

Hebo Stewardship Group Meeting Minutes

Northwest Conference Center, City Hall, Lincoln City

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Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Ron Hudson	USFS	Luke Gmazel	City of Lincoln City
David Skelton	USFS	Paul Katen	SDCWC
Guy Holzworth	NNWC	Mike Kennedy	Siletz Tribe
Anne Walker	USFWS	Jane Barth	Facilitator

January minutes were approved by consensus.

Updates/Announcements

Ron Hudson

- The NEPA planning process for the Schooner Rock Restoration Project is just beginning. The EA is expected to be completed in 2014. Given that there is potential for stewardship timber sales in the planning area, the stewardship group is encouraged to be involved early in the planning process. The planning area is 5,000+ acres and contains approximately 115 stands. As the project planning develops, the USFS will provide additional project details.

Anne Walker

- Melanie Berry, and other landowners are interested in growing plantings and silver-spot butterfly habitat restoration on 3-Rocks road in the Salmon river estuary. This is a potential Wyden project. Need a project manager like a watershed council.

Jane Barth

- Both HSG stewardship projects submitted last fall will be approved as submitted. In process of getting funds moved from FS to Cascade Pacific. Kirk ready to draft contracts for each project submitted so work can start in the next month or so. The USFS is working on how they can donate logs for stewardship instream large woody debris stream restoration projects, and how they will value logs for instream placement. This is holding up one MPSG area project.

Guy Holzworth

- The NNWC will hold the bay clean-up on April 20th. All are encouraged to participate.

Pelican Brewery Outreach Event Debrief

Overall the meeting went really well. Good turnout of ~50 people. Jane sent an email to all who signed in thanking them for attending and encouraging them to participate in future HSG and member organization activities/meetings. Suggestions for what to do next time included:

Approved

- Have people engaged more to determine their priorities/feedback, possibly through some questions for them to give feedback on. This could also help build a volunteer base for projects.
- Open house with member organization displays to help encourage more public involvement in projects.
- Serve food made from invasive species 😊

Jane will share Anne's and Michelle's presentations via email and post on CPRCD's website.

Joint Forest-wide Stewardship Project

The new committee met via conference call. Paul Katen and Catherine Pruett participated for the HSG. There is interest across all 4 SGs in doing a project to restore beaver habitat and include an outreach education component. However, there are a variety of concerns and a variety of ways each group may want to frame the project in their area. The committee decided that individual groups should discuss the project concept during their March and April meetings and affirm desire to participate or not. Then the committee will meet again to decide how to proceed. The committee thinks it is feasible to develop a project proposal for the upcoming Coast Range Stewardship Fund cycle, which has a proposal deadline of Sept 1st 2013.

HSG meeting participants support the project concept. Discussion points included:

- Beaver relocation is a main concern of landowners. The project proposal will not include relocation, but rather a "build it and they will come" approach.
- Need to frame the message to change minds, educate, and complete on the ground projects.
- Wayne Hoffman, ODFW, has a beaver presentation; possible presentation for upcoming meetings. OSU graduate student gave presentation to ASG earlier in the week. She is not willing to share her presentation file, but is open to making another oral presentation.
- Interest in MPSG's idea to approach the beaver habitat restoration as an invasive species control effort, transforming reed canary grass areas to beaver habitat. Include native species component that maintains a healthy ecosystem.
- Other considerations are genetic suitability, habitat availability, potential disease, etc. A wildlife biologist will likely need to be involved.

Spring field trip ideas

Ideas for a May/June field trip include:

- Active logging is of interest to people. Ron will find out when is Panther Thin is operating.
- Visit large woody debris projects nearby: Schooner Creek OWEB project is planned for the summer & fall; Bear Creek 2012 project, the first HSG project plus another area downstream where the SDCWC is interested in doing LWD placement downstream.

[Paul will talk with Catherine about the timing for a visit to Bear Creek that works for the local landowners.]

- Visit beaver dams on Hawk Creek. See bank burrows and lodges.
- Plan a field trip where it is not just informational, but there is hands on work such as riparian planting. This could be a component of a Bear Creek field trip.
- Look at places where future projects planned for stewardship funding.
- Schooner/Rock Thin site visit before planning.

Meeting adjourned by 4:45pm.