



Columbia Gorge CWMA General Minutes

1:00-3:00 pm 1/31/17

OSU Extension Office

2990 Experiment Station Drive, Hood River 97031

Attendees:

Jeennifer DeShong, USFS Gifford Pinchot

Sarah Hamilton, CGCWMA

Emily Stevenson, Skamania County

Cyndi Soliz, Skamania County

Marty Hudson, Klickitat County

Jeanette Burkhardt, Yakama nation

Lynn Gibbons

Carolyn Wroght, DNR Natural Areas Program

Christina Mead, FS

Kris Schaedel, HR SWCD

Welcome, Intros

Washington State Department of Transportation Cancelled. Ray will speak with us in August

Raymond Willard, State Roadside Asset Manager, WSDOT

- WSDOT progress on pollinator protection and implementing IRVM
- National research project comparing mowed vs. naturally managed roadsides
- WSDOT's new maintenance activity planning and tracking system

Farm Bill Update

Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weeds, Program Coordinator

ISEP registration is open. The agenda is nearly finalized. We are applying for CEU and arborist credits.

Brause has replaced someone somewhere.

Any questions about the workshop? Share the email if you think of others.

Stop the Invasion, Saturday May 6th, in Stevenson. Free, open to the public. 3-4 hour event, teaching :

IPM Primer, prevention & Spread, EDRR, Hygiene, Non-plant pests from OISC and WISC, Weed ID, Garlic mustard, false brome, garlic mustard and knotweed for reporting. WISC reporting App.

Cyndi will talk about the control of common weeds, Ivy, thistle, tansy, scotch broom, blackberry, tree of heaven, etc. Divide up annuals, perennials, woody, vine, etc and teach folks about control methods.

Give flyer to folks to help get the word out to folks.

Sara: Friends will put on a gorge field day. Emily will, also. Sara will send the information to the group. There will be an ag expo and chicken show that day. We currently have a room at the expo annex. The library has a room that holds 60 people, but you can't reserve the room until 1 month prior to the event. Bonneville dam is an option. Waterfront park and cascade locks is also an option. We are keeping the date, but the venue may change.

Master gardeners and NPS.

We will set up a registration for the free event.

BMP's: formatted and in the process of being edited.

They will be ready prior to the training: Stop the Invasion!

We are adding species to the EDRR booklet: houndstongue, diffuse, spotted and meadow knapweeds, arum, puncturevine.

We may need to remove some species to prevent extra costs.

We received funding for next year, fiscal year 17, to do more of the same.

BMP's:

Timeline to have them online.

They will have QR Code that should be linked to our website.

Herbicides on BMP's: We have all the possible disclaimers, trade names as trade names only, follow the label, refer to the PNW handbook, etc.

If anyone wants to contribute to the BMP development, contact us.

Jeanette has offered again to edit.

1st of April?

Last fall someone called Marty about starthistle, which was actually skeletonweed.

We could reference an app that identifies plants. I don't think there is a good one in the area.

Justin might know if there is a plant ID app for our area.

Field day for Friends of the Gorge:

Western gorge, June 2nd, 10-3.

Eastern Gorge, Marty, June 8th.

Approx. 15-20 people.

Send Weeds of the gorge Update suggestions ASAP: Mid February

Steering Committee Update

Next meeting, April 4th

We have been working on advertising for both workshops. ISEP is coming up. Cyndi is formatting the BMPs: The group may have a slush fund and be able to spend :Billboards, website updates, boot brushes, natural area permits. T-Shirts, Hats.

Hood river is continuing the weed of the month program. The articles are drafted. Edits are coming. Slush-fund: Partnering print with video psa's for the weed of the month. Put it on you tube. Jeanette could try making one of these. She has some video editing knowledge. # old ons, 3 new: New English ivy, tree of heaven, Canada thistle. Returnees: Knotweed, puncturevine and knapweed.

How much would videos cost. If Anne does radio and voice annaouncements, she would be a good voice to have on the videos.

Emily: With the farm bills money, we have money to purchase a mic system fo rhte trainings. Does anyone have information?

Education & Outreach Update

April 24th, CWMA field Day. Oak release sies with fire and without.

Robin is not available on the 24th, but Katie or roland will be available.

The Courtney road area is a good area, because they have both fire, non-fire, and thinned. It also has easier access.

Rowena dell is also and option.

He may be able to attend if we choose a different day.

Is Courtney rd all day? Catherine Creek is also right there. There are restrooms, and a park at the trailhead at the bottom.

The Ed & Out meeting will discuss this further

Member Updates and Observations Roundtable

Bill 2043: funding for ODA. \$1000000. Asking for letters of support before next Monday.

Hood River County Weed board supported what Dave Spranger was saying and wrote a letter. The SWCD will send the letter instead of HRCWB.

Vern: WIN will be creating a new Oregon Dunes EDRR netwrk thanks to NFWF Pull-ingt-together initiative. OSWB will be meeting in Salem. Subcommittees will be meeting to create a plan to battle ludwigia and aquatic invasives.

His position at WIN will be opening up.

Jeaneete:

New strain of perennial wheat- salish blue. Creeping bentgrass is an issue everywhere.

Salish blue: Cross between bunchgrass and wheat.

Columbia Gorge Fisheries and watershed sciences conference. YKFP.org/Klickitat/sci con. Open to everyone.

Jennifer will be back at work in 2 weeks. Carol Chandler is moving their office . Tom Brumbelow has moved on to the USFS.

Central Klickitat , Meeting Feb21st goldendale Free with lunch
Eastern Klickitat meeting, Feb28th Centerville

Emily: has anyone put together a pollinator garden. Sakmania County Fairgrounds will host one.

Jeanette has one at Woodson Elementary in White Salmon

Christina has been working on one.

Carol gave Emily \$300 to develop a native-only pollinator garden at the Hegewald center, near the back entrance.

Seniors have meals there MWF,

Portland Eagle Scouts are looking for a volunteer position. They are able to help. Emily wil send their contact information to the group.

Garlic mustard season will be starting up in the spring.

Christina,

Mid March for Carolyn to go back to work.

3:00 End

Next General Meeting

1-3 pm, May 30, 2017,

Menucha Retreat and Conference Center

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