



Pinchot Partners

WORKING ON COMMON GROUND

Pinchot Partners Monthly Meeting

5.19.2021

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Location: Via Zoom

In attendance: Janene Ritchie, Tiffini Johnson (CIT), Sean Tran (DNR), Sheryl Hall (GP Trash Force), Amy Boyd (CIT), Nikia Hernandez (FS), Taylor Aalvik, Conner England (FS), Lucy Brookham (CFC), Pete Krabbe, Eli Asher (CIT), Andrew Spaeth (DNR), Anjolene Price, Sean Roome (DNR), Elizabeth Robinson (FS), Bob Guenther and Sharon Hanna

The meeting began at 9:06 AM. There is not a quorum at today's meeting therefore these notes are for informational purposes only. No official actions were taken.

Programing Meeting:

Forest Service Updates/Nikia Hernandez: Nikia stated that the Skinner sale came in over 4 MBF than anticipated. A Protection Officer should be arriving in the GP in early June. The candidate selected will be coming from the National Park Service in Alaska. Nikia believes he plans on staying awhile. Skate Creek had some patch work done on the roads. The crew did a great job with the limited number of supplies and funds they had. An addition 100k from the county will be coming in for repairs as well. The road is looking better. We are having lots of conversations on TFPA, GNA and 638 Contracts. The Forest Service has a district project workday coming up- July 8th the Forest Service is extending an invite to any of the partners to help. The Forest Service has multiple seasonal employees coming on every pay period. The Cispus Yellow Jacket instream is getting close to being re-awarded. The Forest Service and Cowlitz Tribe is excited to get this up and running again. They appreciate all of Eli Asher's efforts on this project. Sheryl Hall with the GP Trash Force coordinated a cleanup day on Skate Creek, 16 volunteers were present. The Forest Service is getting a lot of comments from the public on this volunteer work. The GP Trash Force encourages you all to join. Please reach out to Sheryl Hall with any questions. Cascade Forest Conservancy did some tree planting for the Forest Service, they rallied volunteers to plant willows in on riparian areas. Lewis County Outdoor Recreation & Tourism-had their first meeting this month. There is a District welcome event for seasonal employees June 8th and 9th.

Coordination Updates/Janene Ritchie: Field Trips this summer- We have some funding that we need to use by end of June for this purpose. Do we have any sites of interest in small groups? Does this sound like something the Forest Service can help us with identifying? Nikia believes the Cispus Yellow Jacket site would be a good candidate. This is very accessible and can take a look before they have contractors on site. The Judd site is also a good one. Eli Asher would be happy to lead a tour of the Cispus Yellow Jacket Site. Janene cannot travel after the second week of June. Maybe we do two different dates so that we can have a little more flexibility? Janene will send some possible dates to get this rolling asap. A specialist at the Federal Help Desk has assisted with our SAM registration. It has been cleared up; we are now waiting on them to submit it.

Janene hopes to have a 20th anniversary retreat. Building Forest Partnerships Grant-The Pinchot Partners submitted a successful amendment. Janene and David have reached out to two local CPA firms to get a contract finalized by the end of June. The Position Statement Committee met at the beginning of May – They are ready to assess timber sale agreements. Comprehensive Monitoring Protocol Presentation – This was super informative. Janene will pass the recorded information along in the event anyone is interested. Retained receipts- We cannot make a decision, but Janene can go through some of the survey results with the group. The information is not needed until June, Janene may have to do an email poll or follow up with a phone call regarding this matter. Janene can provide the ranking sheet upon request.



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GP Trash Force-The Corner at visitor's centers would be a great location to promote our message. They get up to 1500 tourists and many others that do not come in. Pinchot Partners should consider developing an education & outreach component that can help with messaging. Leave no trace is a great source for materials. It is harder to get funding for these education pieces.

A 15-minute break was called.

Presentation: Hydrology & Fish Biology /Kate Day & JD Jones Water is foundational -Kate Day provides a presentation on watersheds- Step A) Classify watershed Condition model this model indicated how they do this. What components the Forest Service will look at when classifying 2) USDA Forest Service Watershed Condition Classification Region 6 (Ratings based on assessments of National Forest System Step B) Prioritize Watersheds Step C) Develop plans and statewide data link. JD Jones shares the Camp Creek and Yellow Jacket sub watershed Action Plan: Bob Guenther asks what the blockages are. JD states that those are all man-made blockages. The intent is not to mess with the natural barriers but to fix the man-made barriers. BDAs are sometimes a band aid fix. Wood's Creek is very unique on this forest. There is so much interest in this area in partnerships. Presentations are available upon request.

Round Table Updates:

- Pete mentions that the tires are still there and are on the 25 Rd. (they showed up right after Elk season)
- The Trash Force was able to get a space at the community hall to get a dumpster of their own for \$400.00. This will be for the corps team to drop things off from the sites they visit. Bob Guenther suggests that they look into the days that the county accepts those tires.
- Sean mentions that he is hiring for a Field Forester.
- Bob Guenther states that the old growth rounds have dried and cracked- He may have a possible solution to fix these. Thanks to Hampton they used the banding material

The meeting concluded 11:06 AM

Notes prepared and reviewed by,

Fred Norman /Tiffini Johnson