

**Marys Peak Stewardship Group
Meeting Notes
November 17th, 2011**

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Amber Reese	City of Corvallis	Karen Fleck-Harding	MRWC
Mike Totey	ODF	Frank Davis	SNF
Heath Keirstead	Benton SWCD	Viva Worthington	SNF
Steve Trask	Bio-Surveys	Kraig Kidwell	SNF
Diana Blakney	Private landowner	Art Sleight	Private landowner
Jackie Nichols	CPRCD	Betty Sleight	Private Landowner
Jane Brass Barth	Facilitator		

Meeting began at 6:00 PM. October notes were approved by consensus.

Coast Range Stewardship Fund Update

Roundtable Report

Notes from October Roundtable meeting were reviewed. Mike Totey and Amber Reese shared their impressions from the Fall Roundtable to supplement the meeting notes. Some specific comments/discussion were:

- The Hebo participants are full members of the group, no longer “new folks at the table.”
- Good discussion supporting repetitive treatment projects.
- Some interest in a pre-approval/query letter step to the application process. The purpose would be information sharing, for example to let applicants know the estimated amount of funds available and recommended size of grant request.
- This year a couple of proposed projects were large with stewardship funds covering a small piece. The FS wanted to know what it was “buying” out of the entire project. Both applicants were able to answer the FS questions. In future years, the query letter step could help give clarity earlier.
- Outreach funds are again available in the amount of \$1500/group. This will be a topic for the Joint meeting to help clarify the variety of ways these funds can be used. Jackie is ready to get outreach contracts done.
- Frank Davis explained that two road projects were pulled from the Forest Service’s project list to make \$200,000 available for the Rock Creek bridge replacement project. The FS intends to ask for an additional \$100,000 for the bridge next year. They need another \$150,000 and hope to get that from the sale of timber. The bridge design was paid for with PAYCO funds and is expected to be done this Winter.

Next steps in process

Jackie Nichols reported that all of the projects have been approved by the Board of Directors and sent to the Regional Office. This is approximately 5 weeks ahead of past years. She also explained there were funds remaining in the current 5-year agreement.

Those funds must be expended by end of June 2012. She encouraged anyone working on an existing stewardship project to contact her with potential on-the-ground activities such as plant release. She can allocate up to 10% more to those projects.

Invasives Committee Report and Discussion

The invasives subcommittee met on October 31st to continue identifying specific strategies and action to bring to the full MPSG. Notes from that meeting were distributed. The subcommittee left its meeting intent on finding out if there were any funding sources to treat the highly-visible scot's broom site on highway 34. They determined not to approach the landowner until a funding source was found. Unfortunately their contacts with BLM, SWCD, and NRCS did not turn up any sources. Additional potential contacts are: Sam Chan at OSU, ODOT and the Youth Corps.

The subcommittee is looking to the ongoing county-wide strategic planning process to identify other potential efforts for the MPSG. The county-wide planning process held a workshop attended by 26 people to discuss 1) creating a weed control district, 2) establishing and Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) system, and 3) landscape level planning. Heath demonstrated a couple on-line invasives mapping and reporting tools that the group has been using. They are oregoninvasiveshotline and imapinvasives.org. She is interested in information to help map where invasives are within the MPSG boundary. Another workshop is planning for January. Heath and Jane will attend and report back to this group. Anyone interested in getting the materials being generated during this planning process should let Heath know and she will send the link to the website.

Updates and Next Meetings:

Kraig shared that the first round of spraying on Bridge Thin was done in October. There is the potential to go view some work on a Spring field trip.

December 6th - joint stewardship group meeting in Newport; no regular meeting

January 26th – Jane will contact Ken McCall about a presentation on Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation activities and potential interests related to stewardship.

Meeting concluded a little before 8:00pm.