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## Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Meeting

October 31st, 2017, OSU Extension Office, 2990 Experiment Station Drive, Hood River 97031

### Attendees

Chris Aldassy, East Multnomah SWCD

Sam Leininger, Clackamas SWCD

Emily Stevenson, Skamania County

Sarah Hamilton, Columbia Gorge CWMA

Lucas Nipp, East Multnomah SWCD

### 2018 Calendar Finalized

- The calendar has been finalized. The website was updated.
- A discussion ensued about the timing for the steering committee meetings. Decision: keep steering committee meetings at 11:30

### Farm Bill Planning

#### ISEP:

- There is a planning meeting set for November 14th at 1 pm. Anyone can join.
- Hegewald center is reserved for March 1st and February 27th. Round tables. Catering. 28 tables.
- Potential Speakers:
  - **Beth Leger:** Possibly in Arizona?
  - **Bitty Roy:** Institute of Ecology and Evolution at U of O: Research Interests: Influence of abiotic factors, such as climate change and fire, on plant pests; Frequency-dependent selection, including the Red Queen Hypothesis; Influence of pathogens on community structure; Evolution of resistance and tolerance to disease.
  - **Chris Aldassy:** EMSWCD: He has been talking with Robin Dobson about EMSWCD working with the FS in Multnomah County and maybe even Hood River County.
  - **Christina will look through her contacts for speakers, as well**
  - **Clean Drain Dry: Justin**
  - **Dan Donato:** Washington DNR: Research on the impacts of salvage logging on post-fire forest recovery. Sarah can contact.
  - **Dawn Anzinger:** Oregon State University, Forest Succession: [dawn.anzinger@oregonstate.edu](mailto:dawn.anzinger@oregonstate.edu)
  - **Dr. John Bailey:** Research focuses on using traditional and experimental silviculture practices to achieve a spectrum of objectives in a landscape, including commodity



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production, habitat creation, fire risk reduction, and ecosystem restoration. The art and science of forest management has not fundamentally changed in the last decade, but the objectives have broadened and become more controversial. This forces our forest management actions to be more creative, complex, adaptive and defensible.

We have initiated research projects to evaluate the role of stand structure and dynamics on fire hazard, mature forest development, sustainable forest management, and post-fire recovery. Our silviculture research considers the broad economic, ecological, and sociopolitical implications on forest.

- **Dr. Lea Condon:** Research Ecologist, USGS: *Abiotic and biotic influences on *Bromus tectorum* invasion and *Artemisia tridentata* recovery after fire.*
- **Dr. Sarah Hamman:** Restoration Ecologist at CNLM: Sarah's extensive training is in ecosystem ecology with a focus on forest and grassland fire. Her research activities with CNLM have revolved around all stages of the restoration process, with the goal of developing the most effective techniques to remove invasive species and restore resilient and diverse (both above and belowground) prairie communities. In addition, her past research has included climate change impacts on Minnesota tallgrass prairies, wolf behavior and demographics in Yellowstone, fire effects on invasive species in Sequoia National Park, and soil biogeochemical and microbial legacy effects on restoration success in central Florida scrublands.
- **Jeff Foster:** Joint-Base Lewis McChord Ecologist: Works with rare and endangered plants and more.
- **Roland Rose:** Fuels Planner, CRGNSA
- **Sarah Navarro:** APHIS: Plant Disease Specialist: Plant diseases spreading with restoration efforts: Replanting with nursery stock can spread sudden oak death and other diseases. *Rachel will reach out to her.*
- **Sheila Kennedy:** Nat'l Invasive Species Council. De-contamination unit. *Justin will reach out to her.* Possibly ½ hour talk could be combined with a CWMA talk. Or we could break up the session and do Q & A – with decontamination.
- Special cleaning equipment and requirements for fire gear: Sarah Navarro may have a good connection with fire folks. Include questions about decontamination around fire. Rachel will ask her when she contacts her about plant diseases.
- **Steve Radosevich:** Oregon State University (emeritus), Sustainable forestry. [steve.radosevich@oregonstate.edu](mailto:steve.radosevich@oregonstate.edu)
- **Tim Miller:**



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- **Tom Kaye:** Institute of Applied Ecology: Tom Kaye, PhD, is Executive Director and Senior Ecologist at the Institute for Applied Ecology. Tom manages the day-to-day operations of IAE and supervises IAE's programs. He specializes in habitat restoration, invasive species control, endangered species reintroduction, population dynamics of plants, population viability analysis, monitoring and conservation planning. In addition, his interests include plant-pollinator interactions and plant systematics.
  - **Wyatt Williams:** Insects, EAB?
  - Lucas will write up a blip about the event to send to potential speakers

**BMPs:**

- The new BMPs have not been started.

**STI:**

- We are looking for a good venue in Hood River. Best Western can't book anything without hotel rooms less than 90 days out, and we could be bumped for folks with hotel rooms.
- Other ideas: The Pine Grove or Rockford Granges
- The Discovery Center in the Dalles
- Hood River Master Gardeners meet at a church. It is big. Christine will ask about that. It would hold over 100.

**Financial Update**

Sam

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Sam is putting together invoices and will be distributing them. There was a larger discussion about putting together a funder package and an annual report. Thank you letters for funders is key, too.

We have \$2353.12 before invoicing partners.

Robin from the BAER team called to talk about the CWMA response to the fire. She wants to know how we want to be involved. One thing for the CWMA to consider:

They expect more recreational pressure on the trails outside of the burn area. That may be something the CWMA can help to ameliorate. Outreach at those trails will be important.

**Next Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Committee Meeting**

*November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*1-2 pm, Teleconference*