

Wild Rivers Coast Forest Collaborative

Meeting Minutes-January 12, 2016



Attendees:

Gary Miller-CCPLA, Jerry Becker-Wild Rivers Land Trust, Gary Grotrian- Curry County Citizen, Kendal Martel-Sustainable Northwest, Marie Simonds- Wild Rivers Alliance, Court Boice-Curry County Commissioner, Kelly Timchak-Lower Rogue Watersheds.

Phone: Rich Nawa-Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands, Alison Arnold-USFS, Alex Campbell-Regional Solutions

The agenda topics for this meeting were:

1. Financials
2. Fiscal Sponsorship
3. Shasta Agness/NEPA Updates
4. 2017 Planning Workshop

1) Financials

- Currently, the group has an active RAC Grant. Once the balances on that grant updated, they will be posted on our google group so everyone can be clear on where the group stands.
- There was also an NFF grant proposal submitted in December. We should be finding out about the decision on that grant around April at the earliest. The collaborative will be notified regarding any updates to this.
- There is another grant currently available from OWEB. Kendal will send out the application for everyone to look over. If anyone has any feedback, ideas, or helpful information, email Kendal.
- There was some discussion about using the OWEB money to fund a potential project. Kendal will follow up with Alison and the Forest Service to see if there is any NEPA shelf stock for fuels work that needs to be done, and that the entire group would be able to collaborate on.

2) Fiscal Sponsorship

- There was a discussion about approaching Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development as a potential fiscal sponsor. They have a long history of offering fiscal sponsorship services to forest collaboratives and other groups. SNW had a conversation with Kirk Shimell about the possibility of serving as fiscal sponsor and he is very supportive. With the OWEB grant coming up, it's important to get the ball rolling on this. The group agreed to go ahead and pursue fiscal sponsorship with CPRCD. Their website can be found here: cascadepacific.org

3) Shasta Agness

- The next opportunity to engage in the Shasta Agness project as it goes through NEPA will be when the Environmental Assessment (EA) comes out. The agency estimates this will be around May. After the EA, there will be a public comment period.
- The agency expressed that if they do another field trip, it will be important for them to understand the objectives of the field trip and exactly what they collaborative wants to get out of it.
- There was some discussion about lessons learned in the ways that the collaborative and forest service communicated earlier in the project. Moving forward for the next project, it will be important to communicate more earlier on.
- There was another discussion about asking the Forest Service to come give a presentation or update on Shasta Agness at either the next collaborative meeting or the 2017 planning meeting to discuss opportunities and strategy for continued engagement during NEPA and on future projects.
- When they EA comes out and the public comment period is open, the collaborative will work this time into their meeting to have a focused discussion about how they will submit comments.

4) 2017 Planning Workshop

- Kendal will send out the draft agenda of potential workshop topics and asks for feedback from everyone.
- It's very important to get a date set up ASAP! It is now looking like the best time will be the third week in February. Kendal will send out an email and a doodle poll for that week.
- There was a discussion about workshop logistics. Locations mentioned were Soroptimist, the OSU Extension office, and some local hotels. Kendal will start off by calling the Soroptimist society as there was a lot of support for that idea.
- In terms of outreach for the workshop, there was a discussion about attendance. It was agreed that there should be some targeted phone calls to folks who have participated in the past but no longer do.
- Some action items/priorities regarding the workshop are:
 - a. Solidify a date –Kendal will send out individual email with a doodle poll
 - b. Set up a list of people to contact and a phone tree.
 - c. Go over the draft agenda and provide feedback.