

**Marys Peak Stewardship Group  
Meeting Notes  
June 28, 2012**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Jane Brass Barth	Facilitator	Frank Davis	SNF
Kirk Shimeall	CPRCD	Kraig Kidwell	SNF
Ken McCall	RMEF	Mike Totey	ODF
Liz Graham	BSWCD	Heath Kierstad	BSWCD
Art and Betty Sleight	Private landowners	Eric Stolsig	SNF
Karen Fleck-Harding	MRWC	Jackie Nichols	CPRCD

Meeting began shortly after 6:00 PM. Introductions were made as there were 2 new participants, Kirk Shimeall and Eric Stolsig. Kirk has joined CPRCD as Fiscal Sponsorship Coordinator, and Eric has taken on some of Robert Nowak's road management responsibilities after Robert's retirement.

May notes were approved by consensus with the request that the acronyms be spelled out. Jane will do that and then post the final minutes on the website. During the notes review, a lively discussion took place about priority species and also the apparent challenge to spend all the funds available for treatment due to limited staffing. Mike Totey suggested a role of the MPSG could be to help foster partnerships between the organizations that have the ability to treat invasives but no money and the funding sources. Heath Kierstad shared how the newly formed Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) can help with that, perhaps helping to facilitate funding getting going towards Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR). She hopes that members of the MPSG will decide to join the CWMA steering committee and/ or special action groups (EDRR, outreach/ education, landscape level gaps). She will circulate information to everyone. Karen Fleck-Harding suggested Heath also convene a special committee on non-herbicide treatments since some landowners resist using herbicides.

## **Coast Range Stewardship Fund**

### **Project Ideas for the 2012 cycle**

- Karen Fleck-Harding brought 2 project ideas forward to the group. The group supported both ideas, confirming they fit the Wyden criteria. Karen will bring additional information, including proposal amounts to August meeting:
  - Working with Diana Blakney on a proposal to treat false brome on her property; nexus to SNF is a FS-owned road; project would be multi-year; try alternative management techniques; possibly include reseeding.
  - Riparian revegetation proposal in Greasy Creek area where the Council has been doing the 3-yr Japanese knotweed treatment. The proposal will list estimated acreage to treat in targeted areas. She will recruit specific landowners and create planting plans between now and 2013 planting season with National Forest Foundation funds (proposal already submitted). OWEB match is possible for planting proposal.

Jane will check with Tom Penpraze about any projects coming forward from City of Corvallis.

Karen also shared that she and Steve had done a site tour with Diana Blakney to the Rock Creek log structures on City property to talk about possibly implementing the additional log structures that were originally included in the 2008 project on their downstream property but were not done at that time. Diana is talking with her family to decide if they are comfortable with doing helicopter log placement on their land. If they decide to move forward, the group felt this would be an excellent project to submit for Stewardship funding. Frank will work with Karen on the possibility of a letter from the FS to the landowner to help address possible liability concerns related to the downstream bridge.

### **2011 funded projects**

Jackie Nichols reported that all contracts have been written, but not all have been executed yet. Contracts for in-stream work, including the Greasy Creek project, will be the first out. Karen updated the group on the progress of the overall project which stewardship funded a piece of. Permits are underway. The culvert and graded riffle on Upper Greasy will likely be done in late August.

## **Updates**

Forest Service:

- Frank Davis shared that the field trip with Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin is delayed until the fall at the earliest.
- He and Kraig Kidwell reported that the SNF will hold a sale for the noble fir boughs on top of Marys Peak. They expect 17 tons to be sold for an estimated valued of \$3-14,000. It will take about a week of work for a crew to cut the boughs in September/October. The FS will get the word out about the bough cutting so that people do not get concerned about what is happening. This sale allows a high value product to be sold rather than just selling for biomass.
- They also reported that the Noble Thin sale will be done next year to connect the meadows on the Peak.
- Road work is progressing on the Bridge Thin sale.
- Rock Thin sale was advertised and bid packages are due August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Missouri Thin (ASG area) sale out and bids due August 16<sup>th</sup>. Bixby Thin in the Hebo SG area going out next.
- A couple of EAs have been approved: legacy roads decommissioning in the Hebo District; Niagara Boulder sale. Expect the North Fork Siuslaw EA to be approved soon. This project has a new feature, an EDRR to deal with 4 hotspots. The 5-Mile Bell EA is out for comment.
- The new District Ranger starts on Monday. There was a request to invite her to a future MPSG meeting.
- An Acting Deputy District Ranger has been stationed in Reedsport.

Cascade Pacific RC&D's new website is up and the new Coast Range fund application materials are on it. Past project highlights and photos also are posted. Jackie requests that people let her know if they run into problems using the site.

MPSG Outreach: Jackie will work with Karen on a work plan for the outreach funds the group approved back in February.

## **Roundtable Members**

Amber Reese has left her position with the City. The group will need to replace her as one of its Roundtable representatives prior to the October meeting. Art Sleight, who has been the alternative, is willing to take on the role. Ken McCall is willing to serve as alternate. The group felt having a private landowner as a representative was valuable. Final confirmation will happen once the group gets input from the City of Corvallis on who will represent it on the MPSG in the future.

## **Announcements**

July meeting - 26<sup>th</sup> (Ross) – continue to discuss stewardship project proposal ideas  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> – consider combining this meeting with a potluck picnic.... Perhaps on the Peak to see what work has been completed.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – discuss Technical Review Team report; prioritize projects for Roundtable

Week of Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – Roundtable

The following topics were suggested for future meeting presentations and discussion. Jane will work with Frank and others to organize presenters/ resource persons probably for Fall meetings.

- Effects of sedimentation from roads on streams, specifically working with private woodlot owners on this issue
- Early seral – follow-up to the article that Frank circulated last month