



Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Committee Meeting

August 26th 2020; 11:30pm-12:30pm

Teleconference

Attendees: Christina Mead (USFS), Troy Abercrombie (WIN), Courtney Gattuso (CSWCD), Sam Leininger (CSWCD), Emily Stevenson (Skamania County), Mika Barrett (FOCG), Marty Hudson (Klickitat County)

11:30 Welcome

11:35 2020 Annual Report Suggestions

Courtney Gattuso

- What should the CWMA include in this year's annual report?
- [2019 Annual Report](#)
 - The Steering Committee review's last year's report. With fewer events this year (no Stop the Invasion, Boot Brush Kick-Off, and Field Day) Courtney suggests having our partners submit collaborative partner projects to fill in those gaps.
 - The group agrees that featured partner projects would be a good use of the annual report.
 - Suggested partner projects include:
 - Lolo Pass hawkweed - Courtney
 - ODA updates - Tim Butler
 - Smith Butte? Condit Dam removal? – Emily and Marty
 - Hounds tongue - Christina Mead
 - Upper McCord Creek and herb Robert - Mika
 - The group decided that a deadline of September 30th would be ideal to get the funding request sent in October, which includes the annual report. Include a word count of 400 words to avoid long submissions.
 - **ACTION:** Courtney to announce at the General Meeting and send the call for submissions to the listserv.

11:55 Mountain Bike Outreach Project

Troy Abercrombie

- Troy would like to gauge interest from the group to see who would be willing to help build/install brush stations for the MTB Outreach Project.

- Troy informs the group on the recent Mountain Bike Outreach Project with NW Trails Alliance and Portland Water Bureau.
 - They received a SPACE grant (\$1500) from East Multnomah SWCD.
 - Troy wants to know if CWMA partners would like to help build and install brush stations.
 - Original goal was pre-Labor Day for installation before seed drop, but now they hope to get them installed before the rainy season.
 - Troy still needs to buy supplies for the brushes, trying to schedule work days with interested people.
 - **ACTION:** Troy will announce the project at the upcoming General Meeting.

12:05 2021 ISEP Brainstorming Session

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- How should the CWMA execute 2021 ISEP assuming COVID-19 is still circulating?
 - Webinar style? Potential speakers? Admission fees? Duration?
 - The group thinks a remote conference via GoToWebinar would be ideal with COVID-19 still circulating.
 - A whole day is a long time for sitting at a computer, maybe have the event over 2 days, a half day each?
 - GTW pricing - \$250 per month, 500 attendees max. Costs could be split with 4-County CWMA.
 - Troy suggests having Ray Willard (WDOT) maybe help with GTW logistics, did a great job during the Scotch Broom symposium.
 - The group decides that shorter presentations would be ideal, no more than 30 minutes each.
 - **ACTION:** The Education & Outreach Committee will discuss the costs and other details at the upcoming committee meeting.

12:30 End

Next Steering Committee Meeting

September 23rd 2020, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Teleconference