

**Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council  
Education / Outreach Committee Meeting  
March 18, 2009 Meeting**

Attendees: Brian Forge, Tami Schroeder, Shawn Goddard, Eric Cullander, Gail Hemsoth, Julie Knurowski, Pam Reber, Jerina Page

**Round Robin:** Most updates below in agenda items.

**Shawn:** (new attendee) Shawn outlined the recycling efforts of his business, Indigo Cat Computers, and emphasized his willingness to partner with the Council and other organizations to recycle e-waste, aluminum and glass in the Cottage Grove area. His goal is to do this recycling for one year and he plans to participate in the May community events as well as Bohemia Mining Days in July.

**Eric:** Working on STREAM.

### **May 9, 16<sup>th</sup> Events**

Due to illness, Teresa Cowan could not attend. Pam and Jerina outlined the planned events for the May 9 recycling and May 16 clean up. The group liked the new picnic location by the Snapp House on the Coast Fork and inquired about contacts with the Historical Society(?)

#### **Sites:**

Julie stated that the Invasive Group would take charge of blackberry removal along the Coast Fork downstream from Harrison Bridge.

Nolene Wheeler is organizing an Ivy Pull along the Row River bike path with Mosby residents (after talking to Gail) 3.26.09 update.

Tami noted that if the Council could organize a leader and a clean up group for along the shoreline at Dorena, the Corps could take away debris. Corps cleanup will be at Green Peter Reservoir this year.

#### **Volunteers:**

It was suggested that at the Community Center sign-up, volunteers be sent first to the highest priority Council (invasive removal) sites, then fill in lower priority sites so that we are not spread so thin.

Eric had referrals for CGHS volunteers and is interested in getting the community service requirement for high school graduation activated. (OR diploma at a glance has requirements). He suggested getting in touch with Teresa Martingale (Lincoln) and Sandra Wilkinson (CGHS) to bring service clubs into activities. **Action: Pam will contact.**

Pam will draft recruitment and donation letters for the event.

Attendees agreed that boat support could be done at this event, but not to do the Council raft trip during the May 16<sup>th</sup> event. **Action: Brian is interested & recruiting boaters; Pam will talk to Doug about rescheduling the Ouzels.**

Could boats be taken out at Fred's Island? **Action: Jerina will contact.**

It was suggested that South Lane Fire and Rescue might have equipment to help haul heavy or imbedded trash such as grocery carts out of the river. It might be an opportunity for them to show some techniques. **Action: Tami will contact.**

**Logistics:**

Shawn will be firming up his recycling storage locations, etc. in order to confirm that he will be able to provide some household recycling, he is confirmed for FREE computer recycling.

Pam has a contact for scrap metal, she will contact.

Pickup truck: Lee Keller (Julie's partner) may be available for trash pickups.

**Press:**

Newspaper could be told where specific groups will be. Specific press releases on issues could be done: hazardous waste, recycling (new rules for computers at Lane County—now free), etc.

**Invasive Species Program**

The group reviewed the Invasive Species Action Plan and complimented Gail, Dave and Julie on their work. Julie shared our new Coast Fork-specific list of priority invasives. Gail was interested in attending the June 10<sup>th</sup> WEEDIN/OSU training. It was suggested that Mosby Creek be the first area for which a map of existing watershed info and participating landowners be created.

Gail asked for nominations for members for the committee. Possible names include Claudia Owen, Eric Leed, Steve Fremonti, Alan Baas, and Jerry Howell. Pam suggested Melissa Fery and emailing the Creswell group to solicit people

Pam suggested that the Invasives Committee work with Tania Siemens who has gotten some funding for training and EDRR.

Tami noted that the Corps is working on an Outreach/Education plan for invasives. (Pam note: as Dustin Bengtson participated in our Feb. invasives meeting, I would note that the Corps is looking to be a strong partner on invasives! Similar liaison might be available from the new botanist at the CG USFS office—Katherine Z. 767-5045

**2009 Communications Strategy**

The group briefly reviewed strategy items and discussed branding. It was agreed that promoting the stewardship concept was most appropriate for the Council.

An advertisement created for the CG Sentinel will be reworked into posters for the May events. (because people thought the ad looked great!—Pam) **Action: Jerina.**

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 29, 5 pm at the office.**