

Hebo Stewardship Group Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2012

Lincoln City

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Ross Holloway	Facilitator	Paul Katen	SDCWC
Michael Reichenberg	Hebo Ranger District	Guy Holzworth	NNWC
Kirk Shimeall	CPRCD	Catherine Pruett	SDCWC
Mike Kennedy	Siletz Tribe	Alex Sifford	NNWC
Lisa Phipps	TEP		

June notes were approved by consensus.

Updates

- Lisa reported on an e-mail she sent out to clarify some misconceptions concerning the Hebo Stewardship Group. There has recently been a lot of misinformation about the stewardship group circulating in Tillamook County. The Group's purpose and activities have been mis-characterized. This underscores the importance of outreach efforts.
- **Forest Service Updates**
 - Bixby Thin Stewardship Contract is almost ready to be advertised. Stewardship projects include snag creation, down wood creation (these two projects covered by the Niagara/Boulder EA) and decommissioning FSR 8573114 (this project covered by the Nestucca Roads EA).
 - Nesko Thin will be a traditional timber sale and not a stewardship sale due to time and personnel constraints with the Hebo District.
- **CPRCD Updates**
 - Money for last year's Wyden Project (Bear Creek) will be coming soon to SDCWC. The Bear Creek project is moving forward.
 - New CPRCD phone number is 541-248-3094
 - Ross is ending his tenure as Alsea and Siuslaw Stewardship Group facilitator, but will still be available on a "call when needed" basis. Jane will continue to facilitate the Hebo meetings and Kirk Shimeall will be picking up Alsea and Siuslaw facilitation in the interim.
 - Kirk also distributed copies of a new brochure titled "Stewardship in the Siuslaw National Forest". This was recently produced for use as a tool to tell the success story of stewardship on the forest over the past ten years.
- Lisa reported on the designation of the Tillamook Water Trail as a National Recreation Trail. A dedication event will be held at Bob Straub State Park at 11:00 AM on August 17.

Approved

Wyden Project Proposals

- **Alex Sifford, NNWC**
 - Butte Creek Restoration Project – Butte Creek is a tributary to Neskowin Creek and flows through Neskowin Golf Course. Project would replace existing culvert blocking fish passage on private land with a bridge. Would expand coho habitat.
 - The landowner is willing.
 - Requesting \$34,000 to supplement other funds for bridge (total project cost is ~\$82,000).
 - Related work underway involves discussions with the Neskowin Golf Course owner about a tide gate that is sometimes closed, blocking fish passage.

- **Catherine Pruitt, SDCWC**
 - Two projects on Schooner Creek – land ownership in the basin includes USFS, BLM, Lincoln County and private landowners. The watershed assessment identified high road density and degraded habitat as key issues.
 - One project would remove approximately 850 yards of sidecast material off of a county road that is contributing sediment to Schooner Creek. The material would be hauled to Forest Capital Partners' property to use in road decommissioning on that property. Stewardship funds request is \$11,000.
 - The second project would replace a large culvert (48" x 60") on Forest Capital Partners' road 2342. Replacement of the "perched" culvert would open up .5 miles of fish habitat. Stewardship funds request is \$22,000.
 - SDCWC is open to submitting separate project applications or bundling the projects into one application. The group discussed the pros and cons of the two approaches.
 - Forest Capital Partners' will soon sell the land to Hancock, but Hancock is expected to be a willing partner on the project.

The feeling of the group was to move ahead with the application process for all projects.

Michael reported that he received an e-mail from Gus Meyer stating that he had notified both the TCSWCD and the Tillamook County Public Works Department about the potential for using stewardship funds for invasive species control. As a result, other applications may be forthcoming.

August Field Trip (8/16/2012)

- Meet at Hebo Lake at 1:00 PM for a business meeting. This will be the final opportunity for project applicants to secure HSG support before the Sept. 1st deadline. Hebo Lake is located approximately four miles up Forest Service Road (FSR) 1400. The turn for FSR 1400 is on highway 22 directly north of the Hebo Ranger Station. There is a big brown sign for the turn-off.
- The trip will depart for Mt. Hebo at 2:00 PM. The Forest Service will provide drivers and SUVs.

- Michelle Dragoo will discuss the history and ecology of Oregon silverspot butterfly management on Mt. Hebo with regards to last year's meadow maintenance funded by stewardship funds.
- Potential picnic details are yet to be determined
- Jane will coordinate RSVPs.

Next Meetings

- Regular meeting times will remain 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.
- August 16 at 1:00 in Hebo followed by field trip.
- September 13 at 3:00 in Lincoln City
- October 4 at 3:00 in Pacific City (one week earlier than usual in order to discuss technical team report prior to the Fall Roundtable meeting
- Roundtable meeting the week of October 8.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM