



Meeting Notes
January 18, 2018, 1:00-3:30 P.M.
Rock Creek Hegewald Center, Stevenson, WA

Purpose: To learn about existing conditions in the Upper Wind watershed and discuss the type of work the collaborative would like to see so that the group's values and concerns are considered before stand exam contracts are developed in the next few months.

Participants:

Jacob Anderson, Klickitat County
Erin Black, South Zone Planner, GPNF
Nicole Budine, Cascade Forest Conservancy
Tracy Calizon, Community Engagement Officer, GPNF
Mary Ann Duncan-Cole, Saving Skamania County
Sharon Frazey, Mt. Adams Resource Stewards
Jeremy Grose, SDS Lumber
Jurgen Hess, Friends of Mt. Adams
Jessica Hudec, Ecologist, Mt. Adams Ranger District, GPNF
Tom Lannen, Skamania County Commissioner
Rick Larson, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Tom Linde, Gifford Pinchot Accountability Group
Ethan Lockwood, Resource Assistant, GPNF
Jeffrey Mocniak, Individual
John Moody, Individual
Lisa Naas Cook, SGPC Coordinator
Jon Nakae, Silviculturist, Mount Adams Ranger District, GPNF
Ryan Ojero, Washington Trails Association
Tim O'Malley, Individual
Emily Platt, District Ranger, Mount Adams Ranger District, GPNF
Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Program
Jim White, Underwood Conservation District

Meeting Notes

Approve November Notes: Notes were approved as written.

No full collaborative meeting in December: The full collaborative did not meet in December, but the Recreation, Monitoring, and Zones of Agreement subcommittees each met. Anyone interested in the working group meeting notes may contact Lisa.

Announcements/Updates

- **Retained Receipt Restoration Project Proposals**
 - The application deadline for retained receipt project proposals is Feb. 5.

- **Retained Receipt project review meeting**
 - Feb. 22, 1:00-4:00 P.M. in Stevenson
 - Project proponents and collaborative members are welcome to attend.
- **Retained Receipt Collaborative Group Prioritization**
 - Prior to the Feb. 22 meeting, the retained receipt project proposal descriptions and a ranking tool will be sent out. This excel doc will ask you to prioritize the projects, propose funding amounts for each project, and rank the projects based on the five criteria identified on the project application. Results of this preliminary ranking will be used as a starting point for discussion—a final ranking will be conducted during the meeting.
- **Budget Updates**
 - SGPC is still waiting to hear back on this year's NFF grant status. The previous NFF CCLS grant had the final invoice for coordinator salary submitted in September.
 - The RAC Grant (Fiscal Sponsor, Skamania County EDC) has \$24,732 remaining which will fund collaborative coordination at half-time through October/November of 2018.
- **Decide on "Restoration through Collaboration" proposal for FY '19**
 - The collaborative applied for funding through retained receipts in FY '16 with a "Restoration through Collaboration" proposal that funds collaborative coordinator time for processes leading to restoration project implementation including field trip and meeting facilitation/prep work, process monitoring, and coordination of the retained receipt project proposal process.
 - In FY '16, \$10,000 was approved. Unspent money rolled over into FY '17 and there is currently \$6,620 remaining for coordinator salary.
 - Unclear how much will be used annually, since the agreement only went into effect in June 2017. 20 hrs/month, a rough estimate of expected coordinator billable hours through the remainder of FY '17 (9 months), would use \$5,400 and associated travel hours and mileage reimbursement would bring the total remaining close to \$0.
 - **Does the Collaborative want to submit a "Restoration through Collaboration" proposal for FY' 19 and if so for how much?**
 - **Discussion**
 - The money can be carried over for 4-5 years, but the FS discourages this as retained receipt funds are available annually and are designated for restoration project implementation.
 - Clackamas Stewardship Partners applied for and received \$56,000 after modeling their retained receipt proposal after the SGPC Restoration through Collaboration application. The details of this proposal and the timeline for spending the money were not known.
 - Retained receipt funds can be used for all restoration work, not just vegetation management. This can include trail improvements with watershed benefits, illegal shooting area clean-up, invasive weed treatment/removal, illegal campsite cleanup and closure, and more.
 - The Wasco Collaborative asked for a range of funding instead of just a single amount.
 - **Decision**
 - **The SGPC will submit a "Restoration through Collaboration" proposal for FY '19 requesting \$20,000 scalable down to \$10,000.**

Sub-Committee Working Group Updates

- **Zones of Agreement:**
 - Met before Jan. meeting; currently working on agreement for temp roads, also discussing riparian buffers, and thinning in LSR and Matrix.
 - **Action**
 - **A draft of the document will be shared with the whole collaborative prior to, or at, the Annual Meeting in March.**
- **Recreation:**
 - Met with Tracy Calizon and Robin Rose about the Sustainable Recreation Strategy (SRS) in Dec. The group is currently brainstorming about a long-term recreation vision for District and considering how best to work with the developing FS SRS process. There is particular interest in how to deal with increased use on southern GP, especially in light of the fire closure in the Scenic Area.
 - The FS is looking for support for outreach meetings about the SRS in March/April. These will deal with the updated Recreation Site Analysis that is looking at the condition of current recreation infrastructure on the Forest. Rec Site Analysis is only one part of the SRS strategy; FS is attempting to break the large topic in manageable chunks. The FS is still developing its approach, and the subcommittee is looking to meet again prior to the annual meeting when the FS has a better developed timeline for its outreach process.
 - **Action**
 - **The group will share an update at the Annual Meeting in March.**
- **Monitoring:**
 - Met in December and completed prioritization exercise with the four monitoring topics that came out of October meeting:
 1. gap monitoring
 2. road decommissioning/closure effectiveness
 3. economic effects of traditional/stewardship sales, and
 4. meadow restoration.
 - The road decommissioning/closure effectiveness idea rose to the top during this prioritization and discussion process.
 - Sharon is looking at funding sources for a citizen science monitoring project around this topic and this grant is due at the end of January.
 - The exact monitoring question that this citizen science group could answer within a field season is still being developed. Concern raised that this topic may be more of a long-term monitoring or research project that is beyond the desired scope of the SGPC monitoring effort.
 - The current idea would be for the citizen science group to look at the recovery of temporary roads over time. Another idea is to compare the road condition with the original contract specifications for the temporary road's obliteration. They would be looking at roads that have been obliterated via different treatments and that have been obliterated for varying amounts of time.
 - Goal would be to work with the FS to identify a selection of previously obliterated temp roads that represent a range of ages and physical treatments.
 - The Citizen Science program grant, due at end of January, may offer funding for this type of monitoring but is a fast turnaround.

- **Discussion**
 - Can the collaborative project and the CFC systems roads project be combined or are they distinct and different projects? Do represent different monitoring objectives. May not work to combine in proposal; will continue to share information with CFC.
 - Consider other road monitoring work as part of process
 - Share Bengt's road decommissioning report with collaborative
 - CFC work on system roads - is there a report?
- **Decision**
 - **Does collaborative support applying for citizen science grant for temporary roads monitoring project? Yes, overall support for moving forward with idea.**

FS Upper Wind Overview

- A presentation on the Existing Vegetation Conditions was given by Jon Nakae, Silviculturist
- A Landscape Assessment Update was provided by Jessica Hudec, Ecologist, and Erin Black, South Zone Planner. Jessica described how values from Wind River meeting in May were incorporated into draft Desired Future Conditions. Erin led the group through an exercise to develop a Desired Future Condition for economic values.
- **Actions**
 - **These presentation slides will be shared by email.**
 - **The results of the Economic Desired Future Conditions exercise will be shared with the group by email or during a future meeting.**

Next Meeting: Retained Receipt Restoration Project Review, February 22, 1:00-4:00 P.M., Hegewald Center, Stevenson

SGPC Mission Statement

The South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative is a community-based partnership that participates in the development, facilitation, and implementation of projects that enhance economic vitality, forest ecosystem health, recreation, and public safety on the south end of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and in surrounding communities.