



Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Committee Meeting

January 27th 2021; 11:30am-12:30pm

Teleconference

Attendees: Mika Barrett (FOCG), Emily Stevenson (SCNWCP), Lucas Nipp (EMSWCD), Courtney Gattuso (CSWCD), Marty Hudson (KCNWCB), Sam Leininger (CSWCD), Christina Mead (USFS)

11:30 Welcome

11:35 Pulse Check

- How is everyone? COVID-19, holidays, new year, new president...lots of changes!
 - Emily – has been continuing on, same old same old.
 - Mika – will be leaving her name off ballot for the election, but might be attending future meetings, and hope that someone great will fill the Ed & Out role.
 - Troy – remote worker, floating along, staying productive, no reference points, especially with COVID, busy time right now in the winter.
 - Christina – regional survey says she now works for “Mt. Hoot” 😊, been working through funding and budgets, it will be a short year for weed spending, been a really busy month, lots of meetings every day, can provide more information.
 - Lucas – not a whole lot of changes, extremely busy year, and next year too, working from home is the only difference, with as capable crews are right now with gps and gis, can accomplish alot, plugging along!
 - Sam – Beachie and Riverside fires and ETART process was terrible! Hopes to never ever do it again, it was a huge lift and happy to be done with it. A lot of reporting at the end of the year for our federal partners. Still remotely working, this time of year isn’t too bad, contractor rates are locked in, opening up our RFP soon, and heard that rates are a lot higher with COVID in the mix, our last round was in 2019, a lot of admin tasks, still at home with younglings, at-home dad, still a challenge, mom just had first vaccine, we have a new district manager from US Fish and Wildlife.
 - Marty – one employee just retired who did roadside spraying, got a new roadside sprayer, daughter just had twins, getting work planned and contracts lined up.
 - Courtney – new house...doing lots of work on it. Feeling a little cooped up; excited to get back in the field!



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11:55 2021 Election

- There are a few shifts happening within the Steering Committee; let's talk about them.
 - Courtney sent a call for nominees back in December and received candidates for the open positions.
 - She reached out to all the new nominees and current reps in those open positions to gauge interest and see who wanted to serve.
 - WA Representative – Emily has agreed to run again
 - OR Representative – Angie Kimpo was elected, and Christina has offered to step down.
 - At-Large Representative (1yr) – Kate Conley was nominated and has agreed to run.
 - At-Large Representative (2yr) – No nominees yet
 - Ed & Out Chair – Mika will be stepping down and we received 1 nominee for Jeanette, but she politely declined the position. Mika has transitions happening at Friends and doesn't want to bite off more than she can chew. Since the meetings are public, she might pop in to say hello!
 - Electronic ballot will be presented at General meeting along with write-in candidates.

12:10 Invasive Species & Exotic Pest Workshop

- Let's check-in about the upcoming event and confirm Steering Committee member roles for the webinar.
 - Courtney has been in contact with the Steering members regarding their roles for the upcoming meeting. The group determines back-up roles in case technical difficulties arise during the event.
 - Troy – MC
 - Back up: Lucas
 - Courtney – Technical transitions
 - Emily
 - Lucas – Question facilitator
 - Courtney
 - Marty – Kahoot expert!



- Emily – Kahoot back-up expert
- By-stander/Observer
 - Mika & Sam
- Justin – Emily will reach out about back up speakers

12:20 Partner Contributions for 2021

- Sam will give us a quick low-down on the new partner contributions for 2021.
 - Invoices
 - \$22,320 in partner support for CWMA for 2021.
 - \$14,000 for Courtney
 - Some reductions from OR State Parks.
 - GPNF contribution has gone up.
 - MHNH funds are in question for coming year.
 - We've received \$8000 in previous years.
 - BLM CWMA agreement - still up in the year; 2 other agreements in the works:
 - Emergency stabilization agreement for Beachie Creek
 - RAC Funding
 - Good this year and \$40,000 in reserves, we can absorb some of the declines for some years. But we need to start spending some money. Ideas include:
 - Small grants?
 - Have a set amount devoted to projects, do not spend all of it.
 - Lucas will look into EMSWCD SPACE grant process and share more with the group.

12:30 End

Next Steering Committee Meeting

March 24th 2021, 11:30am-12:30pm

Teleconference