



Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Meeting

November 28th, 2017

Teleconference

Hood River County Weed Control Grant

Jordan Kim from Hood River County has asked us for a letter of support for an OWEB county weed control grant application:

*"In July 2017, Hood River County was forced to make the difficult decision to temporarily defund its weed and pest control program due to a serious budget shortfall. This project is focused on continuing progress on the noxious weed control efforts made by Hood River County during the past several years to manage and control four target weeds: puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica* (*Polygonum*)), and rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*).*

The project involves continued herbicide and manual control of puncturevine along roadsides and at four high priority locations which was initiated by Hood River County in 2015. In 2016, county-wide surveys were conducted to identify and map rush skeletonweed, knotweed, and purple loosestrife in Hood River County. The project also involves a targeted public education and outreach campaign to those landowners who were identified to have these weeds on their properties. Technical assistance will be offered by Hood River SWCD staff to guide those landowners willing to control these weeds on their own through implementation of integrated control techniques. Names and infestation information will be gathered from those landowners who are interested in financial assistance for future restoration efforts."

- The letter is due before December 15.
- Lucas will talk to Jordan and ask about the in-kind, and edit the letter as needed.
- The chairpersons will sign it and send it.

Thank You Letter

We want to thank sponsors for their support.

Lucas will take a first stab at the letter, with Chelsea. The two chairs and the coordinator will sign it. Sarah will complete the annual report to include with the letter.

ISEP

Nail down Speakers: Assign speaker contacts



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- Sarah Navarro is already confirmed to speak on Sudden Oak Death and fire
 - Bitty Roy: **Emily will contact**
 - Sheila Kennedy: **Justin will contact**
 - Lisa Ellsworth at OSU. Lisa with Fish and Wildlife has done research with invasive species and fire. **Emily already sent her a message. Lucas will also ask Chris to talk to her at a meeting tonight.**
 - Dawn Anzinger: **Emily will contact**
 - Chris Aldassy: Update on the planned response to the fire. **Lucas will contact.**
 - Roland Rose: **Sarah will contact.** Prescribed burning as a management tool. Post fire weed and vegetation response.
 - Robin Dobson: Update on the FS response plan? **Emily will contact**
 - Dan Donato: **Sarah will contact**
 - Others?
 - Jerry Franklin: was on Think Out Loud talking about the gorge fire. **Lucas will contact**
 - Claire Hibler from BLM: Lucas will contact.
 - Dan Linon (sp?): WA DNR Firewise. **Marty will contact**
 - Todd Murray: **Emily will ask about someone to cover insects**
 - Steve Radosevich: **Emily will contact**
 - Robin from BAER: **Sarah will contact**
 - Dr. Heather Erickson published a technical document on invasive species and fire in 2007. **Sam will contact her.**
 - **Sarah will send out the speaker information form, after adding the question ‘What time of day is best for your talk?’**
 - Talks are 50 minutes, unless we find a couple of shorter ones to offer.
 - There is some money available to pay for travel expenses, including hotels. Ask speaker for a number and bring it to the steering committee for approval.
 - Sarah will add ‘don’t unleash a wildfire of weeds’ to the Save-the-Date. (Or ask Kenzi Smith to add it.)
 - The venue can hold 21 round tables and 200 chairs. Emily will find out the occupancy with tables.
 - **Everyone will contact speakers and check back in next week.**
 - **Sarah will contact the caterers and get numbers for the event. She will set up registration, create an agenda, and apply for CEUs.**

1:45 **BMPs**

Emily

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- Decision: Replace butterfly bush with purple loosestrife.



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- The BMPs are being edited by folks at the 4-County CWMA. Sarah will forward the revised editions to the steering committee to decide if they want to re-edit the BMPs.

STI

- Emily contacted the Hood River Valley Christian Church, on Indian Creek Dr., which hosts the Master Gardeners meetings. The caretaker is waiting to hear from another event happening in May. She will contact us when she has nailed down a date for the other event. It costs \$150/day and has a kitchen and bathrooms, 9 tables with 8 people per table. There is a projector but no screen and a sounds system with issues. The CWMA has a screen and a sound system to use. We have money from the Farm Bill to cover the cost of the room rental. **Decision: Emily will rent the room when we know what day it is available.**
- Emily had a meeting at a grange and there were 2 rooms that could fit ~75 people comfortably, if needed.
- Emily contacted Hood River SWCD and Underwood CD about adding a firewise discussion to the STI training. UCD may be able to offer the training. She is checking with Justin to see if we can add it to the STI training, or if it needs to be a separate event (on the same day and same location).
- **Sarah will ask partners if they are able to table at the event.**
- OISC and WISC will do a first detector type training. Rachel will be talking about plant pests. Otherwise, the training will be the same as last year. **Sarah will piece together an agenda for it.**

Financial Update

Sam has sent out 2 invoices to East Multnomah SWCD and Clackamas SWCD. He is putting together the agreement with Skamania County. He's also working on BLM reporting for our funding agreement. The agreement with ODA will take another 2 month before it will be finalized. We have contacted the ACE, but there has been a lot of turnover there.

We have \$12,000 in the slush fund.

Currently Clackamas SWCD is covering more of the coordinator costs. Sam will get us the number we should be working toward to pay our share for the coordinator.

Jeanette was looking for funding for a new boot brush station. It was suggested that she look for funding and donations from stores. Marty offered to donate some materials to the project.



A retained receipts grant cycle is coming up, and they will consider off-forest proposals. Sarah will look at the RFP and see if she has the time to dedicate to writing a proposal for replacement and new boot brushes.

Next Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Committee Meeting

January 30th, 2017

11:30-12:30 pm, Hood River