

# Curry Wildfire Preparation Team

## Conference Call Meeting Notes

November 15, 2011

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### Attending:

Name	Agency	Position	e-mail address
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Margaret McHugh	Lower Rogue WC	Facilitator	maggie.mchugh@currwatersheds.org

### Task reporting:

Gorse Treatment: Kim reported her conversation with Mike Pope re: gorse treatment using NFP funds. Mike's preferences would be to 1) finish Cedar Terrace treatments, 2) put funds into the Defensible Space cost-share program, and 3) use remaining funds at Harris Beach.

Firewise Forester and Defensible Space: Chris met with John to review the survey/assessment form previously used when visiting residences and working with landowners. Chris is concerned that we are collecting too much information i.e. how much is enough, and what is truly useful. He believes that the surveys can be started by CFPA by 12/09/11. Don reported that he contacted both archeology consultants that were previously used by the County, and has gotten one bid back.

Firewise Outreach: Chris reported that there was approximately \$8800 left in the Firewise Outreach grant that can be used for flyers/brochures for homeowners, project signage, water brochure or other outreach and education materials. The CWPT will discuss how best to use these funds at the January meeting.

Water Brochure: Don has been busy researching the Oregon fire codes and diligently searching for pertinent schematics (e.g. from the ISTA guide) for use in a Curry County brochure. Don will bring his findings to the January meeting.

Training: Don will attend the next COTA meeting to find out about the newest training guides and materials being proposed. He will bring this information to the January meeting.

Revised Format for Annual Report: Maggie will send out the revisions with the minutes. Several pending tasks are assigned to Don Kendall. Maggie has been assigned to track him down.

### Harris Beach:

Sherri Laier updated the CWPT on the Harris Beach gorse removal project. State Parks has \$10,000 to put to this effort, and Lisa Ward received a Weed Board grant that will also contribute to the efforts at Harris Beach and Grassy Knob.

Sherri met with a contractor that has equipment with a 30' reach that can pulverize brush without workers needing to rappel down the rocky slopes with chain saws. They discussed

working from both the top of the ridge in the Dawson Tract, and from below. Access (private land, wet ground) will be the limiting factors. The contractor estimated needing up to 2 days to do the work. This would be followed by pesticide spray during the most effective stage of gorse re-sprouting. Sherri offered to send a map to the CWPT of the area in Harris Beach State Park where the work will be done.

Sherri also suggested a ½ day meeting for a gorse working group consisting of:

Sherri – State Parks

Crystal and Clint – USDA FS

Chris – CFPA

Lisa – CSWCD

**Next Meeting: January 17, 2012; 1000 – 1230**

**Face to Face**

**Gold Beach Ranger District Conference Room**

January Agenda: Updates

Defensible Space & Firewise Forester

Harris Beach and Cedar Terrace

Annual Report

Use of Firewise Outreach funds

Water Brochure

Training

Send corrections, edits, or agenda items to me by January 10 at [maggie.mchugh@currywatersheds.org](mailto:maggie.mchugh@currywatersheds.org) or 541/247-2755 ext 4#.

*Maggie*