



Columbia Gorge CWMA Education & Outreach Meeting

3:15-4:00 pm, January 31st, 2017

OSU Extension Office

2990 Experiment Station Drive

Hood River 97031

Attendees

Cyndi Soliz

Emily Stevenson

Jeanette Burkhardt

Jennifer DeShong

Kate Conley

Sam Leininger

Sara Woods

Sarah Hamilton

Field Day Planning

- **The Date is changed to May 9th. Robin Dobson is confirmed to speak. The day is centered around Oak Release**
 - Agenda
 - Start at Courtney Road with Robin talking for about an hour. **Someone will contact Roland** to see if he can talk to the fire treatments. We will need to drive up Courtney Road to see burn areas.
 - Allot more time for Catherine Creek. There may be more parking available at Catherine Creek. Up Major Creek there was also some oak release done.
 - Collins Creek is an option, too.
 - **Cyndi will talk to Robin to get a good idea of where to park, where to eat, how much time to spend, etc.**
 - Transportation: We may have attendees park at Roland Lake and hike in from that side, but we will need to drive to reach the burn areas on Courtney Road. **Cyndi will find out where we can park 30**. World Class Academy may be able to rent a van to us. Jennifer could get a suburban. We could carpool.
 - Talk topics: What impact did the oak release have on the understory? Weeds? Native Plants? Wildflowers?
 - Lunch space

- Restrooms
- Auditory needs

Boot Brush Kick-Off

Sara Woods

Friends of the Gorge is putting together a website for the Boot Brush Kick-Off with an included pledge page. They will be staffing a table at the Lyle Cherry Orchard and Mosier Plateau trailheads on Saturday and Sunday of Earth Day weekend. The CWMA can link to the page. There was a suggestion to advertise and try to bring in scouts. The group discussed doing a training to help volunteers. There are Eagle Scouts that may be able to install a brush as part of the day as well.

- Sara will send over the Friends of the Gorge talking points list.
- Sara or Sarah will develop a tally sheet to keep track of the volunteer outreach.
- Carol may have t-shirts.
- FOG had backpacks to raffle off at each station.
- Cyndi is looking in to contacts for volunteers, from the organizations that host the boot brushes.
- The Eagle Scouts may partner with those groups, but training and transportation may be difficult.
- How are we going to get the hoof picks and brochures to volunteers?

There was a suggestion to train the Eagle Scouts to educate hikers and volunteer at the trailheads. Emily knows of an Eagle Scout that could do the volunteer station at Bonneville.

The Weldon Wagon Wheel boot brush has been torn down, but the brush and sign are still there. The CWMA may find someone to replace the brush, but would need funding to cover the cost.

Hoof picks will be ordered ASAP

End

Next Education & Outreach Meeting

Lunchtime during the ISEP Workshop

March 2nd