



September Meeting Notes

9/18/18 9 am – 12 pm | Bandon Barn, Bandon, Oregon

Action Items from the Meeting

- Next Meeting Jan 15 9 am – noon at Bandon City Council Chambers
- How to help neighbors save money and band together to remove gorse - particularly in Core Infested Zones like Bandon
- Need to get the word out about the 101 gorse removal DEMO- Contact Amy with Western World for a fall article
- Follow-through with signs at Bullards/ Coquille Bridge gorse removal
- Outreach piece about removal of gorse on steep slopes, highlighting the story out at Coquille Point. Use Drone footage, photos, data from UC Davis (Weed RIC, Joe DiTomaso) on a website or in a handout version.
- Purchase a "Gorse Removal In Progress" Sign to use temporarily at demo project sites.
- Reach out to contacts at the Bandon Airport (State lands managed through the OR Dept. of Aviation) about meeting to discuss options for a multi-year gorse removal plan at the airport. Include Sherri Laier and Carri Pirosko in this effort as they have worked on other State Airport lands at Cape Blanco and the Illinois Valley in Josephine County).
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https://www.oregon.gov/aviation/Pages/contact_us.aspx
- Jim-Send Elk River landowner contacts to Brian at ODOT
- Jim-send drone footage and photos of North Spit to Goldie
- Goldie-Reach out to Coos Curry Electric-ODOT and Private Landowners to investigate the possibility for partnerships for working over the ROW lines during treatment.
- Monitor potential tailgate type training down in Curry County with “unofficial contractors” that are doing landscape work and potentially dumping gorse. ODA (Carri), OSU (Frank) and Erin could all assist with this training
- Goldie-work with private landowners in the City of Bandon / ODOT gorse removal area-private landowner is south of Bandon, on the west side. How continue the gorse removal from the Right of Way onto Private lands
- Goldie-Distribute Communication Plan (developed by Samara Group this summer) with GAG Meeting Notes for all partners to review; follow-up with email to membership about interest in participating in GAG Communications and/or Outreach Team(s)

Meeting Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions around the room

- 1. Updates on More GAG help:**
 - A. Hiring of a GAG Local Projects Coordinator**
 - B. RFP out to hire Fundraising Expert**
- 2. Gorse Removal Project Updates:**
 - A. Coquille Point**
 - B. Highway 101 Demo Project**
 - C. ODOT and City of Bandon Hwy 101 Collaboration, South of Bandon**
 - D. Bullard's Bridge**
 - E. Elk Creek**
 - F. North Spit Collaboration**
 - G. State Parks Ongoing Projects: Bullards, Cape Blanco airport, Harris Beach**
- 3. Updates on Outreach:**
 - A. WRCA Presentations**
 - B. Cranberry Festival Booth**
 - C. Stop Gorse Signs- Business Window Campaign**
 - D. Website**
- 4. Other Updates Since We last Met:**
 - A. Herbicide Cost Share Program**
 - B. Bandon City Ordinance**
 - C. Donut Hole**
 - D. Firewise**
- 5. Group discussion, GAG Working Groups/Teams**
Time permitting, GAG WORKING-GROUP Breakout Session (meet with your team)
Set next GAG meeting date and Adjourn, Meet next in January?

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda Item 1- MORE HELP:

A. Hiring of a GAG Local Projects Coordinator

- a. Goldie Warncke Coquille Watershed Association Noxious Weed Coordinator is the newly appointed Local Projects Coordinator (See Work Report and Complete Description of Local GAG Projects Coordinator)

B. RFP Funding Expert

- a. See RFP handout
- b. RFP will be released soon and distributed to a couple of perspective grant writers.
- c. Perspective candidates will be reviewed by the GAG Finance Team

Agenda Item 2 - GORSE REMOVAL PROJECT UPDATES:

A. Coquille Point

- a. Timeline review:
 - i. Mechanical Removal in Dec 2016
 - ii. December 2017 second treatment of gorse sprouts
- b. Current treatment occurred week of September 16-19
- c. Willamette Valley Forest (Contractor) indicated significant reductions on regrowth of gorse sprouts. (Facebook links: <https://www.facebook.com/willamettevalleyforestry2017/>)
- d. Discussion regarding the project:
 - i. Native/Desirable vegetation is recharging at the demo site
 - ii. Slow N₂ Grinding at the stump level may reduce the susceptibility to erosion
 - iii. Erosion may take up to 15 years when roots are left in the soil.
- e. Next Steps:
 - i. Hand-outs on erosional factors for steep slopes
 - ii. UC Davis study data
 - iii. Drone flyover footage
 - iv. Documenting and photo history

B. Highway 101 Demo Project

- a. Timeline review: Phase 1
 - i. March 2018-gorse removal and plots set
 - ii. Summer 2018 Signs, Handouts and OSWB Tour
 - iii. September 2018- herbicide treatment
- b. Biocontrol set for plot 8

- c. Discussion regarding project:
 - i. Other plots might be less favorable for biocontrol due to active treatment
- d. Next Steps:
 - i. Focus groups starting next spring
 - ii. New Drone footage of the plots
 - iii. Tour group scheduled for Oct 30th OSU Weed Day

C. ODOT and City of Bandon Hwy 101 Collaboration, South of Bandon

- a. Partnerships and timing of treatments
- b. Next Steps:
 - i. Collaborate with private landowners to have the same contractor do the work
 - ii. Interagency partnerships ROW agreements
 - iii. Fall/Spring treatment collaboration

D. Bullard's Bridge

- a. Bullards Bridge team conferences covered removal approach, planning, and processes involved for removal days in September
- b. Private landowner of the Old Mill Site to develop contact, project involvement and contract to include the Mill Site in the removal project.
- c. WRCA to develop contract with private landowners to include a 1:1 match from the WRCA and 5 years of onsite gorse control by private landowners.
- d. Coos County Noxious Weed Advisory Board to secure Cost-Share for Old Mill Site.
- e. Communicating with local paper on the Bullards Bridge Project.
- f. Removal started on 9/17/18
- g. Traffic delays were minable (5:10 minutes)
- h. Next Steps:
 - i. Informational sign on private land
 - ii. Check-in with World newspaper

E. Elk Creek

- a. Gorse removal on private land at the NE side of the river
- b. ODOT is working on the ROW
- c. Next Steps:
 - i. Work on developing partnerships with PLO, Coos Curry Electric and ODOT for joint treatments.

F. North Spit (Bandon) Collaborative

- a. More Mill is actively removing the gorse on their property
- b. This project area is to be included in the water trail
- c. City of Coquille has their funding for their portion of the water trail
- d. WRCA has funded some of the gorse removal
- e. OSPR is treating (herbicide spray) their property
- f. Next Steps:
 - i. Drone footage and photo documentation to the website

G. State Parks Ongoing Projects: Bullards, Cape Blanco airport, Harris Beach

- a. Gorse Treatment South Coast:
 - i. Rainbow Rock
 - ii. Lone Ranch
 - iii. Bullards Bridge-North End and Bandon Dunes
 - iv. Bandon State Natural Area
 - v. Isolated popn. at Washburn

H. Curry Watershed Partnership

- a. Sketchmapper aerial survey conducted by ODF. Flyer is over scheduled for February-March depending on peak bloom. Mostly looking for outliers.
 - o Includes the Chetco Bar Fire Area and the Floras Creek headwaters area
- b. Southern Curry Gorse Project
 - o Project expands on work done by State Parks Harris Beach, which began in 2011. Private subdivision, Dawson Tract, to the north of Harris Beach had numerous known sites.
 - o Started with landowners who have faced compliance with the City of Brookings. List was from 2011-12. Ordinance excludes compliance in areas over 15% slope or in riparian areas.
 - o Sent an outreach notice through the City of Brookings utility cards directing people to the GAG website and contact info. This resulted in a presentation to the Brookings-Harbor Garden club in August.
 - o Flyers were posted at all of the nursery and garden supply stores in Brookings-Harbor area.
 - o Most of infestation is in Dawson Tract area with some sites found in Rainbow Rock Road area. Southernmost site found was 1 plant in Harbor, south of Chetco River. A few new, small sites on East Harris Heights were found as well.
 - o Most landowners are only mowing the flats at a cost of \$2000-\$2500 per year.
 - o 15 sites on private land were treated in the Spring with herbicide plus sites on Harris Beach, ODOT, and Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) campus. Mowing is scheduled for fall in Dawson area.
 - o Found a few isolated patches/plants in Pistol River.
 - o Challenges with the way CFPA categorizes our project as falling under Public use Restrictions. Was informed that an industrial waiver is would not be granted. This limited when mowing could occur.

- Curry Transfer and Recycling (CTR) site is a larger outlier. They are dealing with changes in how yard debris is handled. Will follow up in the Winter/Spring about treating this site.

I. New Gorse Removal Project at Bandon Airport

- a. 30 acres of gorse on private land in concert with NRCS
- b. Herbicide application part of the program
- c. Next Steps:
 - i. Check in for Cost-Share for the project
 - ii. Reach out to contacts at the Bandon Airport (State lands managed through the OR Dept. of Aviation) about meeting to discuss options for a multi-year gorse removal plan at the airport. Include Sherri Laier and Carri Piroosko in this effort as they have worked on other State Airport lands at Cape Blanco and the Illinois Valley in Josephine County). Contacts : Matthew.D.MAASS@aviation.state.or.us and

Agenda Item 3 – UPDATES

A. WRCA Outreach Presentations

- a. June presentation at ISC and OSWB
- b. Coastal Coccus-GAG
- c. Regional Solutions
- d. South Coast Development Council
- e. SOD Taskforce
- f. Rotary Club
- g. Oregon Transportation Commission
- h. State Ag. Board

B. Coos County Noxious Weed Advisory Board

- a. Cost-Share: link to handouts and application
- b. 20K in herbicide purchased
- c. Remaining funds will be used to purchase more herbicides for possible fall distribution
- d. Next Steps:
 - i. Getting the word out to the public
 - 1. City of Bandon Board
 - 2. KCBY-noon segment
 - 3. KBOG local PSA radio
 - 4. Bi-Coastal media

C. Stop Gorse Sign

- a. Bandon, Port Orford and Brookings
- b. City Council presentation requested PO
- c. Bandon City Ordinance- Noxious Weed ordinance address the exceptions
 - i. Erosion
 - ii. Hedges
- d. Recent meeting with the City Council is working to remove the above exceptions
- e. Next Steps
 - i. Public discussions
 - ii. City enforcement increasing

D. Firewise

- a. Pacific View Community formed and gorse removal has started
- b. Donut Hole: ongoing
- c. Next Steps
 - i. Title III Funding-2019

E. GAG Working Groups Teams

- a. **Donut Hole Team:** Michelle (lead), Al, Headly, Jim/Marie, John S. and Jill R.
- b. **Wash Station Team:** Lexi S. (lead), Carri, Liza, Rich, Norma, Darrin N.
- c. **Communication Team: Need Members**
- d. **Outreach Team:** Goldie W. (lead) needing members
- e. **Finance Team: Lead-** Matt Swanson, Curry Watersheds Partnership, Jim Seeley, WRCA, Marie Simonds, WRCA, Liza Ehle, By the Sea Gardens, John Sweet, Coos County Commissioner, Robert Mawson, Bandon City Manager, Michelle Martin, NeighborWorks Umpqua
- f. **Science Team has morphed into a Science/Projects Team:** Team Lead Carri Pirosko, OR Dept Ag Local Projects Coordinator- Goldie Warncke, Coquille WA Liza Ehle, By the Sea Gardens, Will Bailey, Coos County Noxious Weed Advisory Board, Sherri Laier, State Parks & Rec, Wyatt Williams, OR Dept. Forestry, Frank Burris, OSU Extension
- g. **Mapping Team (took break for summer, will reengage this fall):** Team Lead- Carri Pirosk, OR State Parks & Rec (Brady Callahan), OR Dept. of Ag (Beth Myers-Shenai), and OR Dept. of Forestry (Danny Norlander)- Agency GIS Specialists Erin Minster, Curry Watersheds Partnership, Sherri Laier, State Parks & Rec Wyatt Williams, OR Dept. Forestry, Robin Harkins, Coquille Tribe, Michael Schindel, TNC

*****Next Meeting DATE: January 15, 9-12 noon at the Bandon City Council Chamber; A call-in option WILL be available.**

