

**Marys Peak Stewardship Group
Meeting Notes
April 26, 2012**

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Jane Brass Barth	Facilitator	Kraig Kidwell	SNF
Frank Davis	SNF	Courtney Schreiber	SNF
Ken McCall	RMEF	Amber Reese	City of Corvallis
Jackie Nichols	CPRCD	Courtney Schreiber	SNF
Karen Fleck-Harding	MRWC		

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

Updates

Forest Service

Rock Thin sale will be advertised end of May. No invasives treatment work in contract; FS will do on its own. The group requested that Frank share the link to the sale advertisement.

Bridge Thin work will continue in the Fall, but may work on the Franklin Ridge road this Summer.

The new Central Coast District Ranger will be Michelle Jones. She comes from the Chattanooga NF in Georgia, but has a background in Oregon, including a degree from OSU and employment with ODFW. She arrives in late June.

Viva Worthington will leaving in early May to take the District Ranger position at Diamond Lake. She starts there in June.

Stewardship Reauthorization was introduced as part of the Senate Farm Bill.

Stewardship Projects

City of Corvallis is doing retreatment spraying related to prior stewardship project.

MRWC has secured the rest of the funds for the large project on Greasy Creek that encompasses the project funded through the Coast Range Stewardship Fund in 2011. Are moving forward and starting projects. Met with writer Courtney Cloyd; he is working on getting an article together about Marys Peak for the Oregon Atlas. A new grant proposal is going into Meyer Memorial Trust to focus on landowner outreach for riparian planting. MSPG outreach dollars are included as match to that proposal.

Other

Application Updates - Ken McCall reported that the application review committee came up with four main recommendations. Notes from the meeting were distributed. Changes included clarification of funds and dollar amount available, clarifying verbiage about consultation and threshold questions from further back were pulled into the RFP to make it more understandable. The majority of changes were to reduce redundancy. In the overview portion part of the application there were concerns about having the big multi faceted projects. So

the group tried to give it a portion to break it out and explain the overview and context of the problem. A couple of non-technical review questions were taken out that should not necessarily have to be scored. A new application form will be mocked up for the next Roundtable. This application contact information form will have a new version as created by Chuck.

- Point to take to Roundtable – Issues with match/leveraging. Value of using stewardship funds to leverage work.

Outreach brochures – Jackie shared that Oregon Wild will produce a new brochure on the economic impacts of stewardship as well as an updated version of the existing landowner outreach brochure. Drafts will be circulated to the 4 groups in May/June. Goal is to print in June.

Spring Field trip logistics – Saturday April 28th 9-12:30. Meet at ODF.

Last checked about 30 people had RSVPed. Karen met with 2 of the 3 people who are going to do the bug piece on Greasy Creek and they were excited to see the diversity in bugs. Karen and Amber drove the route and picked out spots where they will be stopping and talking. The schedule is very full so will need to be flexible about whether to stop at all locations. Ken to help with the vehicles.

May Meeting

May 17th will include several short talks about invasives. Marty Stein from SNF and Ron Exeter from BLM have been invited to present. Amber will ask Mark Miller to come as he is the consulting forester for the City. Jane will get an electronic invitation out to all MPSG email lists to encourage attendance. All members are asked to circulate to their networks as we hope to draw new people to the meeting. Courtney Schreiber offered to get information on people who tried to get invasive species PAYCO dollars to Frank Davis so he can invite them. Ken McCall will contact Corvallis-to-the-Sea group. Jane will connect with Heath and Liz to reach their network from the recent strategic planning effort. Group prefers to hold the meeting at the SNF headquarters. Frank will book the room.

Input to Spring Roundtable

Just bring up the matching fund for the application and outreach.

Announcements & Updates –

City watershed tour Raindrops to Faucets – May 24th

June Meeting – 28th

July meeting on the 26th

TBA Field trip with Norm Johnson. All SGs invited. Jane will get information out as details and date get set.