



Meeting Notes  
South Santiam Community Forest Corridor  
Leadership Team Meeting  
November 25, 2013, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Sweet Home Community Center  
880 18th Ave. Sweet Home

In Attendance: Laura Goodrich, Dave Furtwangler, Cindy Glick, Brian Carroll, Michael Mills, Steve Bryant, Cynthia Solie, Thomas Maness, Eric Hartstein, Jo Ann McQueary, Craig Martin, Joe Graybill, Ed Moore, Tony Farque, Amy Ramsdell, Elmer Ward, Pat Moran, Amy Cook

1. Review October 28, 2013 Leadership Team meeting notes—**accepted as presented**
2. Project activity updates since October 28
  - Livability Initiative—Jo Ann: Livability Initiative team will be coming on December 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday through Thursday. A full schedule is planned Monday through Wednesday with highlights including: a meet and greet on Monday, have a tour of the area, go to Cascade Land Trust for an overview of the project, buses will take one tour to the Hwy 20 to slide area, second tour goes to Quartzville to look at slides, base of dam, and Trout Creek. Tuesday will be a health discussion with various health professionals attending. Lunch will be at high school and afterwards they will go meet some businesses, merchants and retail shops. There will be discussion of public transportation, roads, and public works. Wednesday will be at the police department, will visit meal site at Methodist Church. Thursday will be a housing discussion including availability and conditions. There will be an education discussion with various people. Also will be discussion with emergency services and forestry representatives. Thursday is regional connections. This will be when SSCFC will speak. Invitation extended for Elmer Ward from Warm Springs, Grand Ronde and Siletz to attend and speak on Monday as well as to attend the December 15 SSCFC meeting. **Cindy will call Grand Ronde and Siletz.** Report will likely be available April or May and team will return to community in fall 2014 to vet the report. Will have some community meetings and recommendations will be provided. At that time some resources that the community can leverage will be identified.
  - RARE program—Laura:
    - met with Emily Jane Davis. Request for UO funding for graduate students.
    - Met with Rick Partipilo to discuss Western State Lands property and applying for funds for assessment work.
    - Met with Tim McQueary about funding opportunities with Oregon Community Foundation.

- Met with Jana Kay Slater from Samaritan Health about their Coast to Cascades Community Wellness program.
  - Met with Mt. Adams Research Stewards (MARS) representatives. MARS is open for discussing their work on collaboratives and community based organizations. Might be a good resource for the Working Forest Committee.
  - Met with John Atkins of the Mollala River Alliance. Might be a good resource to learn more about obtaining a wild and scenic rivers designation which is what they are attempting to get for the Molalla River.
- ❖ Discussion of an additional grant opportunity: the grant that Cindy applied for last year, state and private forestry for FS, federal grant that was denied for the Cascadia Cave site. This would have to go into county or state land. Brian will take a look at the application. Laura cannot apply for federal money as a RARE student.
- Committee reports-
    - Recreation/Tourism/Health Committee—Brian:
      - Met with Dan Miller from NPS for Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance program to discuss finding a trail location. Laura, Jon Meyer, Cindy Brian and Dan Miller if possible will go walk some areas and identify the difficult areas. Will look at some areas that Dave identified. Dan Miller is working on project scope and timeline which might be available for December meeting. This is set up as a yearlong project. If at the end they do not see that they can help any further than they will exit the project but the timeline can be stretched out if needed. Dan Miller would like to speak with Dave as well.
      - Jana Kay Slater from Samaritan Health will step back from this committee for now. Hands-on trail planning is not their role. Samaritan can help reach out to grant money with other health and non-profit organizations.
    - Working/Community Forest Committee—Cindy and Laura:
      - Thomas Maness (see report below) and the working forest institute is central to what this committee is doing. Work is being delayed in Trout Creek to wait for institute. Possible future ideas include Forest Invest Model (Barrett prize received by PSU student) to create more diverse forest products. Working forest may need some business development help and help using creative funding sources.
      - Had a biochar presentation by Matt Delaney and John Medema working on sewage treatment plant by using biochar. Results will be out in one month.
      - Maybe one of the outcomes of SHALC and working forest would be to look at compost for remediation. Also looking at log sort yard, implementing long term plan, funding plan.
    - Cascadia Cave/Cultural Corridor Committee—Cindy:

- Still moving forward looking for exchanges. Exchanging title info to do research between CTC and BLM and FS. Dave feels enough parcels have been identified.
- Cash to buy land from CTC Tim McQueary said Oregon Community Foundation is providing grant money to buy land saving cultural sites. Might be hard for Dave to find property to buy outright in this scenario in which a land exchange would not be taking place. If the Oregon Community Foundation grant would not allow the FS to buy then the grant will not be pursued.
- Discussion of laser 3D image of the rock face but would have to make sure no dissemination of information was released before federal management and tribes having say over the information being released. Might be a problem because goal of these companies is to get the images onto the internet. Cost is \$4-5,000 for doing this work. There is concern over who has ownership of the data afterwards.
  - **Follow up with Paul Tice confirmed that any data or information from the laser scanning would belong to the contracting authority (i.e. the Tribes or Forest Service).**
- Meg met with Grand Ronde, Siletz and Warm Springs and all agree that federal ownership is best but all need to know points of contact.
- Preservation plan next steps—Tony: first steps is the purchase and then to incorporate preservation plan into the overall management plan.
- Land exchange subcommittee—addressed above
- SHALC—Cindy: Hoping to continue with an all lands approach similar to Cool Soda. Trout creek will also be using all lands approach. Help to bring in stakeholder input. Is a bit slower process than originally planned.
  - Governance: SHALC has not officially had the conversation about taking on the SSCFC governance but there has been support to do so. SHALC has not met in the past month. Discussion between beginning a new organization or making one organization that is large with a broad scope.
  - Administrative funding: 10K from SHEDDG. Emily Jane Davis was going to get an agreement from UO but do not know if that has happened. Ford Family Foundation is another possibility.
- Institute for Working Forest Landscapes—Thomas Maness: Proposal distributed.
  - Friday at OSU had a summit to discuss tall buildings made of wood. Michael Green (Ted Talk: [http://www.ted.com/talks/michael\\_green\\_why\\_we\\_should\\_build\\_wooden\\_sky\\_scrappers.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/michael_green_why_we_should_build_wooden_sky_scrappers.html)). Discussed the environmental friendliness of large buildings (>5 stories) made of wood. These are European developed cross laminated timbers. Lighter but stronger than concrete and steel. Fire safety higher than steel. Working on connectors to allow building to move in an earthquake. There are

no producers in Oregon to make this material. Two in Canada but most are in Austria. Swedish company looking to build a plant in Oregon. The panels can be made with low quality wood on interior and high quality wood on exterior. There is a project in Chicago right now to do this, one in London. Significantly reduces building time.

- Institute is real now, no longer draft form. Brings 65 faculty research members together. FS supports 150K acre research forest with idea that researchers will learn as they go and not collect data and then do. The institute will start producing almost right away. Institute would be on Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area within Willamette NF. Was set up as part of NW Forest Management Plan for research but due to litigation research was never done. Therefore need some political assistance. Work with Wild Salmon Center and Conservation Fund but groups like Oregon Wild may not be very compatible.
- If there is not approval on NEPA front then likely there will not be progress. If it doesn't happen here then somewhere else will be investigated. Cindy recommends reaching out to groups that may disapprove of the plan.

3. Adopt final Vision Statement—Steve: **Approved by group.**

4. Review and comment on the draft Declaration of Cooperation. Discuss strategies for obtaining stakeholder commitments. This info was discussed in the morning pre-meeting (italics are added after leadership team discussion):

- 8 commitment categories: 1) governance, 2) financial, 3) protection of cultural resources, 4) economic development, 5) public health and quality of life, 6) recreation, 7) landscape health and policy, 8) community involvement **and education**
- Narrow down specific commitments within each category:
  - governance: in kind staff support
  - financial: grant writing assistance, fiscal agent, direct financial support, dedicated staff, communication and marketing strategy
  - cultural resources: trade or acquire sensitive lands, USFS to support education, research, protection, tribal involvement, SHPO involvement, governance and mgmt. of cave site, cultural corridor interpretation
  - economic development: “forest invest” model (Barrett prize), LBCC (Lin Benton Community College) technical support for tourism, job training, travel Oregon rural tourism studio, ODOT Hwy 20 maintenance, OSU/UO capacity building and research development (RAIN), micro enterprise development, local processing of timber products, development of private recreation jobs (guides, outfitters, etc), develop cultural corridor **and traditional economies (foods, medicines, basketry, etc.)**, sustainable harvest of timber, regulatory agency involvement
    - There was significant discussion over what “sustainable” means, how the county commissioners may view this objective and changing “timber” to “forest products”

- RAIN, Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (Ed Moore): way to get university level development to the market and is a partnership between OSU, UO and Eugene/Corvallis. Ed will talk with group.
  - Public Health: promotion of healthy lifestyle activities, development of health metrics, provision of social and health services to underserved populations, job creation, grant writing assistance, support for livability initiative outcomes
  - Trail Development: exploring public/private partnerships, travel Oregon resources, Visit Linn coalition support, development of other recreation opportunities or events, increase overnight stay opportunities, stewardship education, redevelopment of Western States Lands site, remediation of contaminated “key” sites using local products and resources, acquisition of “key”recreation properties (transfer of Cascadia State Park) , recreation marketing plan, ODOT scenic byways, Middle Flat/Green Peter/Quartzville Creek plans, connect recreation opportunities to destination opportunities, connect to Santiam wagon road, connect to other byways in central Oregon, support year round activities, rainforest
  - Landscape health and policy: involvement from SSWC (watershed council), attract other private timber managers, key state and federal agencies and tribes, funding for mitigation activities, university research opportunities, local solutions to statewide problems (i.e. using this area as a demonstration area), restoration of traditional cultural landscapes through TEK (traditional ecological knowledge)
  - Community involvement *and education*: get schools involved (could be applied to any of the other 8 categories and should be integrated throughout), volunteer engagement, promotion of art, civic organizations, community engagement in forest management (collaborative efforts in planning and management), communication/involvement with local landowners, support for Cascadia post office and community gathering spot
    - Discussion that each stakeholder could address how the commitments they make will be used to engage community members.
- 5. Review and adopt schedule for remaining project meetings
  - Project Team Meeting—**December 16, 5-7:30 p.m.**
  - No committee meeting dates planned
  - Declaration of Cooperation Signing Event—**February 4, 4-6 p.m.** at Community Center. Attempt will be made to have SHALC meeting in December.
- 6. Other business
- 7. Adjourn
- 8. Remaining committee members meet as needed to plan future meetings