



Columbia Gorge CWMA Education & Outreach Committee Meeting

March 25th 2020; 3:10pm-4:00pm

Teleconference

Attendees: Mika Barrett (FOCG), Emily Stevenson (Skamania County), Courtney Gattuso (CSWCD), Evan Olson (Mt. Adams), Jeanette Burkhardt (Yakama Nation)

3:10 Welcome

Mika Barrett

3:15 Invasive Species & Exotic Pest Workshop

Emily Stevenson

- Review attendees survey results
- Improvements for 2021—what worked well? How can we improve?
 - Potential future topics:
 - Diverse groups affected by noxious weeds
 - Reach out to partners who are already doing DEI work and have a
 - Native Americans from local tribes discuss native harvests and connection to the land, how invasive plants may impact their culture
 - Have Marty present on the weeds that he displays in the Kahoot quiz
 - Would be helpful for folks who aren't as familiar with each species
 - Progression of natives after noxious weeds are treated
 - The group is expanding and might need to move to a larger location, which will cost a lot more money (and higher admission fees).
 - Make sure to check audio before the event, and have two podiums on the stage (maybe on each side), one for the speakers and one for the MC.

3:40 Boot-Brush Kick-Off Status

Mika Barrett

- Status of Boot Brush Kick-Off (April 25th & 26th)
- How to proceed—review suggestions from General Meeting
 - The group agrees that we should have volunteers on call once trailheads are open—it'd be a great outreach opportunity to launch the event once the stay at home order is lifted.
 - **ACTION:** Mika will talk with her organization and will keep the group posted on the status of volunteer events in the Gorge.

- The committee is able to make kits in a pitch if needed, Courtney has the majority of brushes and Emily has lots of Gorge booklets.
- Group would rather postpone the event than cancel it entirely.
- **ACTION:** Mika will stay in contact with ORPD and USFS about closures, Courtney to make kits and have on hand for the event.

3:50 Field Day Ideas

Courtney Gattuso

- Review ideas from General Meeting—What ideas are feasible?
- Back-up plan for COVID-19
 - The group has not set a date for their annual Field Day event, but partners from the General Meeting are most interested in a bull frog site field tour at various ponds.
 - Emily suggests having a speaker lineup set, and set a date once we have more information about trails and parks reopening. That way progress is made and we can go through with the event if COVID-19 cases diminish.
 - **ACTION:** Mika and Courtney will engage with potential speakers and set a tentative lineup in case we can move forward with the event.

4:00 End

Next CWMA General Meeting

August 26th 2020, 3:10pm-4:00pm

Hood River Fire & EMS – Leonard Hay Community Room