

Wild Rivers Coast Forest Collaborative Meeting Minutes-September 8, 2016



Attendees:

Rich Nawa-Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands, Barbara Cisneros-USFS, Cathy Bounds-BLM, Tina Lanier-USFS, Mike Miller-CCPLA, Frank Burris-OSU Extension, Harry Hoogesteger-Curry Watersheds Partnership, Jerry Becker-Wild Rivers Land Trust, Gary Grotrian- Curry County Citizen, Kevin Adamak-South Coast Lumber, Summer Matteson-Curry County, Kendal Martel-Sustainable Northwest. Phone-in: Alex Campbell-Regional Solutions, Marie Simonds- Wild Rivers Alliance, Emily Pfeiffer-Senator Merkley's Office.

The agenda topics for this meeting were:

1. Update on the Shasta Agness Project
2. Hiring strategy for the new WRCFC facilitator.
3. Strategy for selecting the next project.
4. Upcoming events and workshops.

1) Update on the Shasta Agness Project- Tina Lanier and Barbara Cisneros

- Tina Lanier gave a brief overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which was designed to make sure citizen involvement in NEPA is fair. You can find more information on FACA here: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5203270.pdf
- Barbara Cisneros is the new NEPA planner on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest (Welcome Barbara!) She gave an update on the Shasta Agness Project. The Shasta Agness project just came out of the scoping section of NEPA, where the public is invited to comment. The Forest Service received comments from about 13 different entities. The Interdisciplinary team is currently reviewing the comments and putting together a report that summarizes the comments. The ID team is also looking back at the purpose and need statement and proposed action along with the comments to determine what alternatives or changes to make in the proposed action.
- Next steps: The Forest Service will brief the line officer and the Forest Supervisor about themes in comments and concerns to decide what alternatives will be put forward for analysis. The goal to put the draft environmental analysis back out for a 30 day public comment period is after the first of the year.
- The Forest Service team will let the collaborative know when the comment report will be publically available on the Forest Service's PALS website. To stay up to date on planning and projects, visit the planning and projects section of the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF's website:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/rogue-siskiyou/landmanagement/projects>
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/rogue-siskiyou/landmanagement/planning>

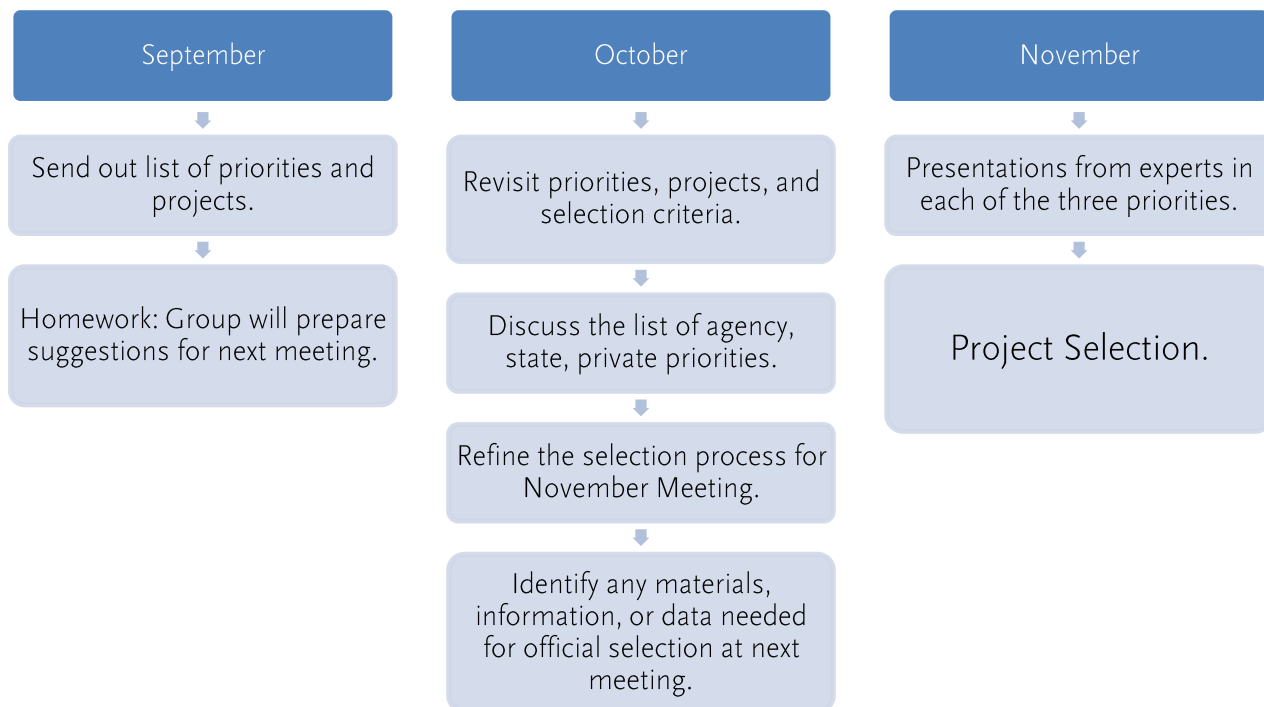
2) Hiring Strategy for New Facilitator

- Kendal Martel from Sustainable Northwest will be helping the collaborative to coordinate upcoming meetings in the interim of hiring a facilitator.
- The group called for people interested in serving on the hiring committee. So far, we have Summer Matteson, Kelly Timchak, and Kendal Martel. Tina will check into a representative from the Forest Service. If you are interested please let Kendal know.
- The Job description and materials will be sent out to the group for review and feedback.
- The group discussed whether or not to hire a full time facilitator. Summer Matteson suggested merging the qualities of both a facilitator role and a coordinator role, assessing the amount of work, and basing compensation off that work. Summer also suggested it would be valuable to have someone from the Wild Rivers Coast in the role so that there is an understanding of unique issues affecting this area. Kevin brought up the need to consider whether or not a local facilitator could be neutral. Tina suggested that being able to make the connection with the local collaborative and the community would weigh more than having a local person. Gary Grotrian suggested that it will be important to focus on the overall skills and knowledge that the collaborative is looking for.
- Frank suggested that merging the Facilitator and Coordinator position into one would make the work more seamless.
- The group discussed what the estimated hours for the facilitator will be and came to the conclusion of 20 hours per week.
- **Hiring timeline:**



3) Selection of the Next Project:

- The Shasta Agness project selection process started with the group establishing a list of priorities, then narrowed the priorities to 1) unique habitat restoration, 2) Recreation 3) aquatic habitats/road and sediment issues. Then the group discussed what projects could meet those priorities.
- Summer Madison added that was a dynamic time (with a lot of different stakeholders at the table) in the collaborative and it might be valuable to revisit those points and solicit feedback through email to get broader thoughts, and hopefully encourage more participation.
- Gary suggested sending out a questionnaire to get feedback on why people did or did not participate.
- Tina spoke about how having more diverse representation from different groups was valuable, but the initial intention of the collaborative was to look at how forest management tied into local priorities, and that has been lost. Getting more local representation would be helpful.
- Tina Lanier asked if it would be helpful for Forest Service and BLM land managers to let the collaborative know what their list of projects and priorities are. The response was that would be good as long as the agencies let the collaborative know the entire list of priorities and not just some. Kendal will follow up on this list.
- Gary suggested picking a project that could be dug into in deeper detail, or be more focused.
- Rich suggested bringing in folks that have expertise in each of the three priorities. (Kendal and Summer will follow up)
- *Timeline:*



4) Upcoming Workshops

- Potential workshops that were discussed at this meeting: Forest Economics, and Multiparty Monitoring 101, A Science Workshop on a topic chosen by the collaborative,
- Kendal will send out homework so folks can start thinking about ideas for valuable workshops, then will put space in the next meeting's agenda for the group to offer ideas.

5) Other Business

- *Google Group*: Kendal Martel will help set up a google group and a tutorial so that the collaborative can easily exchange information, scientific documents, operating information, and meeting minutes and agendas.
- *Outreach*: Summer brought up the suggestion to create a Facebook page to contribute to outreach and collect feedback. The group discussed potential drawbacks of gathering data via Facebook such as unhelpful negative comments mimicking the "comment section" issue and that data collection by that medium wouldn't be streamlined or efficient. The group expressed that they would like to continue having conversations about how to develop an effective outreach strategy.