

**Marys Peak Stewardship Group
Meeting Notes
October 25, 2012**

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Ross Holloway	Facilitator - CPRCD	Frank Davis	SNF
Kraig Kidwell	SNF	Cindy McCain	SNF
Mike Totey	ODF	Karen Fleck-Harding	MRWC
Crystal Durbecq	Benton SWCD	Kirk Shimeall	Cascade Pacific
Courtney Schreiber	SNF – Note Taker	Art & Betty Sleight	Private Landowners
		Jennifer Ward	City of Corvallis

Meeting began shortly after 6:00 PM. September notes approved by consensus with correction.

Updates

Concern for the Future of the Peak - Cindy McCain

- Cindy McCain, Kraig Kidwell and Michelle Jones of the Siuslaw will be attending a meeting of the Sierra Club Marys Peak: Sub-Alpine Island Princess of the Coast Range. Phil Hays of the Native Plant Society will take them on a natural and human history tour of the iconic sentinel of the Willamette Valley: Marys Peak. He will illustrate how, over the centuries, humans have both revered and altered this unique ecological feature, right up to 2012. Phil's presentation will also prepare the Marys Peak Group and other, like-minded residents of the region, to create a vision that will enhance reverence for and reduce the possibilities of desecrating the group's namesake. We are all stewards of Marys Peak. 7:00 p.m. at the Corvallis/Benton County Library. Cindy will be happy to report on it next month.

Stewardship Sales- Kraig Kidwell

- Finished Reconstruction on Franklin Ridge Road, currently rocking so they can log this winter.
- Bought cutters currently harvesting boughs on the meadow restoration area.
- Rock Thin looking to get started around mid-November.

Roundtable Debrief - Karen Fleck Harding and Art Sleight

Wyden Projects

- Art summed up what happened at the Roundtable. See notes from roundtable meeting.
- Kirk handed out a summary table showing the eleven Wyden projects, the original amounts requested, and the additional funds recommended for the projects.
- MPSGs Greasy Creek project will be receiving additional funds, with the final amount dependent on final budgets for the other projects (~\$20,000 estimated additional).
- The Roundtable had a good discussion on the pros and cons of funding projects for multiple years. Determined to be appropriate for invasive control projects, where subsequent treatments are critical to effectiveness. For other projects, the group decided it was appropriate to make a strong statement about intent to fund another year for projects with a strong record of success, and adopted a statement to that effect for the Siuslaw Riparian Planting project.
- A question was asked as to whether or not the issue of matching fund level was discussed by the Roundtable. No discussion on matching at the Roundtable meeting.
- Group asked for possibility of access to all proposals electronically. Kirk Shimeall to look into.

Future Forest-Wide project Idea

- Karen shared the idea raised at the Roundtable of proposing a stewardship project that all 4 groups could collaborate on. The project would relate to a shared issue or resource that is common among all groups. Two specific ideas for “joint” projects were mentioned, an invasives control project for a species common to all four SG areas, or expanding the Siuslaw Riparian Planting project to make the benefits available to landowners in all four SG areas. This is something that will be discussed at joint meeting. At the MPSG’s November meeting, the group will discuss this further in order to have ideas to share at the joint meeting.

FS Retained Receipts Projects

- FS 078 Rock Creek Bridge replacement and channel restoration.
- Group endorsed projects at last meeting for projects 078 and 079
- Projects may need to be scaled back depending on funds available.

Joint Meeting

- Potential dates: weeks of December 3rd and December 10th
 - First week works better for most in group. Karen Fleck-Harding will not be in attendance but will provide a movie to share on culvert replacement for MPSG “show and tell”.
- Potential Locations: Yachats Commons, Corvallis, Central Coast Community College
- Request to Siuslaw group to show and tell Riparian project
- Kirk Shimeall asked people to think about if the multi-year monitoring report is useful and accessible and how it can be structured to best serve the groups. A potential topic to discuss what the group would like to see.

Outreach funds

- Each group asked to bring ideas to the joint meeting on collaborative and individual group outreach.
- Frank Davis shared his idea that all the outreach people from each group should get together and share what has worked and what doesn’t work to see how the other groups are approaching outreach
- Idea to expand on this topic at the Joint Meeting, if the agenda allows for it.
- The group agreed to bring ideas and continue discussion of possible outreach ideas at the next MPSG meeting.
- It was also suggested that if a joint Wyden project is developed, that might be a good basis for a joint outreach project involving all four groups.

Letter of Support - Karen Fleck Harding

- At the Roundtable, additional stewardship funds were supported to expand the Greasy Creek project to include large wood placement. The Marys River Watershed Council’s is submitting a Rock and Griffith Creek Large Wood Placement proposal to OWEB for matching funds and would like the MPSG to send a letter of support.
- Karen shared draft letter. Good as drafted. Group signed letter

Updates and Announcements:

Approved

Kirk Shimeall shared that the Executive Director for Cascade Pacific has resigned. The board is figuring out what the duties of the Executive Director have been and how they are going to structure the organization in the future.

October 30th - Riparian Thinning Management class at La Salle Stewart Center. Frank Davis will forward agenda on meeting.

Mid November - Pacific West Regional STWD Contracting Multiparty Monitoring Team meeting will be taking place. Kirk will be attending. Ross described how this group differs from the local monitoring efforts. They coordinate regional efforts towards national-level monitoring of stewardship contracting.

Karen Fleck Harding – Theiss International Prize again awarded to Oregon

Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:

Next meeting November 29th - Cindy McCain to discuss Sierra Club gathering

Adjourn: 7:37