

A&H Board Meeting
October 19, 2010
Boardman, Oregon

Attendees:

A&H Board Members: Steve McClelland (Chair), Barry DelCurto, Jim Morrell, Tom Alkire, Robert Jaeger, Ron Borisch

ODFW Staff: Matt Keenan, A&H Coordinator; Christina Schmidt, Administrative Assistant; Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager

A&H Regional Coordinators: Jon Paustian, Meg Eden, Larry Pecenka, Vince Oredson, Scott Torland, Dave Nuzum (via phone)

Others: Jim Yuskavitch, A&H Publicist

Steve called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Review of the July 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes:

Ron Borisch indicated that Rom should be Tom on the third page under motion, correction noted, Ron motioned to approve the corrected minutes; Jim seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

Board Member Reports:

Ron Borisch: Attended North Coast TMA meeting with landowners, ODFW, and OSP. It seemed like everyone was on base with the project. One landowner is considering fee hunting on his property. The group wanted Ron's input; he made it clear he was speaking as a Board member and not on behalf of the Board. Ron said that if it would have been known that the landowners were thinking of doing fee hunts, there would have been more discussion prior to approving the project. OSP indicated that if the property was leased they would not regularly patrol the area, but would only respond to calls regarding issues or violations. A dashboard permit program has been established for contractors and others who have legitimate access to go behind closed gates or in areas closed to the public such as LOP hunters in the late season.

Robert Jaeger: Nothing to report

Tom Alkire: Nothing to report

Jim Morrell: Attended the September 30th ODFW Commission meeting in Bend, OR as on observer

Barry DelCurto: Nothing to Report

Steve McClelland: Thanked the ODFW staff for taking the time and hosting the Board on the field tour in Heppner. It was very informative regarding the CRP program, re-enrollments, and issues with monocultures as well as deer and bird habitat.

Coordinator's Report:

- Commission approved project recommendations.
- Gave a presentation to Portland Chapter of Pheasants Forever. This particular chapter was formed to fund Dennis Newman's position and the Upland Habitat Initiative; they are very pleased with the program and very supportive of A&H.
- Spent a fair amount of time revising A&H access area maps.
- Revised the MOU to include language stating that OSP troopers funded by A&H will not regularly patrol lands that are not open for public access
- "Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program", the federal grant from the 2008 Farm Bill: this was FSA's first time administering this type of block-grant, so there were several issues to work out. Participated in conference calls with other western states and together made it a workable program. Nationally, there is \$50 million earmarked for 3 years, 16 states were awarded year 1 money. A&H was awarded over \$2.3 million over 3 years, with year 2 and 3 funding conditional on available of federal funds. The term "Oregon Open Fields" has been given to this funding source and projects it will support. We will receive \$786,000 the first year and if conditions are met we will receive the same amount for the next 2 years² we do not need to reapply. Funds will be funneled through the A&H program, the A&H Board will have to approve where the dollars go. There are some focus areas that were identified when the department was writing the proposal, FSA wants to make sure that the funds go towards agency directives and that it helps accomplish what the State wants to accomplish. The idea is to get money in the hands of landowners. The first step is to contract with a third party to write a programmatic environmental assessment. Hopefully funding will be available for projects that are presented at the April board meeting. Eligible projects include direct payments to landowners staff time and necessary equipment to facilitate public access (posting signs and making maps), and habitat improvements on enrolled access areas only.

Proposed focus areas:

- upland hunting access in Columbia basin
- Willamette Valley goose hunting access
- Big game habitat improvements on current A&H areas (priority for MDI and BMEI projects)

Project approvals are ultimately up to the Board. The "Oregon Open Fields" funds must be kept separate from other A&H funds.

- Steve would like to know if a proposal came forward that fit the parameters of the Open Fields program and a portion of it also fit A&H, could funds from both programs be used
- Matt thinks that it would be acceptable it is a new project, not a pre-existing project already funded by A&H.
- Steve wanted to know if easements qualify as an item that could be funded through the Open Fields program.
- Matt replied yes, however there are lots of strings that come with spending federal dollars on acquisitions and easements so it maybe best to spend A&H dollars on easements.
- Barry wanted to know if the project proposals would be like the basic access projects funded through A&H in that they get approved for 3, 5, or 10 years.
- Matt will clarify and ask the FSA if the funds need to be spent or just obligated by 2012.
- Jim wanted to know how they're supposed to decide what projects are funded from which program.
- Matt replied that it will be up to him to keep it straight, but projects will be identified and proposed as and A&H or Open Fields project upfront. Separate budgets will be presented for each funding source to help the Board make approval decisions.

- Barry wanted to know if there would be any stipulations about the funds being spent on federal lands.
- Matt replied that the Open Field funds are for private lands only, not federal. A&H funds may be spent on public lands.
- Tom would like to focus on the upland hunting access because a lot of hunters have given up due to the lack of access and it's difficult to find UCAP properties due to the lack of publicity.
- Ron wanted to know if there is a directory to local biologists that put together these projects, he understands that these projects are very labor intensive and take a while to put together, should they be actively looking for projects right now being that it can take 6 months to put something together
- Matt said that once an environmental assessment is done there won't be any additional burden on the Regional Coordinators, they will treat these projects just like A&H projects, they will go through the exact same process used for A&H projects; the difference will be on Matt's end in managing budgets and reporting back to the FSA. If the Regional Coordinators notice any difference at all it will be the limited duration and stipulations of the Open Fields funding and will have to let the landowners know that this maybe just a 3 year option.
- Robert would like to know if we start funding a project with Open Field funds can we finish funding it with A&H funds if it goes longer than the 3 year duration.
- Matt believes that due to this being additional funding we could end up overextending A&H dollars.
- Public Lands Access:
Federal Lands Hunting and Shooting Sports Roundtable is an MOU between USFS, BLM, USFWS, and over 40 NGO's, mostly sports groups, to gain access to landlocked public lands completely surrounded by private lands. There is currently legislation in the works that would provide \$13.5 million through the Land and Water Conservation fund which would be directed toward federal agencies. Part of the directive to these federal agencies is to consider recommendations from state agencies that are responsible for hunting and hunter access. Matt previously submitted a recommendation to the Roundtable. If funding comes to Oregon, Matt will engage BLM and the Forest Service to identify our priorities.
- The Oregon hunting map has been very popular and additional updates are expected in the near future. A&H will likely be asked to fund website hosting at \$300/month
 - Steve indicated that if A&H administrative funds can be used for this, to move forward and simply update the Board at the next meeting and then every 6 months after that regarding cost.
 - Jim thinks that one thing the map is lacking is input from public about a specific property if they have any input (look at the Marine Board website for example).
- Update on hunt applications (controlled hunts only, general season numbers not available at this time)
 - archery hunts
 - resident tags are approx. 8.6% down
 - nonresident tags are approx. 33% down
 - all other hunts
 - resident tags are approx. 15% down
 - nonresident tags are approx. 35% down
 - Matt will put together a presentation on tag sales and revenue for the past 5 years for April's Board meeting.
 - Tom Thornton confirmed that revenue is up even though tag sales are down due to the fee increase

A&H Budget Report:

Limitation is what the Legislature has authorized us to spend, this is the account that we pay landowners from (thought of as the "checking account"). In this account there was \$3.3 million to spend in this biennium including an increase from last spring and of that we have budgeted almost \$400,000 in administration and so far we've obligated just under \$2.5 million in projects grants. Total obligations are \$2.8 million, which leaves \$467,667 to spend this biennium.

The sub-account balance (thought of as the "savings account") should have approximately a \$1.5 million "buffer" remaining at the end of this biennium.

Project spending: 66% access and 34% habitat

2011 Board Meeting Schedule:

January 20 (Salem, OR)

- 20th Board meeting

April 18-19 (Lakeview)

- 18th field tour
- 19th Board meeting

July 25-26 (Salem, OR)

- 25th potential work session day
- 19th Board meeting

October 17-18 (Enterprise)

- 17th field tour
- 18th Board meeting

Discussion:

Jim Morrell suggests that after the work session in January the Board tour properties experiencing goose depredation

Matt explained that January's work session will open forum. If the Board finds that there's more to discuss after this work session there is another opportunity during July' when the Board meeting is at headquarters again. If not, we can eliminate a day from July's meeting schedule.

Steve would like each Board member to contact Matt with a couple of items they would like to discuss during the work session so that Matt can put together an agenda

Motion

Jim Morrell motioned to accept 2011 meeting dates; Ron Borisch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

2011 Auction Tag Sponsorship:

National Wild Turkey Federation, Rogue Gobblers will not be hosting a 2011 banquet. The statewide deer tag allocated to NWTf needs to be re-allocated to 1 of the 3 groups that did not receive a tag in July:

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation – Hillsboro Chapter
Safari Club International – SW Washington Chapter
Foundation for North American Sheep – Oregon Chapter

Discussion:

The parent chapter for Sheep Foundation was awarded the Bighorn Sheep tag and the Midwest Chapter received an elk tag. One of the concerns that was raised up at the last Board meeting regarding FNAWS receiving a tag was that their banquet is on April 9th and there are already 2 other banquets auctioning tags on April 9th.

Jim Morrell: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has 2 tags already, Foundation for North American Sheep has received tags in the past, Safari Club International does a lot of great things and this particular group laps over from Washington to Oregon

Motion:

Jim Morrell motioned to award the statewide deer tag to Safari Club International, SW Washington Chapter; Tom Alkire seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

2011 Auction Banquet Sign-up:

The 2011 Auction event schedule was established as follows:

2011 AUCTION EVENT SCHEDULE

2011 Auction Tag	Organization	Date & Location	A&H/ODFW Representative(s) to attend	
Statewide Deer	Mule Deer Foundation Ken Hand (541) 281-2224	Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT February 4, 2011 at 8:00 P.M. PST	1. ODFW	2. Steve McClelland
Statewide Deer	Safari Club International – Santiam River Chapter Glean Melow (503) 851-6158	Linn County Fair & Expo Center, Albany OR February 5, 2011 at 8:00 P.M. PST	1. Ron Borisch	2. Tom Alkire
Statewide Elk	Mule Deer Foundation Mike Romtvedt (541) 891-3551 <i>Auction tag sponsored by Unlimited Pheasants</i>	Klamath County Fairgrounds, Klamath Falls OR February 19, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. PST	1. Steve McClelland	2. Jim Morrell
Statewide Combo Deer/Elk	Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation, National Kristy Bosworth (406) 523-0242	Reno/Sparks Convention Center, Reno NV March 4, 2011 at 1:30 P.M. PST	1. ODFW	2. Barry DelCurto
Statewide Elk	Wild Sheep Foundation – Midwest Patti Murry (507) 645-8811	Minneapolis Marriott Southwest, Minnetonka, MN March 5, 2011 at 8:00 P.M. CST (6:00 P.M. PST)	1. ODFW	2. Robert Jaeger
Statewide Deer	Safari Club International, SW Washington Chapter	Hilton Convention Center, Vancouver, WA March 19 th , 2011 at 8:00 P.M. PST	1. Tom Alkire	2. Alan Christensen
Statewide Elk	Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation, Bend Chapter David Fuller (541) 447-2804	Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Bend OR April 9, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. PST	1. Jim Morrell	2. Ron Borisch
Statewide Elk	Oregon Hunters Association, Tioga Chapter Marcey Fullerton (541) 267-2577	The Mill Casino, Coos Bay, OR April 9, 2011 at 8:30 P.M. PST	1. Robert Jaeger	2. Alan Christensen
Statewide Deer	Oregon Hunters Association, State Chapter Duane Dungannon (541) 772-7313	Chinook Winds Casino, Lincoln City, OR May 21, 2011 at 8:30 P.M. PST	1. Robert Jaeger	2. Barry DelCurto

Discussion:

Alan is tentatively signed up for events although he was not present at the Board meeting to confirm his availability.

Jim would like to be listed as an alternate for the RMEF National Banquet in Reno

Motion

Ron Borisch motioned to approve the auction event sign-ups; Barry DelCurto seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

Matt will send Board members the auction attendance schedule via email.

Wildlife Area Funding:

Recommended revisions to Wildlife Area Funding Guidelines for A&H proposals were presented to the Board. Current guidelines require projects to be reviewed by the Habitat Program Manager, but this position was eliminated during the recent Wildlife Division re-organization. Proposed revisions require projects conducted on ODFW's wildlife areas be approved by Wildlife Area Operations Coordinator or Wildlife Division Operations Manager and then by the A&H Board.

Motion:

Ron Borisch motioned to approve Wildlife Area Funding Guidelines for A&H Proposals as written; Barry DelCurto seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Proxy Voting:

Proxy votes have been accepted by Regional Councils because it is often difficult for Regional Councils to get a quorum of 4 council members to attend meetings either live or by telephone. These absent members cast votes without knowledge of discussion that takes place during the meeting. Wildlife Division recommends that councils not accept proxy votes to prevent miss-informed decisions.

Motion:

Steve McClelland motioned to not accept proxy votes; Jim Morrell seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Ron would like to know if there is a rule on proxy voting

Matt replied that there is not.

Motion passed unanimously 6:0

Public Comment (10:30 am):

Steve McClelland with Forest Capital and Luke Rayes with Work Horse Inc gave an update on a project started 5 years ago, Forest Capital Weed, on noxious weed removal that has recently been completed. They feel the project was a success and made a significant difference in helping to control noxious weeds in FCP lands in Baker, Union, Umatilla and Wallowa counties.

Regional Council Appointments:

North Willamette Region Council

Discussion:

North Willamette Regional Advisory Council has a vacant Chair position.

Dave Nuzum: Wendell Locke is applying for the Chair position, not the Hunter Representative position as marked on his application.

The Chair position was opened up to all of the council members and Wendell was the only member to apply for the position.

Robert Jaeger motioned to approve the council appointment; Ron seconded the motion

Jim declared conflict of interest and abstained from voting due to his personal knowledge of Wendell.

Motion passed 4:0

South Willamette Regional Council

Discussion:

South Willamette Council has a vacant Chair position and Hunter Representative position Vacant. Due to technical difficulties, Jim Young was not able to attend the meeting via teleconference.

Steve tabled the appointment due to Jim not being present as he felt the need for clarification

NE Regional Council

Discussion

NE Regional Council has a Landowner Representative vacancy. There are two applicants, Vicki McClaren and Rob Wade.

Motion:

Barry DelCurto motioned to appoint Vicki McClaren; Jim Morrell seconded the motion; passed unanimously 5:0.

Project Overview:

Project Overview

Project Number	Project Name	Project Type	Other	WMU	Access Provided		Total Habitat Acres	Species Accessed (via private land) and/or Benefited	A&H Grant	Total Cost	Project Score
					Private Acres	Public Land					
2010-27	Blue Mountains Elk Initiative	A&H	Damage	Northeast Region	10,000	YES	16,605	md,wd,ek,ph,tk,fg,hp,cq,mq,br,cy,cg	\$300,000	\$7,731,315	29
2010-28	Murderer's Creek	Habitat	N/A	Murderer's Creek	N/A	YES	15,000	md, ek	\$300,000	\$2,398,473	19
2010-29	McGinnis Range & Habitat	A&H	N/A	Catherine Creek	1,721	NO	410	md, pa, ek, sg, hp, ck, cq	\$31,803	\$69,243	24
2010-30	Columbia Plateau Initiative	A&H	Damage	Columbia Basin, Heppner	U/K	NO	9,700	md, ph, fg, cq	\$90,000	\$1,179,291	23
2010-31	Zumwalt Prarie	A&H	Damage	Snake River, Imnaha, Chesnimnus	33,000	YES	70,000	ek	\$96,600	\$156,100	22
2010-32	Lonesome Willow	Habitat	N/A	Owyhee	N/A	YES	44	md, ck, cq	\$22,000	\$44,353	18
2010-35	Micke Ranch	A&H	N/A	Interstate	9,000		300	md, gamebirds	\$31,900	\$54,600	23
2010-36	Aspen Valley	Habitat	N/A	Maury	N/A	N/A	530	md	\$26,500	\$35,137	16
2010-37	Castle Canyon	Habitat	N/A	Maury	N/A	N/A	535	md	\$22,000	\$29,750	14
2010-38	Antioch Habitat Enhancement	Habitat	N/A	Evans Creek	11,870	N/A	45	bd, tk	\$18,000	\$22,500	17

Project Overview Species Key

md	mule deer	ph	pheasant	cq	california quail
bd	black-tailed deer	tk	turkey	mq	mountain quail
wd	white-tailed deer	wf	waterfowl		
pa	pronghorn antelope	fg	forest grouse	br	bear
ek	elk	sg	sage grouse	cy	coyote
bs	bighorn sheep	hp	hungarian partridge	cg	cougar
		ck	chuckar	sg	small game

Project Reviews:

#2010-27 BMEI

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian and Mark Penninger with US Forest Service presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for Regional Council review and application for detailed information on the project).

Discussion

This project proposes to continue the annual partnership between the A&H Board and the Blue Mountains Elk Initiative (BMEI) to improve management of elk in the Blue Mountains of northeast Oregon. A&H funds would be matched with BMEI partner funds including Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), US Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Blue Mountain habitat Restoration Council (BMHRC), private landowners, and others to improve elk habitat on private lands across northeastern Oregon.

This proposal, if awarded by the Board, would provide \$100,000 per year for three years for BMEI projects. Up to 30% of A&H funds could be expended on public lands adjacent to private ownership. These funds would be matched by USFS or BLM funds in addition to RMEF and BMHRC dollars. It is estimated that over 95% of elk hunters in Oregon pursue elk on public lands. All project proposals requesting A&H funds would be evaluated by the BMEI Operations Committee using established BMEI project proposal criteria (See Attachment A) in addition to any other stipulation directed by the A&H Board.

Ron would like to see an overview of this project from previous years, as this is the 4th year this project has been brought before the Board

Jon will provide completion reports from previous years at January's Board meeting

Motion

Jim Morrell motioned to approve the project; Ron Borisch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

2010-29 McGinnis Ranch

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian, Peggy Brown of Browne Consulting, and Nicky McGinnis (landowner) presented this project. Refer to A&H Board packet for Regional Council review and application for detailed information on the project.

Discussion

This project proposes to enhance wildlife habitat by removing invasive annual grass (medusahead) and seeding rangelands with desirable grasses and shrubs. The proposed project will improve critical big game winter range and enhance year-round upland game bird habitat(s) on private land within the Catherine Creek Wildlife Management Unit.

Motion

Barry DeCurto motioned to approve the project; Jim Morrell seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

2010-30 Columbia Plateau Cooperative Habitat Initiative

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian and Dennis Newman with Morrow SWCD presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for Regional Council review and application for detailed information on the project).

Discussion

This project is intended to help address the habitat-related decline of mule deer and upland game bird populations in the Heppner area. The project will focus on improving grassland structure and forage diversity, protecting riparian habitat, and enhancing CRP habitat quality.

Motion

Ron Borisch motioned to approve the project; Robert Jaeger seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

2010-28 Murderer's Creek Winter Range Enhancement Phase II

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for Regional Council review and application for detailed information on the project).

Discussion

This project will enhance critical mule deer habitat by removing encroaching western juniper, seeding rangelands with desirable grasses, forbs, and shrubs, and treating invasive annual grasses and other noxious weeds that are detrimental to mule deer winter range habitat. The proposed project will improve wildlife habitat on state, federal, and private lands within the Murderer's Creek Big Game Management Unit. Access & Habitat funds will be used to conduct habitat improvements on private lands and ODFW-managed Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area (PWSWA) and will be partnered with \$2,098,473 of other funds that will be available to private and federally-owned lands within the Murderer's creek Big Game Management Unit over the next five years.

Motion

Jim Morrell motioned to approve the project; Barry DelCurto seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

2010-31 Zumwalt Prairie Elk Hazing & Habitat Protection

Regional Coordinator Jon Paustian, Tom Birkmaier Landowner/Rancher, Mark Porter with Wallowa Resources, and Mark Penninger with US Forest Service presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for Regional Council review and application for detailed information on the project).

This is a two-year project that proposes to reduce overgrazing by very large herds of elk on Zumwalt Prairie grasslands. It will provide an elk hazing program that protects native grass and forage resources for area livestock producers and elk, manages short-term fence damage and reduce fence damage from area elk herds. It will also reduce conflict between hunters and landowners by providing a system for landowner contacts and hunter orientation, and increase hunter access to private lands.

Motion

Barry DelCurto motioned to approve the project; motion seconded by Robert Jaeger; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

2010-32 Lonesome Willow Grassland Restoration

Regional Coordinator Scott Torland presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for Regional Council review and application for detailed information on the project).

This project proposes to restore 44 acres of grassland habitat to a desirable and diverse grassland vegetation structure for the benefit of wildlife. Additionally, it will treat noxious weeds on an adjacent 40 acres.

Steve tabled this project until January's Board meeting. Steve would like a representative from State Parks to attend January's meeting to present their plans for this property

2010-35 Micke Ranch Wildlife Enhancement

Regional Coordinators Meg Eden and Larry Pecenka along with Craig Foster (ODFW, Lakeview – by phone) and Marci Schreder (Lake County Watershed Council Coordinator – by phone) presented this project. Refer to A&H Board packet for Regional Council review, and application for detailed information on the project.

Discussion

This specific proposal is designed to cut 300 acres of encroaching western juniper on the Micke Ranch located within the Drews Gap mule deer winter range, in the interstate WMU. This project will improve habitat for mule deer by maintaining shrub component health and deer forage quality. Access and Habitat dollars will be used to cut 185 acres of Juniper and US Fish and Wildlife Service and ODFW Mule Deer funds will be used to cut the remaining 115 acres. According to local contractors this project can be bid for \$135 an acre.

Motion

Robert Jaeger motioned to approve the project in the revised version presented at meeting; Tom Alkire seconded the motion; Barry DeCurto and Ron Borisch in favor; Jim Morrell and Steve McClelland opposed because the Regional Council had not yet reviewed the project as revised; motion passed 4:2.

2010-36 Aspen Valley Ranch Habitat Improvements

Regional Coordinator Meg Eden and Jim Wood, Landowner (by phone) presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for Regional Council review and application for detailed information on the project).

This project proposes to thin 250 acres of juniper to restore herbaceous and shrub-steppe plant communities and restore hydrologic function in the Maury WMU. It will develop and enhance 4 spring sites to increase water availability for wildlife (particularly mule deer and elk) and livestock to evenly distribute animal use across suitable habitat and encourage optimal use of forage resources in the Maury WMU.

Motion

Jim Morrell motioned to approve the project; Tom Alkire seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

2010-37 Castle Canyon Winter Range Enhancement

Regional Coordinator Meg Eden presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for Regional Council review and application for detailed information on the project).

This project proposes to cut 300 acres of juniper in herbaceous and shrub-steppe dominated plant communities, subsequently improving the quality of mule deer habitat and restoring hydrologic function in the Maury WMU.

Motion

Ron Borisch motioned to approve the project; Barry DelCurto seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously 5:0.

2010-38 Antioch Habitat Enhancement

Regional Coordinator Vince Oredson presented this project (refer to A&H Board packet for Regional Council review and application for detailed information on the project).

Discussion

This project proposes to mechanically cut over-grown Manzanita, in a 45-acre mixed oak-conifer-shrub woodland. The goal is to create openings and stimulate new growth of shrubs, grasses, and forbs to improve forage for black-tailed deer and turkeys.

Steve declared a conflict of interest because he is employed by Forest Capital

Motion

Robert Jaeger motioned to approve the project; Tom Alkire seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5:0.

Coordinator Reports:

Dave Nuzum: Gave an update on enforcement within the TMA's. On North Coast TMA there were 584 contacts made, 8 arrests/citations, 94 warnings, 16 investigations, Researched and purchased traffic counters to measure hunter use. A roadside model detects passing metal objects and a "trailside" model detects interruptions in a laser beam. Both units are working great with no obvious erroneous data so far. Counters have been placed at Crooked Creek, Camp McGregor, Soapstone areas. The counters will stay where currently located for the remainder of the year. The counters came with a software program to analyze the data and Dave hopes to have a summary to present at January's meeting

Jon Paustian: Does not have much to report. He has spent a lot of time developing projects. He does not yet have his measure of hunter use stations up yet as he received them a week prior to this Board meeting.

Larry Pecenka: Received a request from Lake Watershed Council to find out what kind of money there is for projects. Larry will inform them of the Open Fields funds. No major fire issues. Larry would like Dave Nuzum to provide him with information on the counters he is using.

Meg Eden: Updated the Board on Star 1 Trust project, landowner is ahead of schedule and will not need an extension, project will most likely be completed by this fall, landowner will be 2-3 months ahead on one project and 5 months ahead on the continuation project. He built a cabin for disabled hunters and will have his first hunter staying there soon. Meg is receiving numerous phone calls regarding potential A&H projects and has been working with several on proposals. She could possible have some projects to bring forward in January.

Vince Oredson: Planted a food plot at Elk Creek in the Jackson TMA. BLM burned a couple hundred acres on the other side of the hill, which helped improve the winter range. The deer migration has been late this year.

Adjourn:

Steve adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Meeting via Phone Conference
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Board: Steve McClelland (Chair); Robert Jaeger; Tom Alkire; Ron Borisch;
Alan Christensen

ODFW Staff: Matt Keenan, A&H Coordinator; Christina Schmidt, Administrative
Assistant

Regional
Coordinators: Jim Young

Steve called meeting to order at 10:05 am

South Willamette Regional Council

Discussion

South Willamette Council has a vacant Chair position and Hunter Representative position. There are two applicants, Roderick Mosman (applying for Hunter Rep), and Richard Owen (applying for Chair).

The Chair position was opened up to all council members but Richard Owen (new applicant) was the only one interested.

Motion

Robert Jaeger motioned to appoint Roderick Mosman as a Hunter Representative and Richard Owen as the Chair; Alan Christensen seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 4:0.

Adjourn:

Steve adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am