

**Coast Range Roundtable Meeting Notes
October 11, 2012 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor's Office
Corvallis, Oregon**

Introductions/Meeting Participants

Dave Eisler, SSG	Alex Sifford, HSG
Johnny Sundstrom, SSG	Dan Segotta, FS – Central Coast RD
Karen Fleck-Harding, MPSG	Ron Hudson, FS –Hebo RD
Art Sleight, MPSG	Michelle Jones, Central Coast RD
Joe Rohleder, ASG	Frank Davis, SNF
Mike Kennedy, ASG	Jane Brass Barth, MPSG/HSG Facilitator
Paul Katen, HSG	Ross Holloway, outgoing ASG/SSG facilitator
Kirk Shimeall, Cascade Pacific RC&D, new ASG/SSG facilitator	

Project Prioritization for Current Cycle

Jane reviewed the fact that there are more retained receipts available than initially estimated and than applied for by the September 1 deadline. The additional amount is approximately \$51,000 (\$342,000 vs. \$289,675). The group came up with the following options for how to allocate the additional funds:

- Scale up original proposals
- Help the FS funds its list of stewardship projects as the FS has helped cover a gap for Wyden projects in past years
- Save in for future years (by keeping them in the suspense account; possible to do for 1-2 years)
- Consider new project proposals
- Consider a forest-wide stewardship project. The group was excited about this idea. A couple challenges they anticipate are finding champions for the project from all SG areas to prepare the proposal, technical review on this new type of project.

In addition to the above ideas that would help allocate this year's funds, another idea was discussed for the future. The idea is to authorize multi-year projects and then "appropriate" funds for them in each annual cycle without requiring the applicant to complete a full proposal each year. Instead, they would just have to submit an annual budget. This approach would save people time and reward projects with positive track records. A project to pilot this on could be the Siuslaw Watershed Council's tree planting project. The group was supportive of this concept and asked Dan Segotta to look into ways to operationalize it in future cycles.

With the above options in mind, the Roundtable representatives then listed the existing 11 projects in priority order. The chart on the next page shows the project names, originally requested amount, and proposed scale up amounts.

Number	2012 Stewardship Proposals	Original*	Increase	New Total	What will do with additional f
WY-A13-14	Big Elk & Sugarbowl Creeks Riparian Restoration	\$ 38,889	\$ 2,660	\$ 41,549	more planting, logs
WY-M13-11	Greasy Creek Riparian Revegetation**	\$ 51,707	\$ 20,000	\$ 71,707	more work; log placement
WY-S13-14	Siuslaw Riparian Restoration 2013-14	\$ 35,016	\$ 25,000	\$ 60,016	2nd year
WY-H13-02	Butte Creek Fish Passage	\$ 35,240	\$ 4,000	\$ 39,240	more work to deal with sediment
WY-H13-03	Lower Schooner Creek Fish Passage	\$ 23,687	\$ 8,000	\$ 31,687	bigger culvert
WY-S13-13	Misery Creek Riparian Enhancement	\$ 27,034	\$ -	\$ 27,034	
WY-M13-12	Shiver River False Brome Eradication	\$ 10,600	\$ -	\$ 10,600	
WY-A13-15	Flynn Creek LW & Riparian	\$ 21,728	\$ -	\$ 21,728	
WY-A13-16	Lincoln SWCD Invasive Species Control	\$ 8,585	\$ 7,374	\$ 15,959	2nd yr
WY-A13-13	Lincoln County False Brome Control	\$ 8,162	\$ 10,712	\$ 18,874	2nd & 3rd yrs
WY-A13-17	Five Rivers Salmon & Elk Habitat Restoration	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	
	Totals	\$290,648	\$ 77,746	\$368,394	
	Final Total		\$52,746	\$343,394	

* Some budget amounts changed to address issues raised by the Technical Review Team. Therefore, these "original" amounts do not all match the amounts shared in recent SG meetings.

**Applicant asked for \$20-30,000 additional. Will seek funds from OWEB as match. Will base the OWEB proposal budget on what Roundtable approves from this requested range.

With this information laid out, the Roundtable considered ways to allocate the \$342,000.

1. The first suggestion was to fund all projects except for the Five Rivers project. This would allow all scaled up amounts to be covered. Reasons for this approach were that the technical review had identified significant issues that needed to be addressed. The Roundtable had doubts that the concerns could be addressed adequately within available time. Karen Fleck-Harding shared information on the overall effort of which the Five Rivers stewardship project was a part. Need

to do the downstream restoration work to enable access to culvert replaced last year. If the stewardship funds did not support the project, that will risk success in acquiring matching funds for the larger project (approximate \$300,000 budget). Dan Segotta informed the groups that revisions were made that have met the FS requirements. He also announced that next year project proposals that are incomplete will not be reviewed by the Technical Team. He also shared that it was important for forest and district-level staff to buy off on the project so they can eventually defend it to the Regional Office. Up until now, it has been stressed that applicants must talk with district specialists.

2. The next suggestion was to fund scaled up projects that included either additional project elements or improved elements to address technical team issues. After questions about the need for technical review for the upscaled projects were answered, the group supported this approach, which covered 4 projects. (see table)
3. The next suggestion was to fund multi-year invasives control projects, which would cover two more scaled up projects (see table). There was extensive discussion of the fairness of funding all multi-year proposals except for one, the Siuslaw Riparian Planting project which has been so successful over the years. Everyone acknowledged the value of the riparian planting project and expressed support for funding it in future years. Several participants pointed out the decision made in Fall 2011 to encourage invasives control projects to be for more than one year to achieve better success. SNF staff informed the group that the technical review team had requested that the invasives projects include more than one year.

The Roundtable unanimously passed the following multi-part motion:

- Fund all 11 project proposals
- Fund the 4 projects that propose additional, enhanced work activities at a scaled up amount. [The Greasy Creek project will receive approx. \$20,000.]
- Fund the 2 invasives projects that added 2nd and 3rd years at scaled up amounts.
- Recommend that the Siuslaw Riparian Restoration project be the Roundtable's number 1 priority next year based on its track record.

This decision is reflected in the final row of the table above. The amount is still slightly above the projected \$342,000. Kirk Shimeall, new CPRCD Stewardship Coordinator, will work with the applicants during the project proposal revisions process. Revised proposals are due into CPRCD by October 31st.

Forest Service Stewardship Projects: Dan Segotta quickly reviewed the status of the FS retained receipt project proposals for the coming year. The requests currently total

more than the available funds so the FS is working on how to scale back some projects. The FS asks for SG support for its slate of projects. Jane and Kirk explained that all 4 groups had discussed the projects at their recent meetings and support has been given.

Joint Stewardship Group Meeting Discussion

The group agreed to proceed with scheduling the Joint Meeting during the last week of November or the first two weeks of December. Kirk and Jane will query all SG participants to find the best date. The agenda will include the multi-party monitoring report from IRM and show-and-tell by each group. Another priority topic for the agenda is annual outreach dollars. Each group should bring forward proposals for what it would do with outreach funds both individually and collaboratively. There has been interest expressed in hearing about research on owl habitat and prey species. Dan is checking with researchers to make a presentation at the joint meeting. In addition, the Roundtable suggested holding a discussion of what forest-wide issues might be addressed in a forest-wide stewardship project. Groups are encouraged to discuss this idea at their upcoming monthly meeting and come to the joint meeting with suggestions.

Given that the meeting may draw a larger participation due to the special presentation, the Beverly Beach State Park Yurt probably is too small. Jane and Kirk will explore options. Suggestions included Yachats Commons, Oregon Coast Community College in Newport, and the SNF Headquarters in Corvallis. They also will contact the Angell Job Corp center to provide lunch.

Annual Outreach Funds (\$6000 total again this year)

This is an important topic which keeps getting short-changed on agendas. The group stressed that it should be a priority in a future meeting, hence the decision to include it in the joint meeting agenda. Kirk shared that he has had discussions with Jeff Uebel and Paul Thomas about how to “brand” the program so the SNF’s success with stewardship can encourage stewardship on other forests. This could be done as a collaborative effort with some of the outreach funds, drawing upon information in the 5-year reports that CPRCD produces.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.