

Hebo Stewardship Group Meeting Minutes

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Kiawanda Community Center, Pacific City, OR

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Wayne Patterson	USFS	Michele Long	ODFW
Alex Sifford	NNWC	Anne Walker	USFW
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Mike Kennedy	Siletz Tribe	Luke Gzmal	City of Lincoln City
		Jane Barth	Facilitator

The meeting began soon after 3pm. May 9th and 31st meeting notes were approved by consensus. They will be posted at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/siuslaw/stewardship-groups>.

Updates

Field Trip Debrief– Friday, May 31st – Great turn-out; strong support of FS appreciated.

FS – The Hebo RD is planning two timber sales next year. They are analyzing which one to sell as a stewardship sale. Both will generate the same ballpark of receipts. Neither offers very good opportunities for fish projects as they have already done a lot of work in those areas. The Battle Lake sale might be a bit better for stewardship given opportunities to include road decommissioning and wildlife habitat projects. Wayne will keep the group informed as the time gets closer to advertising the sales.

- Farmer Creek area along the 1023 Road
- Battle Lake area in the far north section of the HSG area

2011 & 2012 Wyden Projects – Catherine shared that they still plan to do invasives work and planting that was included in the 2011 project, but they have to wait on the landowner resolving some issues. Both 2012 projects are on hold until the funds become available. Catherine reported that their project will be delayed until the Fall due to marbled murrelet policy.

Other – Luke expressed appreciation for the information that HSG have shared with him as he has designed how to fix a bank on Schooner Creek. He will be adding in large woody debris and is interested in doing plantings between large boulders. Species recommended include twinberry and snowberry. The SDCWC may have plant stock to share, too.

2013 Coast Range Fund Projects

Based on the discussion during the meeting, two projects are in process from the HSG for the new round of Wyden projects.

1. Catherine discussed a project in the Salmon River Estuary Boat Basin area. The overall project will reconnect Mink Creek which currently is cut off and drops into an artificial channel. The piece of the project that would be done with stewardship funds is replacement of 2 undersized culverts on North Three Rocks Road. Catherine has discussed the project with FS engineer and fisheries biologist. Match would come from USFWS and OWEB. Cost could be as high as \$60,000/culvert but can be lower if able to do in coordination with other work, thus reducing mobilization costs. The group advised Catherine to check on the land ownership as one of the culverts may be on federal land, to communicate with NMFS, and to work with Jason and Dave Skelton on design options. Meeting participants support the SDCWC moving forward with this proposal.
2. Alex reviewed the project he shared during the May 31st HSG meeting. This culvert replacement project on Bower Creek on the Little Nestucca has OWEB TA dollars and USFWS funds to get started. Alex and the NNWC are figuring out what activities to plan for 2014 and 2015 within the project.
3. Anne and Paul met with 12 landowners at the Sitka Center. Marty Bray from the Waldport SNF office also participated in this information-sharing session. Many of the landowners are ready to plant species that support the silverspot butterfly with the goal of supplementing the Cascade Head butterfly population. The idea is to start with an OWEB small grant and use supplies already have on hand rather than apply for stewardship funds this round. Need to get Safe Harbor agreements in place before doing a more significant effort. SDCWC can be the project manager and will get help to design butterfly gardens. SDCWC also willing to use some of its education funds on this effort. The group expressed enthusiasm for this project.

Outreach Funds

The purpose of this agenda item was to discuss the \$1300 remaining from the HSG's 2012-13 outreach allocation. These funds are at CPRCD.

- Jane shared information received via email from Lisa Phipps. TEP has funds remaining for outreach and is ready to assist with any outreach needs, similar to what they did to publicize the Pelican Pub event. TEP has a new graphic design person on staff who can work with the HSG, as needed. TEP will not request any of the \$1300.
- Alex is interested in doing another scotch brome work day on Whalen Island like was done in part with outreach dollars in 2011. He will bring more information to a future HSG meeting.
- The group agreed to put the 2013-14 outreach funds allocation towards activities in conjunction with the Cascade Head 40th anniversary. Catherine will take the lead on this, but the outreach activities will be designed to benefit multiple organizations within the HSG area.

Forest-wide Project

At the Spring Roundtable meeting, the idea of one or both ranger districts doing a beaver/salmon-related demonstration project was discussed and supported. Wayne reported that the Hebo RD has been looking for appropriate project sites. Two potential sites are:

- Andy Creek
- Cedar Creek Road near Hebo and above the fish hatchery.

They are projects to address road issues caused by beaver dams and could have terrestrial benefits. Unfortunately, neither site provides the opportunity to showcase the ecosystem benefits of beaver for salmon. The group appreciated the Hebo RD's effort and would like to hear more information at future meetings.

In order to keep the beaver/salmon forest-wide theme moving along, the plan is to reconstitute the ad hoc committee as more of a technical committee. The committee can come up with concepts for on-the-ground projects on both federal and private lands. Members are being sought from all 4 stewardship groups. So far, Jane knows that Karen Fleck-Harding and Steve Trask are interested. Meeting participants suggested the following be approached to be on the committee: Dave Skelton (FS), Ron Hudson (FS), Wayne Hoffman and Fran Recht (MCEC). Michele expressed interest in participating. Jane will let the group know who volunteers from the other groups. She and Kirk will convene the committee in the fall. [Note: We did not discuss the outreach efforts for "living with beaver" that also got support at the Roundtable. Ideally people with this interest and skills will join the new committee so that it can have a two-pronged purpose. Or, perhaps a different outreach committee is organized?]

Updates/Announcements

The August meeting will be held one week later than usual, on August 15th in Lincoln City. We will meet in the city's conference room above the Driftwood Library.