

**Hebo Stewardship Group Meeting  
DRAFT MINUTES**

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Hebo District Ranger Office

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Michael Reichenberg	Hebo Ranger District	Lisa Phipps	TEP
Mike Kennedy	Siletz Tribe	Luke Gmazel	City of Lincoln City
Kirk Shimeall	CPRCD	Gus Meyer	TCSWCD
Ron Hudson	Hebo Ranger District	Anne Walker	USFWS

April notes were approved by consensus.

**Outreach funds**

- Jane shared copies of the updated Coast Range Stewardship Fund brochure, which now includes the HSG. This brochure is for landowner outreach to find stewardship projects.
- Lisa offered to have TEP apply for all the remaining \$1,350 of outreach funds and be the stewards of those funds. TEP would also be fine with just taking \$700. There was overall support for the HSG getting the entire \$1350 allocated to the HSG.
- The group discussed different ideas for outreach to attract more partners, to gain participation from more stakeholders including ones who attended early meetings of the HSG. Some ideas presented included branding (sponsoring events), a brochure, signs on roads publicizing projects, events that involve kids, and having a presence at local fairs.
- Lisa informed the group that TEP could do all aspects (design, printing) of a Hebo SG brochure with the group's input on content.
- Jane shared that the Mary's Peak SG has used outreach funds for administrative time that leads to more participation (such as printing, mailing).
- Jane suggested forming a sub-committee for outreach, but people did not support that idea. They entrusted Lisa and Jane to work together, querying the group for input, as needed.
- The group approved distributing the remaining \$1,350 in outreach funds to TEP. Lisa will work with Jackie at CPRCD on a flexible workplan to expend these funds in a way to support HSG efforts over time.

**Roundtable Meeting Review**

Paul and Alex provided a review of the Spring Roundtable Meeting. Jane will circulate the notes from that meeting via email. The following are highlights of the discussion:

### Upcoming Stewardship Fund Cycle

- Retained receipts from stewardship sales are likely to be \$600,000 this year. The 40% of those funds spent on Wyden projects will likely be about \$240,000, very similar to last year's amount.
- Applications for projects are due September 1. Look for an email from Jackie with links to the application materials soon. The application period starts June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Wyden projects will need upfront approval by the FS for eligibility. If you have a project in mind, contact Michael Reichenberg to connect you to the appropriate FS specialist. Also plan to bring the idea to an upcoming HSG meeting to get the group's support.
- This year's application will look more like the OWEB application.

### Projects Funded Last Year

- Jackie is working on contracts for last year's Wyden funds. Costs for last year's projects can be incurred starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Outreach Funds

- A new application for outreach funds has been created. Outreach funds will be able to be held on to for multiple years.
- There is no guarantee that outreach funds will be available next year. They are dependent on the Forest Service's budget and get identified each Summer.
- At the Fall Roundtable Meeting there will be discussion on any outreach action for all four groups together before amounts for individual groups are determined.

### Local Area Definition

- The SSG shared that they look at employee profile information when evaluating bids for stewardship sales. That enables them to see where employees and also logging contractors live, rather than just the bidding mill. Michael had adapted a form that he got from Dan Segotta, Central Coast District. He will email that form to the group.

### **Next Meetings:**

Summer focus will be hearing about stewardship project ideas so applicants can get the group's approval prior to the September 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline.

- July 12 at 3:00 in Lincoln City. Alex will have a stewardship project ready to discuss with the group.
- August Meeting is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> in Pacific City. Several people indicated they would not be able to make a meeting on that date. Jane will poll the group to see if moving the meeting to another date will increase attendance.

### **Announcements/Updates/Questions**

- The Bixby Thin was approved by the Regional Office for Stewardship Contracting. A new estimate is that the sale could produce 30,000 board feet/acre, which is higher than originally anticipated.

- The NNSLWC scotch broom pull event in Pacific City was successful. They removed 130 yards of scotch broom. 43 volunteers participated and connections were made with Pacific City residents, which was a goal of the event. Plan to do a similar event in 2 years.
- Michael showed the Nesko Thin location on a map. The FS hopes to include this as a stewardship sale this year. There was some discussion about where log trucks would bring wood out. The county plans to replace culverts along 4 miles of Slab Creek Rd in 2016.
- Gus Meyer, Tillamook SWCD, asked about how the stewardship fund related to BLM and FS RAC funds. People explained how they were entirely different. They also shared ideas on how other SWCDs and County Public Works Departments have received stewardship funds to treat invasive weeds. Gus will consider potential projects for the upcoming funding cycle. Potential contacts are Josh Lambert with Lincoln SWCD and Seth Mead with Siuslaw SWCD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M. and the group headed out on a field trip. The field trip itinerary was:

Stop 1 - Restoration along lower Wildcat Creek (East Beaver Creek). Alex explained recent stream and habitat improvements in the area. Matt Walker, Tillamook BLM Fisheries Biologist, added information.

Stop 2 - Terrestrial treatments in the upper Wildcat Creek area. Wayne Patterson, the Hebo Ranger District Supervisory Forester, discussed the Siuslaw Thinning and Understory Development Study (STUDS). The purpose of STUDS for the last 20 years is to determine responses to density management (thinning) on the development of late-successional forest habitat.