



## Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Committee Meeting

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020; 2:30pm-3:30pm

Teleconference

**Attendees:** Mika Barrett (FOCG), Emily Stevenson (Skamania County), Courtney Gattuso (CSWCD), Troy Abercrombie (WIN), Lucas Nipp (EMSWCD), Sam Leiningner (CSWCD), Christina Mead (USFS)

### 2:30 Welcome

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### 2:40 Farm Bill Funding

Emily Stevenson

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- Emily starts the discussion for the FY21-22 Farm Bill funding proposal with a deadline of July 14<sup>th</sup>. Current ideas include:
  - Nursery industry outreach
  - Adult first detector webinars
  - Regional First Detector Workshop
  - Teacher Workshops
  - There is renewed interest in Garden smart books, talk to Mitch maybe 4C thing.
- Emily asks the group for suggestions on how to engage Gorge travelers through outreach efforts while fulfilling APHIS's all taxa requirements. Steering suggestions include:
  - Sam - Possibly gearing ISEP to a wider crowd in the PNW since most conferences will continue to be held remotely and more people would be able to attend.
  - Mika – Real estate trends show more people moving from urban areas to rural areas to secure more space, more people may be moving to the Gorge as a result. Groups like OSU Master Gardeners/Naturalists for example, might be more open and connected to those landowners to help spread awareness. More partnership opportunities are available outside of our “weed world”. Possibly start brainstorming about potential ISEP speakers who we would really like to have present but might require an honorarium. Outreach resource translation is a potential idea as well.
  - Sam – Cal-IPC Invasives Lunchtime Talks on eDNA, can completely reshape the future in the invasives field. Might be a great innovative presentation for ISEP.
  - Troy – Jason O’Brien and the OSU Master Naturalist Program; Mika took the program, and there was not a ton of content surrounding invasives in the curriculum. Someone from the CWMA could maybe present to the students about invasives through the Farm Bill? Maybe have packable boot brushes as an incentive?

- Sam – Get something included in the NW Forest Passes, a “Know Before You Go” guide of some sort.
- Mika – “Ready, Set, Gorge” group could be a resource for outreach, FOCG and USFS work closely with them. Mika is a part of a new group called Columbia River Gorge Stewardship Network surrounding ecological impact of visitors, potential for CWMA to participate and engage in the network, just formed a Steering Committee, which includes various land managers in the Gorge. Trying to implement a natural resources college type training about trail building and invasive management. Attempting to bridge the gap between trail stewards and weed specialists.
- Lucas – ODOT digital reader boards on Hwy 84, maybe include something about weeds?
- Troy – When camping and hiking permits are issued, and NW Forest passes, maybe include information on invasive species and outreach resources.
- Potential partners/groups to collaborate with:
  - OSU Master Naturalists/Gardeners
  - Travel Oregon
  - Ready, Set, Gorge
  - Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance
  - Columbia River Gorge Stewardship Network
  - NW Trail Alliance
  - Oregon State Parks and US Forest Service
  - Airport visitors – the moment they set foot in Oregon

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**3:30 CD3 Boat Washes**

*Troy Abercrombie*

- South Coast CWMA is interested and Washington State has bought four CD3 boat wash stations, Troy wants to gauge interest from our group to see if there is potential to include one on the Columbia River.
- USACE may be able to fund half of the station; prices vary significantly based on specs. There are boot-brush style ones, and more complex stationery and mobile trailer-type systems.
- A CD3 representative will be hosting a Zoom webinar to interested CWMA members mid-August to go over the details.
- Troy is willing to present the topic to the group at the next General Meeting in August.

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**4:00 End**

## **Next Steering Committee Meeting**

*July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020, 1:00pm-3:00pm*

*Teleconference*