

Present: Patrick Haggerty (Cascadia Conservation District, Co-Chair), Amanda Newell (Cascadia Conservation District, Co-Chair), Nicole Jordan (UCSRB staff - Facilitator), Lloyd McGee (The Nature Conservancy), Sam Israel (Methow Valley Citizens Council), Victoria Wilkins (Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest), Deb Kelly (Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest)

Approval of April Outreach Workgroup Draft Meeting Summary

Patrick Haggerty, Outreach Workgroup (OWG) Co-Chair, asked participants for any revisions to the April 2021 meeting notes. Workgroup members approved the draft meeting summary with no revisions.

Elections

Amanda and Patrick were co-chairing the Outreach Workgroup (OWG) for over 2 years. Sam Israel was nominated and accepted the nomination. Patrick offered to stay on as co-chair until another co-chair is identified. Jim Passage, Lake Wenatchee Fire Adapted Community, and Anjolene Price, Hampton Lumber, were suggested as potential co-chairs.

- Action: Nicole will follow up with Jim Passage and Anjolene Price on co-chair suggestion.

Twisp Field Trip

Currently there are efforts underway for a public field trip to the Twisp Restoration site scheduled for July 29. Victoria Wilkins said that as of July 14, the Forest Service (FS) is continuing to move forward while monitoring fire conditions. A press release will be sent out when ready. The FS is a lead and requested support with logistics from the OWG. Once fire conditions are assessed by the FS and a thumbs up is given, the OWG will be tasked with adding the event to the website, helping circulate the press release and build a RSVP form online. The event will be posted on the FS website, all communications should link to them.

- Action: Press release support. Victoria Wilkins will send the press release out when ready. Nicole will help circulate it in the Methow and to local groups in the Methow. Sam will send out PR to the Methow Valley Citizen Council's list serve.
- Action: Sam will check with Project Workgroup to see who may be available to join the tour on July 29.

Discussion/updates

The group agreed to hold standing meetings the week after each Steering Committee meeting which can be cancelled if needed.

Lloyd requested a NEPA training again. There was support from the workgroup.

- Action: Nicole will investigate specific topics which would be the subject of a training/workshop for interested North Central WA Forest Health Collaborative members. If there is specific topics identified, the subject will be forwarded to the Steering Committee meeting to get more guidance and input on the workshop.