



Cottonwood Canyon Education & Interpretive Center Project Team Meeting

Purpose of the Cottonwood Canyon Education & Interpretive Center Oregon Solutions Project: *To facilitate the development of a center that will offer museum-quality conservation, historical, and cultural programming, educational facilities and print materials about Cottonwood Canyon State Park. The OS project team will determine what the center will look like/contain, and develop a strategy for implementation through commitments in the DoC.*

March 20, 2012- Meeting Notes/ Highlights:

The meeting began with a welcome by co-conveners Mike McArthur and Laura Pryor, followed by self-introductions from everyone in attendance.

Background on the process and the project was provided by Oregon Solutions (OS) staff, followed by information from Mike McArthur and others involved in the Lower John Day Conservation Collaborative (LJCC) and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) staff about how the project has gotten to where it is now.

The project team then discussed their interests in the project and brainstormed ideas for goals of what could be included in the park's education/interpretive center and the larger vision for the space. **The list of ideas and concepts is attached.**

The project team discussed other partners that might be included on the project team. That list includes:

- Rob Meyer- Tri-County Communication
- Representatives from cities in Gilliam & Sherman counties- Cliff Jett (Rufus), Dale Thompson (Condon), others
- Upstream county partners
- Wheeler county

Prior to adjourning, the project team discussed future meeting dates and locations. Meetings will be held every 5 weeks, and the following dates have been selected. Meetings will alternate between Moro and Condon (specific times and location TBD):

- Monday April 30 (Condon)
- Monday June 4 (Moro)
- Monday July 9 (Condon)
- Friday Aug. 17 (Moro)
- Monday Sept. 17 (Condon)

Prior to the April 30th meeting, OS staff will get out meeting notes to project team members, including transcribing and synthesizing the thoughts from the brainstorming session (see attached). Additionally, OS staff will contact those who were suggested for the project team and invite them to participate on the project team.