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ALSEA STEWARDSHIP GROUP
MEETING NOTES
April 16, 2012 6:00 to 8:00 pm
CCRD - Waldport

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Jane Brass-Barth	CPRCD Facilitator	Fran Recht	PSMFC
Dan Segotta	SNF – CCRD	Viva Worthington	SNF - CCRD
Jackie Nichols	Cascade Pacific RCD	Joe Rohleder	AWC
Elmer Ostling	AWC	Linda Johnston	AWC
Vicky Mugnai	SNF – CCRD	Tom Davis	AWC
Wayne Hoffman	MCWC	Mike Kennedy	Siletz Tribe

Review Notes and Agenda

No additions or changes to agenda.

Notes of the March 19 meeting were accepted as corrected:

- Page 2, under CPRCD’s update, 4th bullet and 2nd sentence should read *CPRCD will notify grantees they can begin projects April 1.*
- Page 2, under MCWC’s update, 2nd bullet and 3rd sentence should read *Most of the planting is done with the Natural Resource Crews.*

Project/Agency Updates

Forest Service, Dan Segotta

- New silviculturist reported to work last week: Eric Werner.
- On April 13 Missouri (CCRD), Rock (Marys Peak) and Bixby (Hebo) Thins were sent to the regional forester for approval.
- District Ranger candidate recommendations submitted to the RO last week; should hear soon about selectee.
- Forest roads and firewood: district opening another firewood opportunity on April 17 for roadside blowdown along specified key roads. Acting Forest Wildlife Biologist talked with USFWS about the non-static activity of firewood cutting to open our key roads. Will open to personal and commercial use firewood cutting until blowdown starts thinning out. Some landing piles can be opened if they are 300 yards from trees. Most thinning sales can operate year-round as long as they are operated “smartly”; haul is also a non-static activity that is generally not restricted during the nesting season. Lately, bidders on contracts have been the smaller owner/operated companies.
- Field trip update: Stu Johnston at the SO is taking the lead. All stewardships groups will be invited. Stu has made contact with Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin; details and date to be announced. Consider starting field trip at the Fall Creek Hatchery for a pre-field meeting, and then loop around Missouri Thin to two completed thins (Bear and Jeep Thins).
- Owl workshop: Michelle Dragoo is working on a ½ day workshop to highlight the current owl status on the Siuslaw: population trends and barred owl impact to the spotted owl. Workshop tentatively scheduled for late summer, early fall. All stewardship groups will be invited.

Forest Service, Viva Worthington

- Vanessa will be setting live beaver traps along Five Rivers release sites in order to re-install transmitters on those beavers whose transmitters fell off.
- Viva accepted the District Ranger position at Diamond Lake RD on the Umpqua NF and reports for duty on June 4.

Alsea Watershed Council (AWC), Tom Davis

- Benner Creek bridge work: landowners and engineers collaborating with AWC; AWC may submit application for this project during September's round of the Coast Range Stewardship Fund.
- May not get to Cougar Creek given the scope of that project.

Announcements

- AWC, Tom Davis: AWC's meeting rescheduled to this Thursday night (7 to 9 pm at Fall Creek Hatchery). Dr. Jimmy Taylor with OSU/Forest Ecosystem to speak about beavers. Tom will provide AWC meeting update at next ASG meeting.
- Log Exports, Fran Recht: tonight the Port of Newport is convening a special meeting and public forum so that community members can pose questions related to log exports to port officials and log handling representatives. Two contractors are bidding on log yard operations at the port. Fran supports shipping, but is not supportive of shipping raw logs and has so stated in formal testimony.
- CPRC&D, Jackie Nichols: need to close-out A-3 projects. Some grantees still wrapping up projects; two WCs need to turn in invoices (AWC and MCWC). CPRCD plans to change its vendor payment policy to once every 30 days. Cooperative Agreement ends in June; new 5-year agreement is in place with the FS for handling future funds.

Outreach Fund Allocation

- In past meetings, ASG agreed to allocate \$500 to an outreach brochure (and the Hebo SG agreed to allocate \$250). Oregon Wild staff will take on the design work and first printing of the "monitoring summary" document that has been under discussion with the groups for outreach funding. Oregon Wild also will update the existing landowner outreach brochure. Hebo information will be added to the document. CPRCD is able to cover costs for both brochures from found funds left-over from past outreach cycles. Jackie will circulate drafts in early June. So, \$500 comes back to the ASG for outreach totaling \$1500 available for outreach.
- Discussion highlights about allocating the \$1500 (two outreach project funding requests submitted and handouts of both were distributed at the meeting):
 1. \$1500 MCWC request for Limiting Factors Analysis (LFA) implementation in the Five Rivers area (restoring beaver basin in order to improve Coho juvenile populations): Wayne Hoffman provided an overview of the LFA, restoration prescriptions, and community interest in beaver habitat enhancement. This project received some outreach money from ASG in the past. More outreach dollars are needed to implement the next phase: getting more landowners involved with monitoring and sustaining efforts, getting more landowner agreement in restoring watershed health, and assist the Five Rivers community with developing a beaver habitat enhancement plan as part of the *overall* watershed improvement plan. It must be

stated that this will be the community's plan, not MCWC's. MCWC recognizes there is some controversy attached to the plan: the final plan would include ways to manage known conflicts associated with beavers. (It was suggested that MCWC add verbiage to their proposal that they are not interested in transporting/introducing beavers to the area.) Plan would assess issues, point out ways that community could co-exist with the plan, and would result in recommendations to improve watershed health in the Five Rivers area. MCWC will likely submit one or two applications for the restoration work in future Coast Range Stewardship Fund cycle

2. \$500 request from AWC for design and implementation of website: Linda Johnston provided overview of funding request. Discussion that the request, for some members, does not demonstrate a direct benefit to stewardship. Some members question whether or not this request follows best-use. AWC responded that their meetings always include stewardship discussions. AWC agrees that projects benefit greatly from one-on-one contacts. However, websites equally serve to promote relationships: websites help to establish credibility in this electronic age, can be more cost effective than printing informational brochures, and can more readily reach specialized audiences (funders expect applicants to have websites and community members frequently inquire as to whether or not AWC has a website). AWC seeks outreach funding to, at long last, get their website up and running.

- Applicants were asked if their requests were scalable as a way to determine how to allocate the \$1500 across the total request of \$2000. MCWC stated they would have to seek other funds if they did not receive the entire \$1500. The AWC explained that their proposal has been scaled down from \$750 to \$500 since last ASG meeting.
- Future outreach requests: develop standards for adequate completion of new outreach funds application form.
- A suggestion was made to allocate available funds now and plan to augment with next year's outreach funds. However, given the FS budget forecast, it is not known whether or not outreach funds will be available next year.

Recommendations to allocate the money were as follows:

\$ 250 to AWC	\$ 500 to AWC
\$1250 to MCWC	\$1000 to MCWC

After failing to find a consensus solution, Joe Rohleder moved to allocate \$500 to AWC and \$1000 to MCWC. Tom Davis seconded the motion. Facilitator called for a vote: 5 ASG members in support of the motion, 2 ASG members not in support (these two members will not challenge whether or not there was a quorum). Facilitator declared that motion passed.

May 7 Roundtable Topics

- Outreach request form: should be optional for groups who can reach consensus without a form. Simple process can be 1) share initial ideas in meeting, 2) fill out form, 3) make decision at following meeting. Interested in discussing what outreach is effective, appropriate. Continue discussion on outreach started at Fall Roundtable meeting.
- Effective outreach methods
- Best use of outreach dollars
- Draft project allocations to be presented to the Roundtable after edits and improvements

- Jane will email the Roundtable agenda. Submit topics to Mike Kennedy and Joe Rohleder.

Future meeting dates and agenda items

- May 21 6:00 - 8:00 PM Alsea Public Library
 - ✓ *Applications*
 - ✓ *Roundtable Report*
 - ✓ *FS update of Stewardship thinning Projects*
 - ✓ *Initial Project Ideas*
 - ✓ *Finalize Field Trip (cancel May meeting if field trip happens in late May)*
- June 18 6:00 – 8:00 PM CCRD Waldport
- July 16 6:00 – 8:00 PM Fall Creek Hatchery

Capturing more members at meetings: Jane will ask Ross to doodle-poll members about changing meeting days and times.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm