



Pinchot Partners

F O R E S T C O L L A B O R A T I V E

July 15, 2026 | 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

St. Mary's Mission, Toledo, WA | Virtual

In attendance. *Staff: Janene Ritchie, Peter Sandifer*; Board: Amy Boyd, Matt Comisky*, Anjolene Ngari, Bob, Guenther, David Owen, Bill Little; USFS: Theresa Tanner; General Membership: Cowlitz Indian Tribe: Christina Donehower*, Dalton Fry; DFW: Deidre Hayward; Gina Owen; GP Trash Force: Sheryl Hall*. Cowlitz Indian Tribe: Emily Boutain; Greg Ladue-Grove. White Pass Scenic Byway: Lenae Langdon* CFC: Molly Whitney. Amy Besunder.*

Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve Meeting Notes: David Owen; Second: Bill Little. CARRIED.

Approval of June Meeting Notes

Janene reported that all action items from the June meeting have been completed. MOTION to approve Meeting Notes: Bob Guenther; Second: Anjolene Price Ngari. CARRIED.

Action Items

- Janene will connect Molly with Sheryl and share info on community grants from Gesa Credit Union. COMPLETED

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account: \$28,152.00; Savings Account: \$80,775.29.

MOTION to approve Treasurer's Report: David Owen; Second: Bill Little. CARRIED.

Strategic Plan revisions: Amy Besunder

Amy presented [updates to pillar 4 of the strategic plan](#), incorporating edits from feedback last month. One minor language edit was suggested and incorporated. The group is grateful for Amy's hard work on this process and looks forward to working with her on annual work plans to support progress toward these goals. MOTION to approve Strategic Plan: Bob Guenther; Second: Bill Little. CARRIED.

Discovery Team Funding Brainstorming Session: Molly Whitney

Molly shared some funding challenges related to their work facilitating Discovery Team, which will not be running this summer. CFC needs \$20,000-\$40,000 to run Discovery Team at full capacity for the 2027 season. Suggestions included:

- Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council/Coal transition team – Bob to connect with Molly
- Gesa Credit Community Foundations – Janene to connect with Molly

- Local resident interested in investing in community programs – Sheryl to connect with Molly
- Portion of Fungi Festival to be dedicated to Discovery Team – to include involvement of students somehow
- EcoTrust, National Wildlife Federation, Clif Bar Foundation
- Cowlitz Natural Resources Department involvement – in kind

USFS District Update: Theresa Tanner

Roads: Yellowjacket Creek 2810-041 Spur: AOP access to Langile sale; scheduled to be replaced by the end of September. 2904: Temporary closure; replacement date is currently unknown.

Staffing: Handful of 1039s available; resource crew time allocated to assist with field work and fill holes where needed.

Skate Johnson Plantation Thinning: Acreage & Scope: 3,600 acres (IDed 4,000 acres). Sales located off the 47 road.

- Process Concern: Discussion noted around "clearing consultation on 3,600 acres" vs. "implementing 3,600 acres"—concern that initial expectations do not match current deliverables. Will clarify through additional conversations with Theresa, Josh, Johanna
- Next Steps:
 - Stand area will be finalized by the end of the month, followed by public scoping for site-specific information and PCL opportunities.
 - Plantation stands in West Pack will be finalized to begin developing the West Pack CE.
 - Cheyenne: Prescribed burn (Rx) for North Pack. Whatever gets dropped from the Plantation Thinning will be picked up by the West Packwood CE.

Agency Shifts Policy Re: KV Funds: KV funds (historically used for restoration projects, mandatory reforestation, and not generated in GNA/stew sales) will now be converted to K2. K2 funds do not expire at the end of the fiscal year and can be used across the forest (e.g., covering expensive road packages). Mandatory forest restoration will still be covered; remaining funds will compete with the rest of the forest.

Recreation & Vandalism @ High Rock Lookout: Vandalism is currently under investigation. Volunteer Stewards Program: Tracy Choshaw leading volunteer stewards program, aims to staff the lookout through peak season.

Geothermal proposal on South zone: Consent to lease granted; project details to follow later.

Equipment Operator vacancy: Longtime volunteer Don & Marsha O'Neill pulled gravel and operated 21/23 road using an FS grader. Don went back to get their CDL and works with the Backcountry Horsemen.

Collaborative and Administrative Updates: Janene Ritchie

Fungi Festival: Tickets will be live next week! Friday evening welcome to include Daniel Winkler as keynote, plus passed appetizers by Chef Theo of Packwood Supper Club. Marketplace will shift to Friday evening/all day Saturday. Nominal effects letter from FS almost ready. Sponsorship checks already coming in.

Murdock Trust Grant: Amy shared this opportunity and is taking the lead on writing a letter of interest (LOI) for \$100,000 over three years specifically to hire 2 new coordinator positions – a Community Outreach Coordinator and a Forestry Program Coordinator. If the proposal makes it through the LOI and full grant application, funding would be available in April 2027. Janene solicited interest in a hiring committee to begin once we hear back about the grant – Anjolene; possibly Ashley, funding dependent.

Joint Collaborative Field Tour: Wednesday, August 19th at 11am. Meet at Sunset Falls Day Use area. Social time to follow at Barrel Mountain Brewing in Battle Ground.

Roundtable Updates

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Minutes prepared by Janene Ritchie