

**Coast Range Roundtable
Meeting Notes
October 13, 2009 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor's Office
4077 S.W. Research Way, Corvallis, Oregon**

1. Introductions/Meeting Participants

Dave Eisler, SSG
Johnny Sundstrom, SSG
Mike Totey, MPSG
Amber Reese, MPSG
Joe Rohleder, ASG
Mike Kennedy, ASG
Paul Katen, HSG

Alex Sifford, HSG
Dan Segotta, FS – Central Coast RD
Michael Reichenberg, FS –Hebo RD
Chuck Fisher, FS
Ross Holloway, ASG/SSG Facilitator
Jane Brass Barth, MPSG/HSG Facilitator
Jackie Nichols, Cascade Pacific RC&D

2. Project Prioritization for Current Cycle

Ross reviewed the six Wyden project proposals listed in the “Coast Range Stewardship Fund “handout”. Dan and Jackie provided updated budget information, in particular a proposal to add a 2nd and possibly 3rd year to the Lincoln SWCD knotweed project. After discussion (see major points below), the group agreed on a recommendation to fund five of the projects as requested by applicants. The group also agreed to increase funding for the Lincoln SWCD Knotweed project to provide for 2nd and 3rd year treatments and also to add sites in North Lincoln County, which is in the Hebo stewardship area. This will increase the funding for this project from \$14,246 to \$38,724. The following projects were recommended by the group for funding:

- WY-A12-11 (ASG) – Peterson Creek Restoration
- WY-A12-12 (ASG) – Lincoln SWCD Knotweed Control
- WY-H12-01 (HSG) – Bear Creek Large Wood
- WY-M12-10 (MPSG) – Upper Greasy Creek Multi-Party Restoration
- WY-S12-11 (SSG) – Siuslaw SWCD Knotweed Control
- WY-S12-12 (SSG) – Siuslaw Riparian Restoration 2012-2013
- The total funding request for the six projects comes to \$246,400.

Discussion Points:

- Applicants for both the Peterson Creek and Upper Greasy Creek projects responded well to the issues identified by the Technical Review Team. Chuck believes all concerns were answered.
- The Bear Creek proposal is still being rewritten to address issues, in particular the outreach plan. The applicants’ response so far has satisfactorily addressed the design and cost questions. Jackie is working with Catherine Pruett, SDCWC, to get the necessary revisions done.

- “Drop dead date” for revisions to Jackie was set at October 19th so that she can get them to the SNF Board of Directors at least one week before its meeting.
- To add the remaining \$2300 to the Lincoln SWCD, Josh will need to add a map to show a couple of sites in North Lincoln County. Jackie will confirm this change with Josh. Given the extent of knotweed in the Coast Range, Wyden eligible sites will be easy to identify.
- The HSG will work on getting a knotweed proposal pulled together for next year’s funding cycle.
- Joe suggested that the Roundtable have a policy of funding knotweed projects for up to 3 years. The group also supported adding funds to knotweed projects from applicants with a track record of success when there are funds remaining on the table.
- Dan advised flexibility in knotweed proposals to allow funds to be spent on the same site multiple years and also on new sites that come on line when new landowners decide to allow treatment.
- The group is interested in convening knotweed treatment folks to get an idea of future projects across the stewardship areas. This can help conceptualize funding such projects moving forward. Joe, Ross and Jane will work on this.

Forest Service Stewardship Projects: Dan Segotta provided a handout and reviewed the ten FS retained receipt projects proposed for the coming year. The requests currently total ~\$374,000, which exceeds the \$360,000 estimated to be available. Several projects are scalable, and will be reduced to balance the numbers. Dan indicated that these projects have already been endorsed by the individual Groups for their respective project areas. In response to a question about where the non-stewardship portion of the funding comes from for these projects, Dan explained that there were a variety of other funding sources, including FS KV funds, RAC funds, OWEB funds, and USFWS funds.

The group then discussed the approach to take in the future if the situation arises where the amount requested for each Group’s #1 priority project exceeds the available retained receipts. Individual Groups are encouraged to discuss this at their meetings between now and the Spring Roundtable meeting in May. Ideas suggested included:

- Use of a pre-approval letter to better assess the level of requests that might be submitted, so anticipated limits can be communicated to applicants.
- Limit project requests to ¼ of the anticipated retained receipts.

3. Joint Stewardship Group Meeting Discussion

The group agreed to proceed with scheduling the Joint Meeting for December 6, in the Newport area, with a location to be determined. Locations to be considered include the Meeting Yurt at Beverly Beach State Park and the meeting room at the Community College. The group expressed a preference for using the Angell Job

Corp center to provide lunch. Jackie indicated that CPRCD would be able to take care of the facility and food costs for the meeting.

The group identified the following topics for the joint meeting agenda:

- (12:00 – 1:00) Show and Tell - Presentations on a key project/planning effort from each group. The idea is to highlight the range of work that stewardship groups do.
- (1:00 – 2:45) Results of Stewardship - Presentation by Siuslaw Institute on local economies (30 minutes), a final monitoring project report by IRM (30 minutes), and related discussion followed by a break.
- (2:45 – 3:00) Debrief 2011 Funding Cycle Process - Review of ideas gathered for improvements to the project application and technical review process. Identify volunteers to work with CPRCD on revisions. (Ross will collect ideas from group members before the joint meeting)
- (3:00 - 4:00) Other Topics
 - Working with the Media (potential presenters: Chandra LeGue, Joni Quarnstrom)
 - Information on reauthorization of stewardship program authority by Congress (Johnny)

To Do list:

- Secure location – Joe will get Jane contact information for the yurt and OCCC.
- Secure caterer – Ross will contact Angell Job Corps
- Agenda – Jane and Ross will work on the Media section

4. Budget for Outreach Funds

The group discussed the use of “Non-Wyden” funds that are provided to CPRCD by the FS. These funds are used to pay for necessary activities that cannot be funded with retained receipts. Such activities include group facilitation, monitoring, and outreach activities, including special events and joint meetings. The current annual cost for these activities is as follows:

- Monitoring - \$27,000-\$30,000. Need to add pre-harvest photo points and stand exams for the new sale in Hebo District.
- Facilitation - \$36,000
- Individual Group Outreach Efforts - \$6,000 – distributed via contracts with specific members of the groups
- Special Event and Meeting Costs - \$1,500- retained by CPRCD to cover costs like joint meeting lunch and room rental.

The group discussed the need to re-visit any additional allocations at future Roundtable meetings. In addition, the Siuslaw Institute (Johnny) is going to be developing a proposal for a booklet based on the award-winning 10 years of Stewardship Contracting (SC). During the Pilot stage of SC, 2 booklets were produced and distributed in successive years to gain support and explain both the process and the accomplishments of the work

being done in the Siuslaw through SC. This is not the same as a monitoring report, but will complement its content and be useful for all partners involved in SC to use in their outreach and education about this authority and how well it's been used here on the Siuslaw.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.