



## UNPP Steering Committee Meeting

4.18.24 / 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Zoom link](#)

### Attendees

Kris W.

Rod Trotter - Follow up with Morgan about the freezer.

Allison M - Send Morgan the Green forage mix species list - 6 non-native species.

Ryan K - BLM

Tuula - TUI

Kathryn - TUI

### Coordinator Items

Morgan's update - Lots happening! Seed scouting, seed prioritization, public outreach, plant sales setup, and working with growers to set up production for Fall 2024.

- 2024 Budget Projections
  - USFWS: Looking into another agreement for 2024-2025?
  - Forest Service: Added funding to extend the work another year. Planning to write a new agreement to continue in the future
  - BLM: Will last through mid-year 2025.
  - FWS BIL - Funds are shared with the Rogue Native Plant Partnership but in general we are on track.
  - Pending grant with ODA - Working Lands Fund for Farmer co-op development in the Rogue, Umpqua, Willamette & either the Coast or Central Oregon.
  - Oak-flats just starting to spend down since the \$ came in a bit late
- 2024 Projects

- Elk & Pass Creek Restoration (City of Drain): Stream TMDL work in collaboration with Phoenix schools. UNPP provides technical assistance, support production, and volunteers for planting.
- Native plant curriculum development with Roundhouse - a credential program with Tracy Pope is the long-term goal. Pilot with Phoenix school students. Starting from seed collection, production, and restoration. Help build a workforce and provide skills to young people.
- Blue Bluff UNPP provides wetland vegetation surveys post-dam breaching and provides a planting plan for the project.
- Shadow Pond/Umpqua NF: Dam breach with beaver restoration. Pond turtle restoration, weed management, and then restoration supported by UNPP's plant materials and UNPP's technical assistance in developing the planting plan.
- Oak Flats NPM production - early season collection and possible additional production this fall of 500-100 plugs. Some of the species with longer dormancy species will be ready in 2025.
- Seed storage and cleaning area set up in Yoncalla!
- 2024 Seed Collection Prioritization
  - Development of two mixes based on elevation and canopy cover. Making good progress but did not quite finish all the research needed on each species under consideration but close. Using values & Ed's analytical methods to make useful lists for Umpqua.
  - Focus on seed production for priority species once the list is developed.
  - Sanitization protocols BMPs for plug producers to protect against disease led by what has been developed for the US Forest Service contractors. UNPP is developing a streamlined protocol that is achievable for local growers and also meets sanitization needs. There will likely be a financial investment to improve these systems and the UNPP is working to support growers in this process starting in 2025.
  - Ryan Kay questions
    - Is there history in the Rogue with this? - Not really
    - How might partners access seed lots being produced? - Some available as a mix some a la carte. The goal is to have a few hundred pounds available for post-fire work.
  - Allison - The low to mid-elevation mix might not be the best fit for FWS work planned should we revisit this mix to make sure it overlaps with oak ecosystems. Morgan - Yes we are looking at oak habitats and are focused on developing a mesic mix that can handle wet and dry conditions seasonally in open oak systems.
    - Morgan may follow up with Ed to make sure we're on the same page about wet mix and the differences in how seed mixes get developed in the Willamette.
  - SOS/BIL focal species for 2024
    - Scouting, collection, voucher specimens, and long-term storage.

- Calochortus tolmiei, Lomatium nudicaule, Asclepias cordifolia, Madia elegans, Iris Tenax, Dodecatheon hendersonii
  - Stream restoration capacity development to support future wetland/riparian work. Sedges and grasses scouting and protocol development and small-scale production. Riparian and upland shrub cuttings with Phoenix school greenhouse.
  - Goals based on partner projects and demand.
- 2024 Native Plant Sale/availability/pre-orders
  - Creating a system to order and reserve plants on the cycle of production. Not the model of growing plants and hoping they sell but creating supply based on demand. The store will launch in May and partners can reserve plants then invoices/payments will be sent out in September and coordinate pickups and orders. 3 growers participating. \$5 per plug cost is the price is what is needed to support growers. The retail price will be higher to support the partnership with capacity funds but volunteers and funders will be able to take advantage of the sliding scale.
- MOU Signatures (FWS & BLM)
  - We need signatures from FWS & BLM. In-person signing at the new interagency office in Roseburg if you need it. There is a binder where you can add your survey info and signatures. The goal is to have the final draft fall general meeting and signatures completed by August 2024.
- New Pending Grants
  - BLM RAC Title II - technical and financial support for local growers and 200 pounds of seed to be produced. Picking species that also match UNPP priorities. 4-7 new producers. O&C lands focused but with overlap with other projects in adjacent areas. ~115k
  - Three Rivers Foundation - Culturally significant species for pollinator production & coordination with Cow Creek. Ebb flow systems to be built by student woodshops if funded. (NOT FUNDED)

## Partner Items

- Rod - Riverbank Lupine coming up!
- Morgan - Rare plants volunteer events coming up
- Allison - Can we get a seed collection priority list out to the group when it is finished? Should be ready in May but project-specific projects will be based on scouting activities and will be shared.
  - UOP ODFW green forage program help seed mix-movement towards using native species. Picking species that can meet ODFW needs but more focused on native species. EQUIP NRCS program end up using it too.