

Members Present

Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Jen Watkins, Kevan Roberts; **Washington Department Fish & Wildlife:** Gary Bell; **Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group:** Jason Lundgren; **Cascadia CD:** Patrick Haggerty; **TNC:** Lloyd McGee; **TU:** Crystal Elliot; **NAFSR:** Jim Bartleme; **Hampton Lumber:** Anjolene Price; **Methow Valley Citizen Council:** Hannah Dewey; **Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest (OWNF):** Kari Grover Weir, Chris Furr, Kathy Johnson, Leah Tai, Matt Avery, Darren Gooding; **Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (UCSRB, Facilitators):** Pete Teigen, Greer Maier;

The June 2019 PWG Meeting Summary was approved without edits and will be uploaded to NCWFHC.org and the shared site.

DNR Cross Boundary Grant

The DNR All-Lands Forest Restoration Competitive Grant Program request for application is out now. It is due October 23. There are some project needs that have been identified that the Collaborative could submit. These include boundary survey needs on the Upper Wenatchee Project and Twisp Project, pre-sale timber sale layout on the Upper Wenatchee Project. The grant time period is December 2019-January 2022. The Projects Workgroup discussed the details of each potential project. Patrick Haggerty will send out a draft to the full Project Workgroup by Wednesday, September 18 for feedback. There was discussion about who would submit the application- only non-profits can apply. The UCSRB, TU, and TNC will discuss who would be best suited to submit. The ability to pass funds to the Forest Service is a key consideration.

Action Items:

1. Patrick will put together a rough draft narrative and send it out to the PWG by Wednesday, September 18 for high level feedback.
2. Darren will follow-up with Jeff Rivera, Scott Lynn, Peter Weir, Paul Kelley about UWPP priority areas for boundary survey needs and possible timber sale layout needs, focusing on lands adjacent to private lands and where implementation will likely occur first.
3. PWG members will send any feedback to Patrick by Friday, September 20.
4. Patrick will incorporate feedback and send rough draft narrative to Amy Ramsey at DNR for review by Monday, September 23.
5. Pete will send a Doodle poll for the couple weeks of October to find a time for PWG to meet and incorporate feedback received from DNR and plan the process for submitting the final proposal.
6. Lloyd will follow up with Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition about their potential proposal submittal and alignment to the OWNF 5-year plan.

Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project

Draft preliminary alternatives went out in August to the workgroups for both aquatic and terrestrial feedback. The IDT was going to review and potentially incorporate fatal flaws from the groups into the alternatives. OWNF is finishing up the RFP for a new contractor and they hope to have it ready within the next couple of weeks. When it's finished, they'll share it NCWFHC, then cast a wide-net for a new contractor with the hope of bringing that person(s) start in early November. This is not expected to delay the timeline.

Twisp

MVRD staff are finishing field season and pre-NEPA work then will kick off into NEPA in the FY2020 program with a proposed action out in October. The OWNF will then engage in government to government consultation, public outreach and scoping in November. The preliminary EA is scheduled out in July 2020 with a decision in June of 2021. It's an 80,000-acre planning area including Alder Creek, Poorman Creek and main stem Twisp.

Action Items:

7. Pete will work to schedule a meeting for late October with MVRD and PWG members to discuss and review proposed actions.

Mad Roaring Mills

This is an FY2021 planning project because other OWNF IDT resources are being deployed to UWPP. The project will include Mills Creek, Roaring Creek, and Mad River watersheds and will encompass approximately 65,000 acres adjacent to Tillicum project area. There is not a much commercial timber in the project area but will have non-commercial thinning and planting opportunities. There are 30 miles of stream and rivers with opportunities for aquatic restoration and a robust road network with opportunities for reducing road density.

Action Items:

8. Pete will work to schedule a meeting for late November with Entiat RD and PWG members to discuss Mad Roaring, (possibly could be at the Entiat Habitat Sub-Committee meeting).

Mt. Hull

The Forest is in the process of implementing the project which will be comprised of three timber sales in addition to other restoration work. The first is called a Mt. Hull Stewardship which is out to bid and closes September 25 and will treat 1,450 acres and is approximately 10 million board feet. The subsequent project will be slightly larger. A question was posed about use of those retained receipts, and in some forests local collaboratives have a great say in how those funds are spent on restoration projects.

Action Items:

9. Pete will coordinate with Sarah Walker and the NCWFHC co-chairs about having the topic of NCWFHC input on stewardship receipts on a future NCWFHC agenda for discussion with OWNF leadership/staff.

Mission Restoration

The Supplemental Information Reports was completed last winter and based on that analysis the MVRD is waiting for ground cover to return more closely to pre-fire condition prior to implementation of much of the terrestrial work. They are planning to repackage and combine the Mission and Buttermilk during the spring and hope get it sold in FY2020. Collaborative members asked about working with and/or reviewing the package with MVRD prior to putting it to bid. On the aquatic side of things there has been a lot of good work done including several beaver dam analogues and aquatic organism passage projects.

Monitoring

The groups discussed monitoring efforts from across the state including the Washington Forest Health Advisory Committee (WFHAC). Three outcomes of a recent meeting include: 1. The development of a

monitoring protocol to establish a baseline for forest restoration efforts across the state will be ready for review in November and folks should contact Jen Watkins for more information if interested. 2. They are going to build a monitoring platform to see at a regional level if conditions on the ground are changing. 3. Forest Health Tracker is still being developed and features include spatial layers that can be show and linked to a large data base that tracks actions across the landscape.

Action Items:

10. Jen will send Pete the link for the Forest Health tracker website so he can forward it to PWG to review and at a future meeting will have a more in-depth discussion and demonstration.

Updates

The Washington Forest Collaborative Summit will be in Wenatchee on November 6 & 7 with the theme being “Making Shared Stewardship Operational,” though the full quarterly meeting is also on November 6. There is also a learning exchange in Wenatchee on November 5 as part of this effort to bring FS, collaborative members and other stakeholders together to learn about the A to Z, UWPP and Manastash-Taneum projects.