

April 13, 2022

DRAFT Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Webinar/Teleconference

1:00-3:30 PM



Formal Approvals

Item	Action-Decision
Meeting Summary from March 3, 2022	Approved with corrections. The final will be posted online at: https://www.ncwfhc.org/meetings/

Next Steps

Item	Follow-up
Foundational Documents review, update	Sarah will Doodle Lorah Super, Tiana Luke, Chuck Hersey, Brandon Rogers, Lloyd McGee, Anjolene Ngari, Mike Kaputa) for a meeting to be held before May 4. Subgroup will report back at May 4 Quarterly. Sarah and Pete will assemble examples of other Governance docs and share with subgroup.
Post-leadership Training mtg. with SNW, OWNF, SC members	Pete and Sarah will coordinate on dates, options for a meeting in mid-May and Sarah will Doodle.
Midnight Project Rx	Nicole will create Midnight Project page on website and Mike A. will send final Rx document to Nicole for posting on website.
Central Washington Initiative info sharing	Kari will share slides, documents with Sarah for distribution. Nicole will coordinate with Victoria Wilkins on joint OWNF-CFLRP press release re: CWI, CFLRP
May 4 Quarterly and May 4 Field Tour Event	Nicole will send lodging and other info. Members, others will register and communicate with Nicole to confirm any tour stops, talking points, etc.

Welcome and Regular Business

The facilitator welcomed participants. Co-Chair Branch opened the meeting and walked through the meeting agenda and preparatory materials. Co-Chair Anderson provided a report out on the Regional Wildfire Roundtable. 10 initial investment landscapes to implement the Wildfire Crisis Strategy across the Nation: WA, OR, CA, ID, MT, CO, NM and AZ. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/wildfire-crisis/landscapes>

Corrections to the March Steering Committee (SC) meeting summary were shared for consideration. Updates to the agenda - Sendi Kalcic will be presenting instead of Andy hart and Mike Liu will not be joining today.

Members approved the corrected March 3, 2022, SC meeting summary. The final summary will be posted online at: <https://www.ncwfhc.org/meetings/>

Steering Committee Retreat

Review Outcomes

The facilitator provided high-level summary of SC retreat outcomes and SNW shared next steps for Joint meeting with FS leadership after their training to identify steps and path forward for collaboration,

problem solving. Meeting structure (should SC meet without OWNF present?) will be discussed as part of follow-up. SC to determine who needs to attend joint follow-up mtg—all or subset of SC)

Discussion, Q&A: Members discussed how to begin to address issues that came from retreat (governance, foundation docs). Sustainable NW will provide foundational documents from other collaboratives. A subgroup of SC members agreed to meet before the May Quarterly for an initial look at existing NCWFHC documents (Lorah Super, Tiana Luke, Chuck Hersey, Brandon Rogers, Lloyd McGee, (recommended: Anjolene Ngari, Mike Kaputa). SubGroup will report back at NCWFHC Quarterly mtg. regarding any update needs.

Next Steps:

- Sarah to follow-up with Pete/ SNW re: potential dates in mid-May for joint leadership training meeting with OWNF.
- Pete and Sarah to share Governance Document examples with SC

OWNF – People, Proposal, Process Updates

Staffing, New IDT

Infrastructure funding expected at the end of April or early May. OWNF has been preparing by creating an implementation team to focus on the planning side and post-fire recovery needs. Hired a new fish biologist and Interviews completed for wildlife manager. Leveraging synergy with state partners (good neighbor), new position on the forest chief of staff, additional fuels staff on districts, fuels ecology position. FY22-FY23 implementing shelf stock and get good work happening quickly, capacity to help keep us working on the large landscape projects.

Infrastructure funding Coordination

Central Washington Initiative. Funding from Bipartisan Infrastructure, IJA, CFLRP, TFPA. Money is in addition to CFLRP funding, which cannot be used for salary or planning and must be matched by others. 2.4 million acres of which 1.1 acres of non-FS lands (state, private other lands). Expect to treat 24,000 acres on OWNF. SO staff shared a diagram on who-what-when-where-how and FAQs. Total of \$24.6 million coming this FY (does not need to be spent this FY but need quick implementation successes to sustain funding). FFY23 and FFY24 focus on planning to implement projects FS identified. leverage partnerships to move to implementation work in years 3-10. Some money available this year for aquatic restoration

Next Steps:

- Kari to share with collaborative (Sarah) map of the CWI FY22-23 Planned Projects

Transition to SmartSheets

- Still having internal discussion on SmartSheet needs and funding strategy.

LSRA Update

It has been challenging to schedule the Oversight Team kick off meeting with key partners. Will happen in the next month or two.

Discussion, Q&A: Should we move up our press release to focus on the Central Washington Initiative instead of CFLRP? USFS announced CWI on 4/12.

Next Steps:

- Nicole/ OWG will draft a press release for Central Washington Initiative and CFLRP together instead of individually and coordinate with OWNF/ Victoria Wilkins on joint messaging.

FRS Review & Refresh

Process, Timeline Updates

On target for completion in June 2022. See Mike Liu's email update.

Discussion, Q&A: Bill Gaines is recommending workshops that would cost \$10,000 to come together this summer.

Next Steps:

- Add concept of multiple FRS review-refresh workshops to May Quarterly agenda for discussion.

UWPP

Timeline Update

OWNF is completing review of revised LSR report from contractor this week. Working through consultation with Services re: Aquatics effects. USFWS has questions. Now forecasting final signed decision in October 2022—shift from end of August. Stick with what the FS is trying to do currently to meet the fall deadline

Discussion, Q&A:

Q: What are the challenges? Bull trout habitat. Lack of capacity and staff turnover. OWNF is talking with R6 about next steps for consultation.

Q: Are any changes to the foundational work or proposed action anticipated? No.

Midnight Restoration Project

Status Update

Landscape prescription is complete. Seeking consensus from SC to collaborate again on next steps to develop purpose of need and proposed action based upon landscape prescription, leading up to NEPA process and scoping. DNR is willing to help with facilitation from Andrew Spaeth if needed. Will post landscape prescription to NCWFHC website.

Discussion, Q&A: Contracted NEPA via NCWFHC funding support can work. Central Washington Initiative has placeholder for Midnight Project.

SC Members Present (Chris Branch, Jen Syrowitz, Lloyd McGee, Mike Anderson, Lorah Super, Brandon Rogers, Chuck Hersey **Agreed by Consensus** the NCWFHC, PWF will develop strategy to support Midnight Project, focused on FFY23 needs and hand-off to NEPA contractor.

Next Steps:

- Mike Anderson to send Nicole Jordan landscape prescription to add to website

Mission Implementation

Public Meeting Outcomes

Meeting was well attended and recorded; meeting link provided as part of prep materials. Hampton-MVRD using integrated approach to messaging, work on PR. StoryMap will be used to share current info.

May 4 Quarterly Meeting & May 5 Field Tour

Update

Venue: Bavarian Lodge in Leavenworth, room block 7877. Nicole will send out email with information. Lunch will be provided at May 4 Quarterly. Field trip on May 5, OWNF fuels staff identified 3 Eagle Creek stops. CCNRD and CCD and/or CWFSC providing private l.o., aquatics stops. Messaging brainstorm:

- ✓ Emphasis on DNR 123 program
- ✓ Aquatics emphasis
- ✓ Treated non treated lands and surrounding lands
- ✓ History importance of private lands
- ✓ Treks training program

ID May Quarterly Topics

- Email Nicole and cc Sarah on notables to invite to May 4-5
- Dr. Paul Hessburg has agreed to 1 hour to dive in on pace, scale and urgency.
- Mike Kaputa share Forest Resiliency bond, Blue Forest Conservation
- Bill Gaines/ FRS “sneak peek” idea
- Chelan County Wood innovation grant
- Central Washington Initiative
- FRS workshops and timing

Other/ Wrap-up

Co-Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:31pm.

The next remote Steering Committee Meeting is planned for 1:00pm to 3:30pm on 06/01/2022

The next NCWFHC Quarterly meeting and 9th Annual Celebration will be held IN-PERSON on May 4, 2022 from 10:00am-4:00pm in Leavenworth, WA

Meeting Attendance:

SC Members-Alternates Present

American Forest Resource Council (AFRC): Tom Partin ABSENT; **Chelan County:** Bob Bugert, Mike Kaputa ABSENT; **Conservation Northwest (CNW):** Jen Syrowitz; **Department of Natural Resources (DNR):** Chuck Hersey; **Hampton Lumber:** Anjolene Ngari ABSENT; **The Nature Conservancy (TNC):** Lloyd McGee; **Okanogan Conservation District (OCD):** Lorah Super, Eli Loftis; **Okanogan County:** Chris Branch; **Trout Unlimited:** Crystal Elliot ABSENT; **Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR):** Chuck Hersey; **The Wilderness Society (TWS):** Mike Anderson, Tiana Luke; **Yakama Nation:** Brandon Rogers.

NCWFHC Members-Entity Participants

Cascade Fisheries: Jason Lundgren; **Cascadia Conservation District (CCD):** Patrick Haggerty, Joe Hill; **Lake Wenatchee Fire Adapted Community:** Jim Passage; **Methow Valley Citizen Council:** Sam Israel; **Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co:** Josh Anderson ABSENT; **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW):** Amanda Barg

Ex-Officio Participants

OWNF: Kristin Bail, Chris Furr, Kari Grover-Weir, Paul Kelley, Erica Taecker, Sendi Kalcic, Eireann Pederson; **Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (UCSRB):** Ryan Niemeyer, Nicole Jordan, Alicia Meier, Sarah Walker (Facilitator)

Other Attendees

Blue Forest Conservation: Kim Quesnel Seipp; **CAFÉ:** Laura Rivera; **Latino Community Fund of Washington:** Cristina Ortega; **North Cascades Conservation Council:** Philip Fenner; **Sustainable NW:** Pete Teigen; **Interested Public:** Rebecca Hunt Colville, Susan Crampton; Cathy Baker