

**Marys Peak Stewardship Group
Meeting Notes
November 29, 2012**

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Matt Mellenthin	IRM	Karen Fleck-Harding	MRWC
Frank Davis	SNF	Mike Totey	ODF
Courtney Schreiber	SNF	Steve Trask	Bio-Surveys
Kraig Kidwell	SNF	Donna Schmitz	Benton Co. SWCD
Art and Betty Slight	Landowners	Lisa and Reid Weske	Landowners
Ken McCall	RMEF		
Bill and Diane Blakney	Landowners	Jane Brass Barth	Facilitator

Meeting began shortly after 6:00 pm. October notes were approved by consensus.

Frank Davis presented what stewardship is and how it works to help new participants understand the purpose and foci of the MPSG.

Marys Peak Sierra Club Meeting Report – follow-up to October MPSG agenda item Kraig Kidwell

- Native Plant Society Member Phil Hays described the botanical resources within the Marys Peak Special Botanical Special Interest Area (SBSIA).
- He discussed the communication site on the peak, his dislike of it, and his opinion of the Forest Service management of the site. However, he is generally supportive of the meadow and viewpoint restoration plans for the Marys Peak SBSIA.
- Ranger Michele Jones, Public Affairs Joni Quanstrom, Ecologist Cindy McCain and Sale Administer Kraig Kidwell were in attendance. Michele visited with Phil following his presentation.

Joint Meeting

- December 10th at Yachats Commons
- 10-11:30 special presentations on owls and flying. Followed by regular joint meeting agenda, including lunch. See draft agenda circulated by Jane.
- Meet at ODF at 8:00am for carpooling.

Show and Tell

- Karen Fleck-Harding previewed the presentation with the group. Showcased the work up Greasy Creek.
- Technology issues will hopefully be resolved. Art will bring his Mac. Xan will lead the presentation at the joint meeting.

Forest Wide project ideas to bring forward at joint meeting

- Considered invasive projects
- Considered a Stewardship work day on the same day like the beach SOLV. Each group could pick a project, i.e. tree pulling on Marys Peak, Riparian tree planting, invasive weed pulling, etc.

Outreach Funds for this coming year

- Frank Davis suggested that people from each Stewardship Group who work on Outreach get together and share ideas on what has worked.
- Discussed website, mailers, social media, getting projects people can be involved in, community events to share what has taken place.
- Who are we trying to reach with our outreach?
- Karen Fleck-Harding- Outreach should focus on a geographic area.
- Donna Schmitz– Outreach should be focused on the resource.
- Group – Consider both geographic area and resource.
- Kraig Kidwell– if you focus on projects and show your results and show your geographic area they might have a tie to the general area.
- It isn't just about Wyden projects; it could provide a line of communication on the Forest Service Stewardship projects.

Updates/Announcements

In the future there is going to be some projects in cooperation with the city to do some enhancement on the peak. The group will be asked to provide input.

Rock Thin and Bridge Thin cutters have started.

Log placement project on lower Rock Creek and Griffith Creek update:

- OWEB review team field tour tomorrow.
- Looking at log placements on Griffith Creek and Rock Creek. Placement sites include City of Corvallis Park property and other private landowners.
- Because this is a much smaller project, the creeks are accessible by ground so the project would be accomplished with a large excavator. Plus most of the heavy helicopters are overseas so unavailable and cost prohibitive.
- A pending issue is if the forest is going to be able to provide the logs. Kraig Kidwell, Chris Hirsch and Frank Davis are working on that.

Next meeting January 24th location TBD