



Columbia Gorge CWMA Education & Outreach Meeting

August 29th 2017, 3:10-4:00 pm

Hood River Extension Service, 2990 Experiment Station Dr. Hood River, OR 97031

3:10 Welcome and Intros (If needed)

3:15 Field Day Planning

Sarah

- Locations:
 - Trout Lake is a potential location for the field day, but there is an issue with the sandhill crane nesting sites. We aren't able to disturb them during nesting season, and they don't fledge until August, so it may limit access to the site. **Carolyn will talk to Keyna regarding if it would be possible to have the group out there, and when.** We may be able to do a late June wetland restoration tour of spotted frog/sandhill crane restoration sites. DNR has been working for ~8 years. The site was primarily RCG, but DNR has tried several methods of control. The various weed control trials could be interesting for the tour. They have also been pulling houndstongue and thistle. Recently the RCG has been filling in because of a beaver dam blow-out.
 - Sandy River Delta: Robin Dobson would be the speakers, or one of the contracted managers. **Sarah will contact Lucas about when and where to have the Field Day at Sandy River Delta.**
 - We could do an Oregon site this year. The waterfront project in The Dalles is an option. It involves tree of heaven, Russian olive, indigobush, and more.
 - Fire recovery could also be a good option for field day. Highway 141 fire and the Cougar Creek Fire are both options.

2017 Season Wrap Up

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Suggestions and ideas for improvements of our Education & Outreach events and materials:

- Stop The Invasion:
 - Have tables with partners set up to talk.

- Friends of the Gorge
- Master Gardeners/Master Naturalists
- CWMAs
- Weed Districts
- PNW-IPC
- Others?
- Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists would be good to table at the event.
- Suggestion to reach out to the Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners as attendees for the STI, as well.
- Emily would like to combine the STI with the IPC training, to prevent saturation. The Forest service also offers training.
- There is a suggestion to bring in Andrew from PNW-IPC to join for part of the day.
- There are thoughts
- Boot Brush Kick-Off
 - We need to recruit volunteers. Should we do it on another day because Earth Day weekend is so busy for folks? Perhaps on June 3rd, National Trails Day? Earth Day weekend is the peak weekend for hiking in the gorge, but you may have more folks hiking in the western gorge in June. **Discuss this further at future meetings.**
- Emily was looking to Master Gardeners to help with a pollinator garden project at the Skamania County Office, but Master Gardeners already had a calendar set up. Sara Woods: They have set projects that they do every year. They may be able to sponsor the pollinator garden, if there is interest. There is a new extension agent for Klickitat and Skamania Counties. She might be a good person to reach out to.
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Next Education & Outreach Meeting

October 31st 2017, 3:10-4:00 pm

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