

Coast Range Roundtable DRAFT Meeting Notes
May 28, 2013 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor's Office
Corvallis, Oregon

Introductions/Meeting Participants

Dave Eisler, SSG	Alex Sifford, HSG
Karen Fleck-Harding, MPSG	Dan Segotta, FS – Central Coast RD
Art Sleight, MPSG	Ron Hudson, FS –Hebo RD
Chandra LeGue, ASG	Carl Bauer, Deputy District Ranger
Mike Kennedy, ASG	Jane Brass Barth, MPSG/HSG Facilitator
Paul Katen, HSG	Kirk Shimeall, ASG/SSG facilitator, CPRCD

Coast Range Stewardship Fund

Dan Segotta told the group that \$716,000 has been moved into the retained receipts pot. Another \$15,000 should come in from Rock Thin before it shuts down. He anticipates another \$300,000 in retained receipts will be added when 6 sales scheduled to restart after owl restrictions are lifted in July. The total will be about \$1,000,000.

The group discussed the possibility for shifting the Coast Range Stewardship Fund timeline forward in order to better ensure contracts are in place in time for in-stream work in the first year. The decision was to leave the September 1 proposal for now and the FS will work hard to get everything completed with Grants and Agreements by the end of February so that contracts can be signed with project managers by March 31st.

The group discussed what to do in the event there are more retained receipts than anticipated as happened in 2012-13 round. They put the following options in order of priority:

1. Scalability in terms of years, project scope (as was done last year)
2. Move excess funds to FS stewardship projects
3. Hold extra funds in suspense account, recognizing the possibility that another forest could access them.
4. Call for additional projects

Forest-wide Stewardship Project

Paul Katen provided the group with some background information. Then the group discussed what to do this year. After a wide-ranging discussion, the group settled on the following:

- Have the umbrella theme of beaver/salmon. A primary value of the common theme is that CPRCD and SNF and the SGs can use it to raise visibility of the stewardship program and work on federal and private land.
- All 4 groups support outreach and education about the role/value of beaver in the ecosystem. They want to help dispel myths, share historical knowledge about beaver in the areas, give landowners options for co-existing with beaver rather than trapping or killing them. Some of this outreach work might be done collaboratively; this will depend a lot on whether the NFF grant is funded. Will know that in early June.
- Each group will implement the theme independently. Groups can decide if/how they want to prioritize on-the-ground stewardship projects directed at the beaver/salmon

theme. However, the Coast Range Fund application form will have a question asking all applicants to explain if/how the project relates to beaver/salmon.

- The forest service agreed to explore doing a beaver/salmon oriented demonstration project on its land. Dan Segotta shared that engineers are interested in options when they find culverts plugged with beaver dams. He will discuss with Central District colleagues; Ron Hudson will discuss with Hebo District colleagues. These projects will be a way for the SGs to keep learning about his complex issue.
- The Roundtable decided that the forest-wide committee should reconvene once a decision is heard about the NFF grant. The committee membership probably will change now that we are moving from process to implementation phase.
- After some discussion, it was agreed that anyone who is pursuing any type of funding which incorporates the different Stewardship Groups, it will ideally be doing so with enough time to give advance notification to the groups so that they can discuss whether they would like to be involved. If the grant application is last-minute, it was agreed that at a minimum Roundtable representatives for each affected group would be contacted to approve the process moving forward.

Annual Outreach Funds (\$6000 total again this year)

Roundtable decided that there would not be a request to use any of these funds for the beaver/salmon project. Any joint outreach on that effort will be considered again by the forest-wide project committee after hearing about the NFF grant. The Fall Roundtable can discuss as new outreach funds will have been allocated by then.

Each group is requested to allocate \$200 of its \$1500 to a common pot of funds to make stewardship banners. Alex Sifford showed the group a banner that his watershed council uses at events. The Roundtable supports having 2 banners made in that style. The banners will cover stewardship in general and all 4 groups, drawing information from the existing outreach brochures. SGs and FS staff can borrow the banners for events to help raise visibility of stewardship. The banners will be kept at CPRCD or the FS District offices or SNF Headquarters. [Note: Need to figure out who will take the lead in designing and making the banners. Chandra?] Dan Segotta reminded the group that he has the Celebrating Stewardship banner from the 10-year celebration. SGs can also borrow that banner. Other future outreach ideas are website updating, perhaps with interactive maps. All are encouraged to send things to post on the CPRCD website. Kirk will get the website managers contact information to all groups.

December Joint Stewardship Group Meeting Presentation Ideas

The main interest is for presentations to paint the big picture about beaver issues. This could be a panel, a day-long forum, or one of a series of workshops spread out over the year. Karen Fleck-Harding said the 5 Rivers Beaver Management Plan that she and Steve Trask wrote gives an outline of most issues. She will get this to the facilitators to circulate to the Roundtable.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.