



McKenzie Rebuilds Meeting Summary

Dec 2, 2021 1:00 p.m.- 2:30p.m.
(held via Zoom)

Participating Team Members: Lane Tompkins, Cliff Richardson, Sarah Means, Matt McRae, Austin Ramirez, Karl Morgenstern, Mary Camarata, Joe Moll, Kathi Jaworski, Darren Cross, Jacob Fox, Courtney Flathers, Alice Bonasio, Melanie Stanley, Devin Thompson. Tim Laue, Val Rapp

Guests: Sara O'Brien, Lisa Mattes, Robert R. Kentta, Lynn Burditt, Priti Shah, Dulcy Pierce, Tim Laue

Co-Conveners: Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch, Mandy Jones

Oregon Solutions Staff Team: Karmen Fore, Margaret Van Vliet, Kristen Wright, Mika Sakai

Welcome/Opening Comments

Comm. Buch opened the meeting and expressed gratitude for the good work done to “map” the infrastructure theme. Jones also expressed appreciation for the team’s efforts and energy on this project, and particularly for the communication subcommittee moving forward. She also reminded everyone to bring forward more good energy about inclusion and representation.

Van Vliet reviewed the agenda and logistics including the public comment protocol. Kathi Jaworski added a comment related to the last meeting, underscoring how emergency communication and infrastructure are connected.

The group then turned to a discussion and mapping of the two remaining big themes, Watershed Restoration and Economy. Wright facilitated the discussion, reminding team members to offer observations about what is already being done, what else is needed, and what more we need to know. The visual created during the meeting is attached, and the comments offered are provided in the following tables.



Watershed Restoration

THEME	What's Being Done?	What's Needed?	What Do We Need to Know?
Hazard Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * USFS: federal legislation and \$\$ * UofO early warning system * Infrastructure and tools to track risks 	Strong community planning and partnerships	
Landslides, Erosion Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * State study * Opportunity to engage local workers and business owners 		Ability of local contractors to obtain bonding?
Floods, Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Property purchases *Restoration on private parcels *PWP *NW Youth Corp 	Contracting communications to overcome perceptions and get money distributed	
Fish and Wildlife Protection	Dam		
Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SB 762 wildfire preparedness bill and \$\$ * Applications for mitigation activities * Removal of hazard trees 		
Cultural Resource Restoration	McKenzie River Discovery Center	Engagement with Tribes to understand resources, history, issues	
Road Access			
Future Forest Products Economic Activity			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *How much connection to tourism industry that's centered on the River * Note how more hikers, tourists bring more people and more potential impacts to river



Delta Campgrounds, River Recreation	*Funding *Removal of burned infrastructure	*ID what could go in this place *Other recreational opportunities	
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Economy

THEME	What's Being Done?	What's Needed?	Other Insights
Economy Generally	*National forest is key asset *Natural resource jobs (sustainable forestry) are possible; not just tourism * LTRG needs assessment	* Don't want people to have to commute to cities * Housing for workforce * Ways to address labor shortage * Grocery store for residents to minimize travel needs *Need a sustainable economy	* Consider balance between rushing to bring back tourists and bringing back residents * Many elements of sustainable economy- innovation and future- oriented * Consider that rebuilding rules and processes make it difficult and can lead to perception that those in power don't want residents living there
Recreation	* Federal & state economic recovery funding * USFS stewardship contracting activities		
Build Back Tourism Infrastructure	* Iron Forest Brewery * Discovery Center	*What's the winter season or year-round tourism draw? *How to help seasonal workers bridge unemployment	
Stores, gas stations, restaurants, accommodatio ns	* Commercial opportunities and down river		
Water, wastewater, broadband, housing	See infrastructure and housing pages	Need a sustainable economy	



Broadband	See infrastructure page		
Basketball Academy	HFG tentatively exploring purchase option		

Public Comment

No comments from non-team members were offered.

Wrap Up/ Next Steps

The Communication subcommittee had its first meeting this morning (12/2/2021). If you would like to recommend someone as a community connector, please contact Margaret Van Vliet.

The co-conveners closed the meeting, and reminded everyone that the next meeting would be 12/16/2021 (1:00 - 2:30 pm).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.