Chandra volunteered to create a press release for distribution to local media. She is also willing to set up a media tour for earlier in the day if there is interest. She will be coordinating with Joni Quarnstrom and will share a draft press release with the group.

### **Potential Project Applications for Next Funding Cycle**

- § SWC will be applying again for the riparian planting project. This year's project will include additional funds for release work. The total cost could be close to \$30,000.
- § SWCD is developing a project for instream work and riparian restoration on Grant Creek.

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

- August 4 – regular monthly meeting
  - Final planning for the 10-year celebration event
- Summer Field Trip – Group discussed some options for a summer field trip. They expressed no interest in touring the Seneca-Jones Biomass facility in Eugene. There is still interest in a BLM hosted field trip later in the summer or early fall if one develops from the letter recently sent to Eugene BLM.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.