

**Marys Peak Stewardship Group  
Meeting Notes  
September 27, 2012**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Jane Brass Barth	Facilitator	Frank Davis	SNF
Brenda Barton	SNF	Cindy McCain	SNF
Kraig Kidwell	SNF	Karen Fleck-Harding	MRWC
Mike Totey	ODF	Kirk Shimeall	Cascade Pacific RC&D
Chuck Fisher	SNF	Matt Mellenthin	IRM
Courtney Schreiber	SNF – Note Taker	Art & Betty Sleight	Private Landowners
Xan Augerot	MRWC	Jennifer Ward	City of Corvallis

Meeting began shortly after 6:00 PM. June and August notes approved by consensus with corrections.

### **Current Cycle of Project Review**

#### Wyden Projects (Chuck Fisher: SNF)

- 100 points possible, broken down based on section III. There were 11 applications and there was a 13.9 point spread between the top and the bottom. Only the lowest scoring one will need some technical changes. Otherwise the reviewers' comments mostly require applicants just to give more explanation on certain points and costs. Most applications had at least 5 reviewers; some had as many as 7, including one non-FS reviewer.
- Greasy Creek Riparian Vegetation Project: very good score and just a few minor updates needed. Applicant, MRWC represented by Xan Augerot, is already working on responses. Xan will update Jane on the revision process before the Roundtable. She also will send a map showing how this new project fits in with past stewardship projects on Greasy Creek to give the Roundtable perspective. The following are some points discussed:
  - Concern about the grid pattern, preferring undulating and clumping.
  - Better description of equipment needed, IE: what equipment is going to be used in the riparian area.
  - Project management cost high because working with multiple landowners, multiple small sites. Work site-by-site and landowner-to-landowner.
  - Anticipate long-term maintenance and site checks till 2017.
  - Agreements between landowner and watershed council will be established. The obligation states landowner will leave the practice in place for 10 years and encourages them to do the long-term (3+ years) maintenance
  - High density planting because riparian areas are more difficult to regenerate, so if you get them established it is easier to go back; better too many than too few. Tell landowners that there may be a need to come in to thin the trees that are being planted. Looking at about 85% of survival on trees.
  - Proposal does not specify landowners and sites. Have a goal of working on 75% of the 10 riparian acres identified as needing revegetation. If don't meet that goal, MRWC will either ask for an extension or modify the budget, returning some funds. This project is scalable.

- Shiver River False Brome Eradication Project: This project proposal is sound technically, but needs additional information in several parts to make it stronger. Karen Fleck-Harding agreed to take comments/information back to the applicant, Diana Blakney, who was unable to attend the meeting. Discussion included the following points:
  - Create a breakdown of the proposed actions into separate actions.
  - Address project management activities.
  - Trout Mountain would be the one applying the application of herbicide so will have the required permits.
  - The re-vegetation plan on using native grass. A lot of times the invasive are dispersed enough that it takes care of re-vegetation needs.
  - Give a better explanation of what areas with the total 174 acres are being treated. This will make the total cost seem more realistic.
  - Cindy McCain discussed how the Shiver River property certainly has the potential to affect FS's Right of Way and the rare plant species. Further degradation of the habitats present on the Shiver River property would have negative impacts on the prairie species present or potentially present, and could affect habitat on FS managed lands.
- Karen Fleck-Harding discussed the potential for another project if late projects were accepted or if there were extra dollars. Potential to work with a private landowner to do large wood placement on Rock Creek on the Picht/Blakney property. Anything that could be written out and given to Jane Brass Barth to share at the Roundtable would help with potential to move ahead.
  - Rock Creek contribution of logs: FS can contribute under free use up to a certain amount. Frank would write up the environmental documents. Kraig and Brenda would need to sign off on it.
- Recommendation from the group is the Greasy Creek Riparian Vegetation would be the number 1 project from the group. Anticipate being able to fund both projects within available retained receipts.

#### Forest Service Projects (Frank Davis)

- Forest Service project #FS-078 Rock Creek Bridge Replacement and Channel Restoration. This is the main project within the MPSG area. Stewardship funds can be used for this type of project because the replacement will enhance habitat by reducing sedimentation. These funds will add to Legacy Road dollars and appropriated funds already dedicated to this project.

#### **Updates:**

Karen Fleck-Harding: The 2011-funded stewardship project on Greasy Creek, where the Watershed Council is addressing a culvert and a dam, has run into unanticipated requirements. They submitted a design to replace the culvert and build a grated riffle between the culvert and the dam to allow fish passage. The project was rejected for permitting by NOAA Engineer who wants to create a new design standard for graded riffle projects. Karen and Xan are working with Kami Ellingson on a design modification. This new design will entail budget line-item modifications and Kami felt there would not be any problems because it would be an improvement to the plan. Karen Fleck-Harding and Kirk Shimeall will work together on budget modifications.

Kirk Shimeall: Kirk will be taking on the position of being CPRCD Stewardship Coordinator. He expressed thanks to Jackie Nichols for all the work she put into the Stewardship program over the past years. Kirk's email is [stewardship@cascadepacific.org](mailto:stewardship@cascadepacific.org) and phone is 541-760-1799.

Kraig Kidwell: Noble bough sale work will be starting in the next few weeks once we get some showers. The special forest product dollars (\$2000) created from the bough sale will go towards a visual enhancement project on the water bars on the Peak; dollars staying local.

Kraig: Bixby Thin sold as first STWD sale in Hebo District. Purchaser is Boise Cascade who has not purchased a stewardship sale from the Siuslaw NF before.

## **Announcements, Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

Kids Day for Conservation: September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Benton County Fairgrounds

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> MRWC's annual meeting and celebration at Lumos Winery.

11<sup>th</sup> of October – Roundtable meeting

Next meeting October 25<sup>th</sup>

December – joint meeting date to be determined