

Hebo Stewardship Group Meeting Minutes

Via Conference Call

January 10, 2013

Name	Affiliation		
Ron Hudson	USFS	Catherine Pruett	SCDWC
Guy Sievert	NNWC	Paul Katen	SDCWC
Alex Sifford	NNWC	Lisa Phipps	TEP
Anne Walker	USFWS	Jane Barth	Facilitator

November minutes were approved by consensus.

February Special Meeting/Outreach Event Planning

The group decided to meet at the Pelican Brewery in Pacific City on February 19th from 6-8 or 8:30pm. The HSG and NNWC will jointly sponsor this meeting/event. The NNWC will hold a short business meeting at 6pm. Then the special stewardship presentation on silverspot butterflies will happen. Anne Walker will collaborate with Michelle Dragoo on the presentation, building off the presentation they made at the December joint meeting. Also on the agenda will be a 10-15 explanation of stewardship and stewardship groups. Jane and Ron will work on this. The agenda will include time for Q&A and networking.

Lisa Phipps/TEP will take the lead on outreach for this special meeting. They will produce an invitation that can be sent out via social media and via regular mail. They will circulate it through their social media and other HSG members will be expected to do the same to reach as many people as possible. HSG members are asked to send Lisa any names and addresses of individuals or organizations that should receive a mailed invitation. Some ideas are people who live near stewardship projects, county commissioners, and forestry industry representatives. Lisa also will do press releases, some paid advertising, PSAs, on-line calendars, etc. Catherine volunteered to help with a radio spot in the Lincoln City area. All members are encouraged to send ideas for good media outlets to Lisa. The group discussed the value of producing an HSG-specific brochure as a handout. In the end, the overall opinion was to use the two existing stewardship group brochures. Jane will bring copies to the event. The group did decide to make a flyer about the silverspot butterfly for people to take home. This flyer can also contain information on when the HSG meets and how to get involved. Anne will work with Lisa on this flyer.

Jane will work on logistics with the Pelican Brewery including ordering some appetizer type food.

Future Forest-wide project idea

Catherine shared a project idea that she and Paul have. The basic idea is to do a Living with Beavers campaign that would include education, restoration and perhaps also videography to replicate aspects of the project. The project would showcase alternatives that landowners have

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for dealing with beaver on their property. Meeting participants supported the HSG sharing this idea with the other 3 SGs as an idea to develop into a joint restoration project for the 2013 Coast Range Fund. The workshop component is considered an essential part of the overall project. Future planning will look into how to pay for that component, including potentially using group outreach dollars. Jane will get information from Kirk Shimeall, CPRCD, on this aspect. Catherine will put together a one page overview of the project concept for Jane to circulate to the other 3 SGs. Assuming other groups are interested in the idea, Catherine and/or Paul are willing to work on a committee to plan the project and eventually develop application(s) for funds.

New Outreach funds for 2013

Paul nominated Lisa Phipps to be the HSG's representative on a new joint outreach committee. Lisa graciously agreed to serve on this committee which will discuss outreach efforts that would benefit all 4 SGs. Jane will communicate with her about meeting details once the 3 other SGs identify volunteers. She anticipates meetings being by phone, not involving travel.

Updates

Forest Service Updates (Rondall Hudson)

The Forest Service plans to sell the Panther Thin this year. The EA has been completed. Panther Thin is 237 acres north of Rose Lodge. Approximate volume is 3.6 million board feet (mbf). The stand is 30-50 year old Douglas Fir. If sold as a stewardship sale, the stand will be thinned, snags will be created, downed wood will be left and a road will be decommissioned. Later the FS will plant other species into this monoculture stand. Of currently proposed sales, the Hebo District recommends that this sale be sold as a stewardship sale and is asking for the HSG's support. If Panther Thin is sold as a traditional timber sale, the road decommissioning element would not be included.

Gus asked for reasons why the stewardship group would choose to say "no" to a sale being proposed as a stewardship sale. One reason would be if the group thought a different sale might be better as a stewardship sale since only a % of annual sales are sold as stewardship sales. Another reason would be if there were public comments against the sale during the EA that would make HSG members uncomfortable supporting it. Ron agreed to send Jane additional information on 2013 proposed sales, comments from EA, and also guidance from the acting silviculturist, Wayne Patterson, to include in these notes (see below). Ron also will check with Wayne to see if the HSG can discuss and vote on this at its March 14th meeting. Ideally Wayne can attend the March meeting to answer questions. [UPDATE: Wayne would like to make a short presentation during the Feb 19th meeting. Ron and Jane think this would be a good way for any guests to get insight into how stewardship works. This can happen after then butterfly presentation.]

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

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