



Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Committee Meeting

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Updates to MOU, Management Plan and Operating Plan

- MOU has been released. It will be sent out twice more to the group.
- Surveys will be sent out this week.
- They will be used to update the Operating Plan and Management Plan.
- The Management plan will need to be reviewed by the Steering Committee.

Budgeting for Sarah

- Sam has been working on MOA with Cascade Pacific. There is a shortfall of approximately \$1500 this year. CCSWCD can cover part of it, but we should ask members for contributions.
- Formal ask letter needs to be put together. Letter needs done in January and reminder sent in February.
- Sam spoke with Heidi at BLM. There is money earmarked for the CWMA for next year, but only \$5,000 instead of the current \$10,000. So there is a \$5000 shortage for next year. There are at least 3 different budgeting cycles among CGCWMA contributors, so ask letters will need to be presented several times a year.
- Do we need title 2 funds? Sam suggests getting member support is preferable. Partners to focus on are the Forest Service, EMSECD. Linda Cartwright is the contact for the Forest Service.
- Get grant cycles on calendars

Coordinator Time Management

What should the coordinator spend time on?

- MOA for BLM requires monthly activity reports.
- Sarah can coordinate the training the last week in March.
- Pokeweed is a strong candidate for listing. It is bird dispersed and hard to kill. Pestering ODA is what is needed now.
- Poster for INWS
- Letter writing chain to support each other on budgeting issues.
- CWMA letter of support

January speakers

- Jordan thinks it may take too much time to have speakers.
- Sam argues that with more regular meetings we may need a draw, but there are enough things going on currently to fill the time.
- We could limit speakers to 20 minutes.
- Sam suggests floating this to the larger group

Sarah asks if the group wants to do anything for the holidays. The group agrees- no.

Oregon Society of Weed Science is meeting in Hood River today. Andy Hulting is the President.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: November 25th