

McKenzie Stewardship Group

January 11, 2021 | 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Zoom Teleconference

2:30 Welcome

- Review & Approve Minutes

2:35 Updates

- Facilitator Updates
- ODF Updates
- USFS Updates

3:00 Annual Metrics

- Discussion

3:45 Visioning Process

- Presentation
- Discussion

4:25 Next Steps

Meeting Information

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Attendees: Nancy Toth (EWEB), Darren Cross (USFS), Kirk Shimeall (CPRC&D), David Bishop (USFS), Daniel Dietz (MRT), James Johnston (OSU), Kyle Sullivan (ODF), Justin Patten (ODF), Jared Weybright (MWC), Shane Kamarath (ODF), Johan Hogervorst (USFS), Trisha Maxfield (Facilitator)

Welcome

Minutes: The group reviewed the 12/14/20 minute. No feedback was given, minutes were approved.

Updates & Announcements

MWSG Cost-Share: Big thanks to EWEB for providing a \$10,000 match.

Annual All Collabs: January 20, 2021 | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. [POSTPONED]. Trish asked how the group felt convening on inauguration day. The group stated they are fine convening either way, as it's difficult to get these meetings scheduled.

Joint Learning Opportunity: February 18, 2021 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Trish is working on a program for this meeting.

Monitoring Subcommittee: Trish will send out an email to monitoring subcommittee participants to see if they are interested in reconvening in February or March.

USFS Updates:

COVID Recreationists are out in full force. Snow parks are at full capacity. ODOT is starting on phase two of their danger tree project. Closure orders: Forest still closed, but 15 and 19 roads are open now. In general, several people retired and took time off over the holidays, so taking time to get caught up.

Question: Will we feel the impacts of the administrative changes? More of a pause or hesitation on things, maybe not a huge change.

ODF Updates:

ODF requested \$5M from the state legislator emergency board to restore and maintain resilient landscapes as part of the cohesive wildfire strategy. They are still working through what this will look like, but \$2M will be allocated to FFR projects. Three different areas: funding existing ODF crews to conduct fuels reduction work on BLM and FS land; contracted environmental analysis; and surveys that contribute to landscape scale planning efforts on federal lands. There is a tight time restriction on these funds, so all projects would need to be implemented by June 30th of this year, making it difficult to fund projects with this money.

Part of the \$5M is for a FFR coordinator in order to get the position started. This position is used to interact with the collaboratives, liaison between ODF and FS as additional capacity.

Question: Will some of that money be used to fund collaborative groups? They don't have a clear answer at the moment, but they are meeting to discuss in more detail soon.

\$2M is also geared towards private landowners fuels reduction. Justin mentioned if anyone knows of private landowners who are interested in Oak restoration projects or something similar that relates to fuels reduction to reach out to him directly. Still working on pre-sale work for BB. Working on decision memos for three CE's.

Discussion Topics

MWSG Visioning Process

Trish shared a presentation (**attached**) outlining the visioning process and the various committees MWSG could take on. At the end of the presentation MWSG participants ranked the potential committees by interest. An official vote was not taken.

Implementation: This committee would not be focusing on planning efforts around the NEPA process, but would include being involved in the selection of stewardship sale areas and implementation or retained receipts.

Recreation: Darren mentioned this is one of his biggest priorities, however they are limited on recreation staff at the moment.

Firewise: Justin mentioned it would be important to have members of the community involved in the committee because there is a distrust towards government agencies. Developing a firewise community on paper is really easy—there would need to be one outreach or some sort of risk reduction event per year, a minimum of eight homes or dwellings per year to participate, and have a board. To truly have a Firewise community, you have to have an informed community, as we've seen your neighbors home very well could impact your home's survivability.

Planning: This would look specifically at involvement in the NEPA planning process.

Sidenote: EWEB is working with Bart Johnson from UO in the Goodpasture area to re-envision what their landscaping could look like in the future. This includes concepts of nature-scaping and firewise. A toolkit may be a product that could come out of this effort and could be shared with members of the community. Justin mentioned he is available to meet with landowners as they are re-building to educate them on some of the things they can do.

Annual Metrics

The group worked through the Annual Metrics spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is not included in these notes because there are additional follow-ups for it to be complete. Trish will send the annual metrics to Jared to help fill out information.

Next Steps:

MWSG Meeting Notes

- Trish will send out an email to the monitoring subcommittee.
- Trish will send out the Visioning Process presentation to Jared and Malcolm to see what their committee priorities are.
- Trish will email annual metrics to Jared and Kyle to help fill out.

McKenzie Stewardship Group

March 8, 2021 | 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Zoom Teleconference

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- ODF Updates
- USFS Updates
- EWEB Updates

3:00 GNA Projects

- Discussion

3:30 Annual Self-Assessment

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3:45 Annual Work Plan

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4:15 MWSG Committees

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Absent Voting Members: Malcolm Wilson (UWSWCD), Kirk Shimeall (CPRC&D), Daniel Dietz (MRT), Gordon Culbertson (WWF)

Welcome

Minutes: The group reviewed the 1/11/21 minutes. No feedback was given, minutes were approved.

Updates & Announcements

MWSG Cost-Share: Approved in February

Annual All Collabs: April 9, 2021 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Joint Learning Opportunity: Recording is available if you weren't able to make it.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/187vkBh7z9ufqVIB0xw37ruenj6_DiCbU/view?usp=sharing

Monitoring Subcommittee: Trish will send out a doodle poll to set up a meeting for the end of April.

USFS Updates:

Facilitator funding was approved. Winter recreation is high on the District. Anticipating summer recreation will be high again this year. Working on getting the recreation shop vacancies filled, hopefully by this summer. There are several fire recovery grants coming in. Cascade Volunteers got a \$50,000 grant to work on the landscape and do a guided trip after their volunteer efforts. Raft guide outfitters are putting in for a grant to improve boat launches after the fires. They got final funding for their suppression repair plan. This summer will be focused on suppression rehab, fuels from hazard trees, roads, and drainages. They got full funding for their burned area emergency response plan.

ODF Updates:

The \$200,000 E-Board funding request for PWP was approved. The Delta Homes project got approved for \$40,000—it treats the adjacent lands to federal lands in the McKenzie Bridge area. The Delta Homes are a summer home track for MRRD. There are ~63 homes in that area, owned by private residents, but the land is owned by the FS. They advertised for the FFR Coordinator position. It is through E-Board funding, so it will terminate June 30th. But the intention is for that to be a permanent position, trying to figure out how to roll that into their budget. GNA project funding is

EWEB Updates:

The goal with the E-Board funding is to increase cooperation between landowners and ODF, while building relationships. Also connecting landowners with firewise efforts. The EWEB board of commissioners approved a 3.9M budget amendment for 2021, specifically for watershed restoration work. Part of that will be a temporary watershed restoration surcharge/monthly fee based on pipe size. For most people it will be ~\$3 a month, over a span of five years. Some of that money is going to incentives programs, direct erosion control, and working with MRT on land acquisition. Working with Lane County to develop an incentives program for homeowners who have lost their homes to consider rebuilding outside of the riparian setback or special flood hazard area. They are working with a UO landscape studio class on opportunities for naturescaping and firewise landscaping in the Goodpasture Road area. An outreach brochure or guide may be an end result of the project. Looking to have a naturescaping workshop this spring. For the PWP program, they are still taking individuals who are interested in a burn assessment. They have implemented erosion control measures on over 100 properties. In the third or fourth week of replanting, ~90 acres of riparian properties with ~50-60 landowners. They are trying to get the work done by the end of the month.

The group briefly looked at the Project Status & History report. Trish will work with Kyle and David to update the document.

Discussion Topics

GNA Projects

This agenda item was moved to the 3/18/21 meeting.

Annual Self-Assessment

Trish is working on a summary and will send it out to the group once complete.

Annual Work Plan

Trish shared the work plan spreadsheet (attached). Flat Country stewardship sale area projects likely won't be available until the fall. In the meantime we can schedule a field trip to the Flat Country area. The task of developing a restoration priorities process will likely include developing a 1-2 page document outlining how we want to source and prioritize the projects as a group. Trish will send out a survey to collect learning session topic ideas.

MWSG Committees

This agenda item was moved to the 3/18/21 meeting.

Next Steps:

- Trish will send out an email to the monitoring subcommittee.
- Trish will send the Project Status and History report to Kyle and David for updates.
- Trish will complete and send out the Annual Self-Assessment Summary.
- Trish will send out a survey to collect learning session topic ideas.

McKenzie Stewardship Group

March 18, 2021 | 11:00 - 12:00 PM

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11:00 Welcome

11:05 GNA Projects

- Discussion

11:45 MWSG Committees

- Discussion & Approval

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Absent Voting Members: Gordon Culbertson (WWF)

Discussion Topics

GNA Projects

All voting members voted to move forward with sending the two proposals below forward to ODF. Both projects parallel submissions from last year.

Priority 1: Lower South Fork Monitoring Project (\$20K - \$25K)

- ODFW - \$ for staffing
- Part of a 5 year monitoring project
- Tracking Chinook
- Sampling for summer of 2022

Priority 2: Lab Sampling (\$5.5K)

- Potentially with SWCD through IGA
- Macro for South Fork
- Expenditure in the winter of 2021

MWSG Committees

The group discussed there is some overlap with PWP and this work and that it may make sense for Trish to start attending PWP meetings to get a better understanding of the program as a whole. There wouldn't need to be a clear definition on who holds the group between PWP or MWSG, but there is a need for MWSG voting members to vote on whether they'd like to spend MWSG dollars for funding the facilitation and coordination of a Firewise Committee. Trish did mention she would bump down the Stewardship Committee meetings to one hour a month (for as long as it makes sense), which would offset partners' time to participate in the firewise committee. All voting members voted in favor of using MWSG funds for facilitating and coordinating a Firewise Committee.

Trish will set up a meeting with Justin to discuss next steps and get clarification on the following questions.

- Does each community need their own board?
- Are there requirements for board membership? For example, do they need to live in the watershed?

- How will the work get done? Is there funding to cover the work, or is it expected the homeowner would complete the work?

Next Steps:

- Trish will set up a meeting with Justin to discuss next steps.

McKenzie Stewardship Group

April 12, 2021 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Zoom Teleconference

4:00 Welcome

- Review & Approve Minutes

4:05 Updates

- Facilitator Updates
- ODF Updates
- USFS Updates

4:15 Restoration Priorities Process

- Discussion

4:50 Annual Self-Assessment

- Brief Summary

4:55 Next Steps

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Non-voting Members: Darren Cross (USFS), David Bishop (USFS), James Johnston (OSU), Kyle Sullivan (ODF), Susan Fricke (EWEB), Trisha Maxfield (Facilitator)

Absent Voting Members: None

Welcome

Minutes: The group reviewed the 3/8/21 and 3/18/21 minutes. No feedback was given, minutes were approved.

Updates & Announcements

Annual All Collabs: Members who attended debriefed. At the meeting they started to discuss the GNA process in more detail. For example, how each group shares their projects with the committee. They also discussed Stewardship Receipts. Sentiment was shared that more time on the topics would be helpful. Trish will add the discussion of process for receipts (both GNA and Stewardship) as future agenda items.

Monitoring Subcommittee: April 30, 2021 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Firewise Committee: We are fine to move forward with one board for the watershed. Will need to think around how we want to section the communities, but will want at least one representative per section. Trish will email PWP representatives to figure out what makes the most sense in defining Firewise boundaries.

Forest Plan Revisions: WNF to start Forest Plan Revisions in 2023. Trish will add discussion around how MWSG wants to engage in the Forest Plan Revisions to the MWSG Workplan.

Field Trip: The group would like to focus on the Flat Country area for the field trip. The group expressed wanting to visit various locations in the landscape (e.g. some older stands, priority stream areas, stewardship sale areas already mentioned, etc). The group will anticipate spending the whole day on this field trip.

Meeting Time: The group agreed to meet from 4-5 for the next couple months.

USFS Updates:

GNA funding decisions will be made on April 22nd. The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is full and will be seeking proposals for funding. Organizations seeking RAC funding will need to get the thumbs up from MRRD. They are readvertising the GNA deck sale from the fires in the next week or so. The timber target for the forest was reduced after the fires. They were able to move some of the sales to later in the year. Hidden Lake stewardship will be moved to the first week in Q1 in October 2021. We do still have GP debt that we need to pay out of stewardship sales. The District is starting to talk about prescribed burning for the spring.

Discussion Topics

Restoration Priorities Process

Trish screen shared the draft process for restoration priorities (attached). An acknowledgement was made that a lot of the same partners work together to prioritize watershed enhancement projects (aquatic/water), so the process may feel a little redundant. However, this process will allow more diverse projects to come to the group. Examples include: meadow restoration, huckleberry restoration, etc. Each group or organization (to include the MRRD IDT) would have the opportunity to present their projects they've submitted to the group. The MWSG voting members will use dot voting (or a similar process) to prioritize projects. This means the group can elect to not pick up any of the IDT projects if they don't want to.

A good pilot for this process will be for next year's GNA funding. Trish will pull together a google form to start gathering projects for GNA.

Annual Self-Assessment

Trish shared the 2020 annual self-assessment summary (attached) with the group. The group discussed how to best engage environmental groups. Trish will send a direct invite to Oregon Wild about the monitoring subcommittee meeting.

Next Steps:

- Trish will add the discussion of process for receipts (both GNA and Stewardship) as future agenda items.
- Trish will email PWP representatives to figure out what makes the most sense in defining Firewise boundaries.
- Trish will add discussion around how MWSG wants to engage in the Forest Plan Revisions to the MWSG Work Plan.
- Trish will pull together a google form to start gathering projects for GNA.
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Restoration Priorities Process

Step 1: Funding will be available in 12-15 months.

Step 2: The facilitator will send participants a google form to submit projects.

Step 3: The facilitator will compile restoration projects.

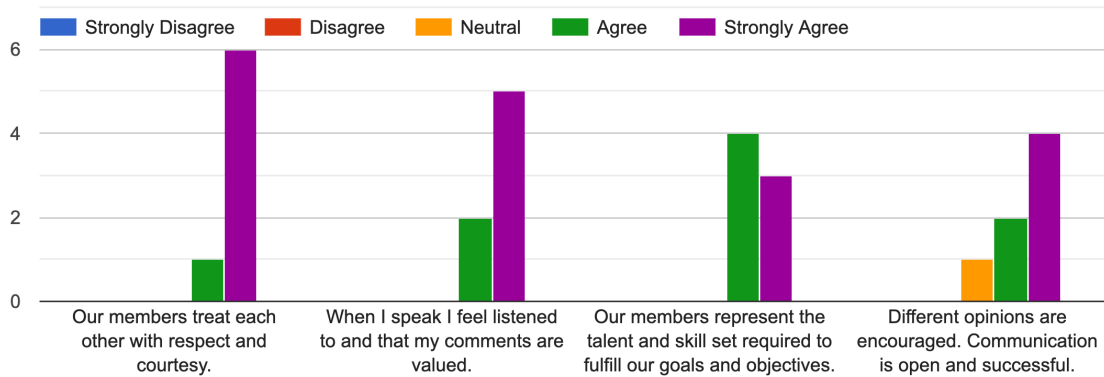
Step 4: The facilitator will set up a meeting where each person or organization who submitted a project will have an opportunity to present their project.

Step 5: The MWSG will prioritize and vote on projects to submit for funding. Methods for voting could include each voting member getting three dots and prioritizing projects they most want to fund.

McKenzie Stewardship Group 2020 Annual Self-Assessment Summary

Section 1: Membership

Rate the following statements



Who is missing at the table?

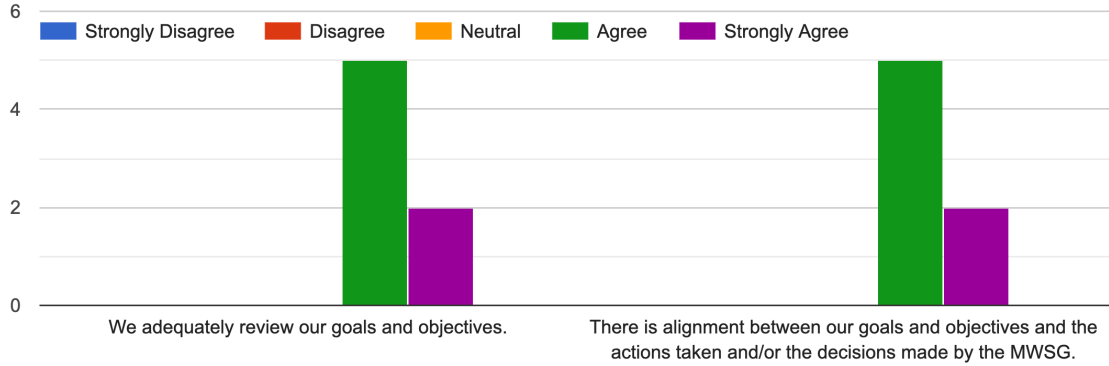
- Recreation interests
- Commercial timber, non-profit environmental policy group
- Industry and Enviros. We have one industry member but could use more. No Enviros since Oregon Wild left.
- Environmental groups, maybe some public members
- Community groups from the upper McKenzie

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Summary: An appreciation for the spirit of the group and the MRRD staff's willingness to participate. An interest in finding ways to connect with Blue River, Vida, and McKenzie Bridge communities seems like the next step. And it may be more productive than continuing efforts to engage with Eugene or regional-centered environmental groups.

Section 2: Goals & Objectives

Rate the following statements



Please rate the following task by priority*

- 19 = Flat Country Stewardship Sale Selection
- 19 = Develop Process for Prioritizing Restoration Projects
- 18 = Project Monitoring
- 18 = Learning Opportunities
- 18 = Field Trips
- 14 = Community Outreach on MWSG Projects

*Voting members who participated made up 71% of individuals who participated in the self-assessment.

Is there anything else you'd like to add? (To include any missing priorities on the list above)

Summary: A recommendation for a priority: application of Stewardship Receipts to the PWP program as we've seen done on Dehne and Sullivan properties. Feel there is a need to have more integration in other organization's project prioritization process so we're not creating redundancies having MWSG prioritize projects. However, it is important anyone in the MWSG has an opportunity to contribute projects.

Section 3: Facilitation

Rate the following statements

1. We receive the meeting agenda and materials in advance of the meeting to allow for appropriate review and preparation.
 - a. Strongly agree: 3
 - b. Agree: 4
2. The agenda is well thought out in advance. The focus is on “major” not “minor” issues.
 - a. Strongly agree: 1
 - b. Agree: 5
 - c. Neutral: 1
3. The facilitator guides the meeting effectively by allowing and encouraging discussion but staying on agenda.
 - a. Strongly agree: 7
4. The facilitator does well with time management.
 - a. Strongly agree: 6
 - b. Agree: 1
5. The facilitator remains neutral and does not show biases.
 - a. Strongly agree: 3
 - b. Agree: 3
 - c. Neutral: 1
6. During our meetings, next steps are identified and responsibilities assigned.
 - a. Strongly agree: 2
 - b. Agree: 4
 - c. Neutral: 1

What can the facilitator do better?

Summary: Send out calendar invites for meetings.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Summary: Consider exploring how to better integrate the MWSG facilitator in other McKenzie sub-basin planning efforts like the PWP. This would provide more robust context and create better connections and understanding.

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May 10, 2021 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Zoom Teleconference

4:00 Welcome

- Review & Approve Minutes

4:05 Updates

- Facilitator Updates
- ODF Updates
- USFS Updates

4:15 Flat Country Field Trip

- Discussion

4:50 GNA Project Proposal Form

- Discussion

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Welcome

Minutes: The group reviewed the 4/12/21. No feedback was given, minutes were approved.

Updates & Announcements

Monitoring Subcommittee: Still developing a plan for Hidden Lake. Starting to think more around how we can pull the baseline from Ridge into a larger report with all ridge monitoring activity to date. The committee decided they'd like to also start focusing more on socioeconomic monitoring. Trish has a call setup next week to discuss getting a meeting scheduled with the EWP to present to the subcommittee in June. The group agreed to skip a monitoring meeting in May.

Firewise Committee: A small group met to discuss potential Firewise community boundaries. Currently looking at three sections, Upper, Middle, and Lower McKenzie. Currently planning a public meeting in June to get a broader sense if these sections will work for the communities, and gauge interest in board membership and/or landowners willing to participate in risk reduction.

RAC Funding: MRRD is starting to look at priorities tomorrow. MWC will get a draft proposal first thing tomorrow morning.

CPRC&D

McKenzie Valley Long-Term Recovery Group is looking at CPRC&D as a potential fiscal sponsor.

Discussion Topics

Flat Country Field Trip

The field trip will be scheduled for all day July 8th. Trish will work with MRRD to develop a field trip packet. The group expressed direct interest in looking at stands that are over 80 that might be presented to the group as potential stewardship sales.

Flat Country Field Trip Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1XFePkRDKUYkhcsJOJqx9JjAHOf7Otzrp&usp=sharing>

GNA Project Proposal Form

The group discussed pushing out GNA project proposal submissions to mid-August in order to discuss at the September meeting.

Proposal Form: <https://forms.gle/nDUgxfwhKVSeCRQkZ>

Next Steps:

- Kirk will forward socioeconomic tracking tools to Trish.
- Trish will work with MRRD to develop a field trip packet.
- Trish will develop a carpooling plan for the field trip.

McKenzie Stewardship Group

June 14, 2021 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Zoom Teleconference

4:00 Welcome

- Introductions

4:05 EWP Socioeconomic Monitoring

- Presentation

4:40 Updates

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Welcome

Heidi Huber-Stearns from the Ecosystem Workforce Program (EWP) and Sarah Altemus-Pope from the Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative (SWFC) presented on socioeconomic monitoring. Monitoring – in any form – is essentially: did you do what you said you were going to do? Did it have the intended results? Monitoring can be used to build trust, show successes, show trends, and reduce conflict.

The SWFC had a grant from ODF that allowed them to work with the EWP. They worked through a planning process, discussing overall goals and what information they were interested in. From there they developed monitoring questions (see link below). The SWFC primarily looked at monitoring through the lens of Stewardship Contracting Authority and the requirement to complete post-implementation monitoring when using the authority. The *Restoration Contracts and Timber Sales on the Willamette National Forest* report (see link below) included the SWFC data and was a part of a larger effort across the Willamette. A caveat: these were initial findings, not all of the work has been done reaching out on the retain receipts, contracts. On top of the socioeconomic monitoring process the EWP helped SWFC develop process-monitoring questions.

There are several reports the MWSG could look at to get an idea of socioeconomic monitoring questions (typically required for CFR projects). The first question we ask is “why are we monitoring?” After we figure out the answer to the first question we can drill down into other questions: what are the goals of the effort we’re trying to monitor? How do we know if we succeeded or failed? What is controversial, what is unknown, or could have unanticipated consequences? At this point it’s good to stop and ask if we’re interested in full on monitoring, or if we just want to collect data that might be part of the baseline, but is ultimately used in the moment to help us understand where we go from here.

This process could start with having a brainstorming session outlining various interests. Those interests can then be distilled into themes. From the themes monitoring questions can be developed. Around those questions we can develop a matrix of how the answers to those

questions get after the information we're looking for. Overall it took SWFC three to four months to start developing themes.

There are monitoring questions we could pose that look at community awareness and perceptions around MWSG, stewardship contracting, and types of harvest prescriptions. However, there could just be a targeted information seeking effort to build a baseline understanding, rather than a multi-year monitoring plan. For monitoring questions around economics specifically, there are universities and some folks at the Forest Service who can do economic modeling. The group discussed doing some type of qualitative research around community awareness and perceptions on prescribed fire and Firewise initiatives.

There could be opportunities for MWSG and SWFC to collaborate on some type of socio-economic monitoring across forests. Someone mentioned potentially using GNA revenues on a larger initiative.

SWFC Monitoring Questions

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kA1F_Qm7ZV716B6qzDYtmfqWNQkAyVGy/view

Restoration Contracts and Timber Sales on the Willamette National Forest

http://ewp.uoregon.edu/sites/ewp.uoregon.edu/files/WP_75.pdf

Updates & Announcements

Gordon has resigned from the group due to

Minutes: The group reviewed the //21. No feedback was given, minutes were approved.

Meeting Time: The group agreed to adjust back to the standard 2:30 start time.

Firewise Committee: A public meeting was held last Monday. The group was able to get feedback on how to develop community boundaries within the watershed. They are currently in the process of collecting board interest surveys to develop a board.

Flat Country Field Trip: The field trip route is almost finalized. Trish will send out a carpool survey tomorrow.

Forest Service

Darren is moving into the acting Deputy Forest Supervisor position. Susan Beal will be acting MRRD Ranger in the meantime. Hidden Lake Stewardship is set to sell in October 2021.

Next Steps:

- Trish will send Suan the Project Status & History Report

McKenzie Watershed Stewardship Group

July 8, 2021 | 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Flat Country Field Trip

- 7:30 Springfield Meetup** - Albertsons: 5755 Main St, Springfield, OR 97478
7:35 Drive to MRRD - *(1HR drive w/ 30 min buffer)*
- 9:00 McKenzie River Ranger Station** - Safety Brief
9:30 Drive to stop 1 - *(15 minutes)*
- 9:45 Stop 1 - Unit 1300:** Timber (>80yr Stands) + Aquatics + Wildlife - *(40 minutes)*
10:25 Drive to stop 2 - *(15 minutes)*
- 10:40 Stop 2 - Ollie Unit:** Fire: Prescribed Fire - *(20 minutes)*
11:00 Drive to stop 3 - *(10 minutes)*
- 11:10 Stop 3 - Unit 1050:** Timber (<80yr Stands) + Roads - *(20 minutes)*
11:00 Drive to stop 4 - *(15 minutes)*
- 11:35 Stop 4 - Unit 1110:** Timber (Potential Shelterwood Proposal) - *(15 minutes)*
11:55 Drive to stop 5 - *(5 minutes)*
- 12:00 Walk into lunch spot - *(15 minutes)*
12:15 Stop 5 - Lunch: Botany - *(30 minutes)*
12:45 Walk out of lunch spot - *(15 minutes)*
1:00 Drive to stop 6 - *(50 minutes)*
- 2:00 Stop 6 - Melakwa Overlook:** Recreation + Heritage - *(60 minutes)*
2:40 Drive to stop 7 - *(30 minutes)*
- 3:10 Stop 7 - Willow 2:** Timber (Heavy Thin) - *(15 minutes)*
3:40 Drive to MRRD - *(15 minutes)*
- 4:00 McKenzie River Ranger Station**
- 5:30 Springfield**

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September 13, 2021 | 2:30 - 3:30 PM
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2:30 Welcome

2:35 Updates

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- USFS
- ODF

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- Discussion

3:25 Next Steps

Meeting Information

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MWSG virtual meeting 11/08/2021

Present: Kirk Shimeall (CPRCD), Shane Kamrath (WNF/MRD), Jared Weybright (MWC), Justin Patten (ODF), David Bishop (WNF/MRD)

Shane mentioned that WNF has committed \$20k for facilitation of this group. Kirk will check on remaining funds from previous EWEB and WNF commitments.

Discussed upcoming deadline for ODF's TASS and PACE grants. Justin not sure if grants will support ongoing group facilitation, as the focus is to increase the pace and scale. (He contacted me after the meeting to verify that Monitoring is an appropriate ask- so please contact me ASAP if we need to work up a grant application! Deadline is mid-November- one week away.)

Discussed ongoing search for a replacement for Trish, in the role of MWSG Manager (facilitator). Despite flying this for a month, CPRCD has received hardly any inquiries. Currently is out to Sustainable NW, CPRCD's Constant Contact email list, OWEB list-serve (as of today), was also sent to this group to get out to your networks. Action items: Kirk will query Oregon Central Coast Forest Collaborative facilitator Kailey Kornhauser, Willamette Partnership, and Sarah Altemus Pope (again). Jared suggested perhaps we can try to find someone in-house; Kirk will query group to see if anyone has capacity for this.

David said that the HL (Hidden Lake) Stewardship is going through the process of being awarded. He did not have an exact figure, but that the amount "will bring a smile to our faces". He might know the amount by next month. Other STWD projects are in play: both Quartz Creek and Ridge have road packages being worked on. He will give us an update next month.

Jared pointed out that the funding landscape has changed dramatically- and it is good to know about the upcoming funding calendar/dates of when \$ is coming in, as this helps with budgeting and anticipating workload. EWEB commitments, OWEB, FEAM, STWD...we can continue to discuss this at the next meeting.

Next meeting is set for December 13th, please mark your calendars. Some confusion as the calendar reminder that came out automatically for this meeting was different than the Zoom link Kirk sent out; Kirk and Connie at CPRCD will figure this out and make sure it is updated correctly. In the meantime, please spread the word about the MWSG position!