



## UNPP General/Stakeholder Meeting

February 8th, 2022 · 2:00 – 4:00pm

### NOTES

#### ATTENDEES

Tuula Rebhahn, The Understory Initiative  
Kathryn Prive, The Understory Initiative  
MA Hansen, Native Plant Society Umpqua Chapter  
Rod Trotter, Native Plant Society Umpqua Chapter  
Donna Rawson, Native Plant Society Umpqua Chapter  
Richard Rawson, Douglas County Small Woodlands Assn  
Allison Manwaring, USFWS Roseburg  
Cal Lee Davenport, USFWS  
Alicia Christiansen OSU Extension Douglas County, works with woodland owners  
Crystal Shepherd, Botanist, USFS  
Ian Grinter, Botanist, Roseburg District BLM  
Joe Buford, landowner in Lookingglass  
Justy Grinter, Botanist Roseburg BLM  
Ken Carolini, Yew Creek Land Alliance  
Morgan Fay, Elkton Community Education Center  
Stanley , Rural Umpqua Community Partnership  
Rhonda Black, Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District  
Clint Emerson, USFS

### NOTES

1. Introductions (2:00 - 2:20)

## 2. Umpqua Native Plant Partnership Updates (2:20-2:30)

- IAE Native Plant Materials conference
  - i. Great online conference; Tuula, Kathryn and Morgan attended. Check it out next year.
  - ii. Article on plant partnership formation:  
<https://appliedeco.org/native-seed-partnerships-five-things-to-know/>
- Funding opportunities/plans
- Official welcome to Morgan

## 3. Partner Roundtable (2:30 - 2:40)

- Updates from UNPP Partners

### USFWS (Cal Lee)

- Always looking for landowners to add pollinator habitat

### NPSO (Donna)

- Seeding native plants at schools around the area
- Demonstration gardens are underway
- Wildwood Nursery has provided space for a large demonstration garden

### BLM

- Funding opportunity announcement for native plant restoration has been announced
- Forest Service is building an addition on the BLM office and they are partnering with USFWS to plant natives around the building

### Clint: USFS Funding updates

- Asked for \$200,000 for UNPP
- Crystal put the proposal together for five years of coordination -
- USFS is looking for workhorse species, but Clint is an advocate of diversity and pollinator species

## 4. Morgan Fay & Featured UNPP Partner: Elkton Community Education Center

- Morgan background in ecology, research and restoration
  - i. Focus on riparian ecosystems, wetlands, soil microbes
- ECEC - Morgan is event & marketing and site coordinator
  - i. Native Plant nursery provides plants for small landowners and small-medium restoration projects
- First two years of partnership coordination - priorities:
  - i. Needs assessment for native seed
  - ii. Capacity planning for seed grow-outs
  - iii. Funding allocations for production, seed collection & research
  - iv. Education, outreach, training & mentorship

### Q&A

Need a membership directory, list of resources and who's doing what

A coordinated landowner outreach strategy would be helpful - form a subcommittee for this?

## 5. Looking ahead: Summer 2022 seed collection

- Planning for 2-3 seed collection events now
- Looking for good sites to collect with volunteers
- Can do more seed collection with smaller groups/UNPP staff down the road
- BLM: Need riparian shrub seeds
  - i. Douglas spirea missing from BLM inventory now
- Stanley has Viburnum available for cuttings/seed collection

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## New business: Forming a UNPP Steering Committee

Kathryn's perspective on the Rogue Native Plant Partnership steering committee

- Two levels of decisions that need to be made in the partnership
  - Steering committee acts as a sounding board

- Native plant experts, people working “on the ground” in restoration work, and agency partners with financial stake in the partnership participate in the steering committee
- Steering Committee consists of 6-10 members and meets quarterly
- A subcommittee for working with private landowners is also a good idea, something to do once we have more coordination \$

## 6. Wrap-up and action items

- o Tuula to follow up with Stanley/add him to seed collection site list
- o Tuula to send out funding proposal “template” to funding partners
- o Tuula to send out meeting notes and recording
- o Allison and Cal Lee to speak with Joe
- o Tuula/Morgan/Kathryn to follow up with Alicia with a blurb/picture by the 18th for landowners to seek out seed collection sites
- o Members are asked to volunteer for the UNPP Steering Committee
- o Send out seed prioritization lists again

### Discussion:

- Need to have some elements in place before we can recruit seed growers (technical assistance, etc.)
- Prioritize finding intact native habitats to collect seed from
- Ian: Species prioritization is very important, don’t just go out and collect seed but be sure there is a need for it. Where is going to go, and is it a good species for grow-out?
- Alicia: Private landowners need sugar pine
  - Collect seed or channel seedlings from Dorena through UNPP?