



Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Committee Meeting

August 28th, 2019; 11:30am-12:30pm

NEW LOCATION

Hood River Fire & EMS –Ty Taylor Fire Station (Leonard Hay Community Room)
1785 Meyer Parkway, Hood River, OR 97031

Attendees: Emily Stevenson (Skamania County), Marty Hudson (Klickitat County), Sam Leininger (CSWCD), Lucas Nipp (EMSWCD), Christina Mead (USFS), Courtney Gattuso (CSWCD); **Teleconference:** Mika Barrett (Friends of the Columbia Gorge)

11:30 Welcome

11:35 2020 Calendar Approval

All

- The Steering Committee reviewed the draft 2020 CWMA Calendar that Courtney prepared.
 - All CWMA meeting days will be on 4th Wednesdays, with the exception of the Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop which is scheduled for Thursday, February 27th, due to MWF conflicts at the Hegewald Center.
 - The 2020 Boot Brush Kick-Off is tentatively scheduled for April 25th & 26th.
 - Field Day location and date are to be determined.
- The group approves of the new location at Hood River Fire & EMS and will continue to meet there for future CWMA meetings.
- **ACTION:** Courtney will post the 2020 CWMA Calendar on the website and secure the Hood River Fire & EMS Community Room for the upcoming CWMA meeting days.

11:45 Organizational Documents

All

- Management Plan and Memorandum of Understanding Approval
 - The group reviewed the proposed revisions in both the draft 2020 Management Plan and Memorandum of Understanding.
 - Based on the language laid out in the Management Plan, the entire Sandy Basin is not included in the CWMA boundaries, only partially.

- Since the Steering Committee needs to consist of an odd number of members (typically 5 or 7 members), the group decided to have Mika serve as At-Large Representative as well as the next WIN Coordinator. The current structure is:
 - 2 Oregon Representatives – Lucas Nipp and Christina Mead
 - 2 Washington Representatives – Emily Stevenson and Marty Hudson
 - 1 Fiscal Agent Representative – Sam Leininger
 - 2 At-Large Representatives – Mika Barrett and future WIN Coordinator
- **ACTION:** Courtney will make necessary changes to the MOU and Management Plan and send to Steering for final approval.
- MOU Signature Ask Strategy
 - The group agreed that the MOU signature ask and funding ask should be done at the same time to avoid any confusion.
 - **ACTION:** Steering members will ask current partners to sign on to the 2020 Memorandum of Understanding; Courtney will advertise to the group for new signatory partners.
 - **ACTION:** Courtney will find the last MOU signature ask letter and last year's funding ask letter to revise for this year's request.

12:05 CWMA Election

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- Steering will hold an official 2020 CWMA Election at the next General Meeting, on October 23rd.
- The group decided to hold alternating nominations each year; one Oregon, one Washington, and one At-Large Representative will be nominated each year.
- **ACTION:** Courtney will add a page of current Steering Members to the website to keep track of the length of their terms.

12:30 End

Next Steering Committee Meeting

October 23rd 2019, 11:30am-12:30pm

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