

Hebo Stewardship Group Meeting Minutes

Northwest Conference Center, City Hall, Lincoln City

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October minutes approved by consensus with one change on page 2: Remove “FS is required to maintain control of the project according to the ARBA II.” in the Lower Schooner Creek section.

Updates

Forest Service Updates (Rondall Hudson)

1. Wyden – The FS can spend money on any other land (BLM, USFWS, State, local city, county, private, industrial timber, etc.) as long as it benefits the National Forest.
2. FS installed culverts on Lewis Creek on FS road 1280. Planning with NNWC, county and others to replace culverts with a bridge on Farmer Creek.

Other (Gus Meyer)

1. Tillamook soil and water conservation levy measure passed.
2. Tillamook Public Works met with TEP regarding 59 culverts that need work.
3. Road repair in Tillamook County is a great need. FS staff shared there is potential for FS help on road repair in situations where could replace a fish culvert on a road such that there would be a benefit to FS land. This led to the suggestion of a field trip on Farmer Creek and Lewis Creek to see culvert replacements.

Roundtable Debrief – draft meeting notes circulated

Wyden Projects

- All projects funded at either requested level or higher.
- Must submit a complete proposal by September 1 deadline. In future technical review team will not do as much work with applicants to help them complete their proposals.
- Roundtable funded multiple year projects with the “extra” retained receipts. Supportive of proposals for 2-3yrs reoccurring projects such as invasive removal.

FS Project with Retained Receipts

- Forest Service is revising its project list to fit within the available funds.

Approved

Future Forest-wide project idea

At the Roundtable, Johnny Sundstrom brought up the idea of all 4 groups working on a similar stewardship project in the future. It is not yet clear how this would be structured and how joint applications would be developed. The discussion will continue at the joint meeting. Groups were asked to bring ideas to the joint meeting. Ideas brainstormed at this meeting were:

- Bring beavers into focus through outreach. Working with landowners to provide supplies (e.g. – tree cages). Relocate beavers to other areas.
 - Beavers at Crowley Creek have affected the site and shifted flow from the old down-cut channel to the estuary floor. [Note: A future HSG field trip to Crowley Creek was also suggested.]
- Butterfly habitat
- Meadow maintenance
- Beach grass control
- Owl habitat

Joint meeting set for December 10th

Meeting will start at 10am for special presentations on owl & prey species. Lunch and meeting starts at 11:30am. Each group will do a “Show and shine”. Group decided to focus on butterflies at Mt. Hebo. Ideally Michelle Dragoo (USFS wildlife biologist) will be the presenter. Ron will talk to her about presenting. Anne Walker agreed to help with photos and information.

Outreach funds for 2013 proposal (~\$1,500 each year)

In 2012 the HSG allocated outreach funds to 3 groups, NNWC, SDCWC and TEP. In 2012 the HSG received more funds than usual since CPRCD got a NFF grant to help HSG get started. Each year the FS allocates funds to the CPRCD for outreach. Historically each group has been given a share of those funds and sometimes forest-wide outreach needs are supported. These forest-wide needs include things like the 2 brochures done last year. This year at the joint meeting, the groups will discuss any forest-wide needs for the new allocation before confirming allocations to each SG. One idea for outreach across all SGs would be to educate landowners about the value of beaver and what to do to live with beaver.

2013 proposed projects for HSG’s outreach funds are:

- Use funds to bring an outfitter in to bring people in kayaks to see restoration projects. TEP has maps for kayak trails in Tillamook Co.
- Target mailing information about the HSG for landowners that we may talk to in the future so they are already aware of the HSG. This could be a brochure explaining HSG purpose.
- Invite neighbors to see what has been done on other lands. Include invitations to commercial timber companies like Hancock and Miami.

Announcements/Schedule

For the January 10th, the group decided to meet at the Pelican Brewery in Pacific City to see if meeting in a less formal location will give the opportunity for other people to attend. The plan is for the meeting to focus on a talk about butterflies, building off the talk that Michelle and Anne will do at the joint meeting. Anne has PowerPoint pictures of butterflies & meadows. Jane will work with Ron on logistics, Anne and Luke on free marketing (Coast Today) and discuss with Lisa putting a paid ad in News Guard. *[Note: Delayed til Feb. 19th]*

Issue of Coho crossing on East Devil's Lake road. The two stream crossings are undersized Coho cross on the road to pass upstream.