

## OWEB Conference a Success for the Siuslaw

In mid-November, representatives from the Siuslaw Watershed Council attended the OWEB (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board) Conference in Ashland. Many new contacts were made for future projects and new tools were gathered for growing healthy communities and watersheds.

We also had three successful presentations given by Council and partner representatives. Todd Miller, Siuslaw Watershed Council Coordinator, along with Michael Hughes, engineer for Aquador, gave a presentation on our culvert assessment and improvement projects. Jim Grano gave a presentation of the Stream Team education program that he coordinates at Siuslaw Middle School. Johnny Sundstrom and Eric Nusbaum gave a presentation and showed the short film that was made to display at *Riversymposium* showcasing the Siuslaw Partnership and a slide show that was shown as a part of an education forum at the symposium. The introduction was enhanced by showing pictures of *Riverfestival* and winning the International Thiers Riverprize.

At every OWEB Conference, registered participants are eligible to apply for a mini-grant for up to \$350. Participants also vote on the projects and the top 10 are awarded. This year, the Siuslaw Watershed Council won two! Jim Grano applied for a mini grant of \$350 to help control the bullfrog population at Enchanted Valley. He plans to incorporate this project into the Stream Team program. Bullfrogs are not native to the area and are causing problems for our native wildlife. Bullfrogs eat juvenile salmon and

trout and small native frogs, such as the red-legged tree frog, that are rapidly decreasing in numbers.

Shiloh Sundstrom applied for a mini grant of \$350 to go toward purchasing a sign that would be posted on private property along Highway 126 to announce: *"You are now entering the Siuslaw Watershed"*.

Kudos to the Siuslaw and to everyone who attend and sponsored the OWEB event for a successful conference.

### Field Work Available

There is a position available with the Council for a Riparian Planting Surveyor. In coordination with the Riparian Landowner Riparian Planting Project, 20-30 sites which will need to be visited twice in 2005... once in February or March and once August--October. This is a set your own schedule flexible job which could probably be done as a weekend extra job. We do need someone who is responsible and able to commit to both parts. Applicants should own a good working vehicle and have Oregon Driver's License; they should also be able to walk fair distances on uneven terrain.



**Siuslaw Watershed  
Council**

Tel: 541-268-3044

Fax 268-3045

**Staff**

**Coordinator:** Todd Miller  
coordinator@siuslaw.org

**AmeriCorp Volunteer:**  
Shiloh Sundstrom  
outreach@siuslaw.org

**Executive Committee**

**Chair:** Paula Crowder

**Vice Chair:** Steve Elliot

**Secretary:** Dave Eisler  
(&Past Chair)

**Treasurer:** Nancy Nichols

**Representatives:**

Bill Cirino

Howard Crombie

Jim Grano

Noland Huntington

Al Pearn

**Message from the Coordinator**

Greetings! December marks my first year working with the watershed council. It has been a year of challenges, rewards, and mostly, great pride. Nothing could be more emblematic of the end-of-the-year state of the watershed council than to recap two great achievements: 1) the International Thies Riverprize awarded to the Siuslaw Basin Partnership and 2) the completion of the Siuslaw Watershed Council's Strategic Plan.

The Riverprize lauds the important work Siuslaw partners have collaborated on in the past. It is a hearty handshake all around to everyone in the Siuslaw community for not only work well done, but done so well that it deserves international recognition. The Siuslaw is the proud representative of what can be accomplished when we all come together in Oregon to ensure the integrity of our natural resources. Let's celebrate our local accomplishments, thank our neighbors, and revel in the pride that we have brought to the state of Oregon.

The Riverprize also brings with it the responsibility to share our abilities in natural resource stewardship with others, not only at home but abroad. Now is not the time to dust our hands after a job well done, but to keep on achieving. Eighteen months of such dedicated effort went into creating the Strategic Plan. The Plan is our vision for the next ten years. A clear strategy crafted through the input of so many council members, the Strategic Plan acts as compass and barometer for guiding our activities to fulfill the council mission. With the completed plan, we are now working on an Action Plan to help refine our directions over the next five years.

The dedicated and knowledgeable council members who regularly participate in watershed activities continue to impress me. With them, I have no doubt that the Siuslaw Watershed Council is again setting course for another terrific year. Moreover, as I reach my anniversary date with the council, I am thrilled to have three new talented staff members join the Siuslaw team: Shiloh Sundstrom, our AmeriCorps Education and Outreach Specialist, Robin Combest Marsh, our new Administrative Assistant, and Elizabeth Vollmer-Buhl, our new Water Quality Monitoring Volunteer Coordinator.

Most of all, thanks to the Executive Committee, the Leadership Board, and all Council members and partners. You make it happen.

**Happy Holidays,  
Todd**

If you are interested in  
volunteer positions, in or  
out of the field, please  
contact Shiloh at  
***outreach@siuslaw.org***

# 2004 Siuslaw Watershed Council

## Community Leadership Board Representatives

### Area Representatives:

**North Fork Siuslaw:** Noland Huntington

**Upper Siuslaw:** Steve Elliot

**Lower Siuslaw:** David Rankin

**Indian Creek:**

Barbara Beers/Dick Beers

**Wildcat:** David Eisler/

Steve Kriegh/Linda Redmon

**Deadwood:** Nancy Nichols/Bill Cirino

**Lake Creek:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Wolf Creek:**\_\_\_\_\_

**At Large:** Kyle Knipe/Bill Fleenor

### Interest Group Representatives:

**Academic/Scientific:**

Paul Burns/Tom Steinberg

**Commercial Fishing:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Land Management:**

Karen Geary, BLM/Johan Hogervorst,, USFS

**Blank Line represents present vacancy**

**City of Florence:** (appointed)

Barbara Foster/Jay Vilhena

**Lane Co. Government:** (appointed)

---

**Resource Recreation:** Lynn Hood

**Public Education:**

Jim Grano/Cricket Crowder

**Small Woodlot:**

Al Pearn/Vernon VanCurler

**Tribes CTCLUS:**

Howard Crombie/ JR Herbst

**SWCD:** Ray Kinney/Johnny Sundstrom

**Agriculture/Ranching:** Bill Cirino

**Industrial Timber:**

Paul Chapman, Campbell Group

**Environmental:**

Bill Fleenor

**Port of Siuslaw:** (appointed) Ken Miller

**State Government:** John Spangler, ODF&W

**Ecosystem Workforce:**

Lori Robertson/ Eva Montanaro

## ***Elections***

Elections are coming upon us rather quickly! If you hold a position on the Leadership Board or Executive Committee, and would like to stay on the ballot for your position, please contact Cricket, watershed@siuslaw.org. If you would like to be placed on the ballot or nominate someone for a position, also contact Cricket at the email address listed above.

We will be accepting nominations at the December 1 and January 26 meeting. Elections will be held at the January General Council Meeting.

# “Cows and Creeks III” Managing for Healthier Watersheds

*January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004*

**Crook County Extension 4-H building**

**498 SE Lynn Blvd**

**Prineville, Oregon**

**7:15 - 8:00 Registration**

**The Science Behind Annual Indicators:** Wayne Burkhardt , Retired Range Professor, University of Nevada at Reno, Private range consultant, and owner of Ranges West.

**Uses and Misuses of Annual Indicators:** Ron Wiley, Acting Team Leader National Riparian Service Team.

**Grazing Management Treatments and How They Influence Fish Habitat:** Jimmy Eisner, Bureau of Land Management Fisheries Biologist and National Riparian Service Team.

**Management Tools and Techniques Common to All Grazing Strategies:** Sandra Wyman, Rangeland Management Specialist, National Riparian Service Team.

**Conference is supported by:**

OSU Crook County Extension Service

Crook County SWCD

Oregon Department of Agriculture

Crook County Court

**Registration Fee:**

By January 1<sup>st</sup> = \$15

After January 1<sup>st</sup> = \$20

Tel: 1-541-447-6228 or 541-447-3548

Registration covers lunch on the 11<sup>th</sup> as well as handouts.

**For More Information, Contact:**

Cory Parsons, Area Extension Livestock Agent,  
Oregon State University, Department of Animal Sciences  
Prineville, Oregon

Tel. 541-447-6228

Fax. 541-416-2115

Email [cory.parsons@oregonstate.edu](mailto:cory.parsons@oregonstate.edu)

Or

Glen Hudspeth, Crook County Soil and Water Conservation District Technician

Tel. 541-447-3548

Fax. 541-416-2115

Email [glen.hudspeth@oregonstate.edu](mailto:glen.hudspeth@oregonstate.edu)

**For Hotel Reservations:**

Stafford Inn: 1773 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

541-447-7100 @ \$55 per night plus tax

Prineville Best Western Inn: 1475 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

541-447-8080 @ \$61 per night plus tax

This workshop complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. If you would like to attend this workshop but need special accommodations, please contact: Crook County SWCD, phone 541-447-3548, at least 72 hours prior to the workshop.

## Tricks with Willow

Willow is an easy to grow riparian plant. For most folks the ideal plants for your site are very easy to obtain. Just look around for a healthy willow tree in your neighborhood. Cut off sturdy branches 3-4 inches thick inches thick and 3-4 feet long. Sharpen each stake to a point on one end, then pound 2/3 of the length into the ground. Smaller branches, about an inch in diameter, can be planted using a shovel or bar. Willow is one tree that can grow fast enough in wet sunny spots to make it through reed canary grass. Willow stake planting has the most success if they are placed in ground that will remain wet while they are sprouting and establishing their roots (best along the low banks of a creek or in wetland /marsh areas. Bare root or potted willows (plants with established roots) may be successful if planted along higher banks, especially if planted in the fall or winter.

Willow planting projects can be done little by little as your time permits. It is best if you cut only as many branches as you can plant the same day. If stake pounding must wait after cutting, store in water (either in a bucket or along a creek where the water is still). If days pass and roots begin to sprout, by pass the pounding method and plant by making a hole, making sure the roots are pointed down.

For those who don't have a source of local willow, the Siuslaw Watershed Council will have willow, and 17 other native trees and shrubs, for riparian planting. Call Nancy at 485-6471 or 964-3020 for details.

### **Schedule of Events**

**December 1—Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Road. November and December combined into one big festive event.**

**December 2—SWC Technical Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Upper Compound, Mapleton.**

**December 15— SWC Executive Committee Meeting: 5:30 pm., Upper Compound, Mapleton.**

***Save these dates, There will not be a newsletter in December***

### **2005**

**January 6—SWC Technical Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Upper Compound, Mapleton.**

**January 12—SWC Executive Committee Meeting: 5:30 pm., Upper Compound, Mapleton.**

**January 26—Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange, E. Mapleton Road.**

**January 28—Community Riverprize Celebration: save this date to attend the celebration at the Florence Events Center, details will be announced in the January Council newsletter and the Siuslaw News.**

**Siuslaw Watershed Council  
General Meeting Agenda  
December 1, 2004  
Mapleton Grange Hall  
6:30 p.m.**

*Please join us for a holiday and year-end celebration of  
the accomplishments of the Siuslaw Watershed Council.*

*Bring a potluck dish and family and friends.*

*Also, if you would like to contribute to the Community Christmas Tree at the  
Siuslaw Bank, bring a non-perishable food item and/or a new toy  
(not giftwrapped) or stuffed animal.*

**6:00-6:30 Open for set-up**

**6:30- 6:35 Welcome and Silent Blessing**

**6:35-7:30 Potluck Celebration and Socializing**

**7:30-7:50 International Thiess Riverprize Presentation  
“The Siuslaw Story” a short film showcasing  
partnerships and projects in the Siuslaw**

**7:50-8:05 Coordinator Report**

**8:05-8:20 Open Mic (3-5 speakers, 3-5 minutes each)**

**8:20-8:30 Announcements and Raffle Drawing**

**8:30 Adjourn**



**Monthly Raffle**

To help raise funds for the Council, we are holding a raffle of donated items at each General Council meeting. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The winner will get to choose from available items.



# Treasurer's Report

*Nancy Nichols, Council Treasurer*

October 2004

<b>Beginning Cash</b>	<b>\$90,328.80</b>	
	<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues	\$30.00	\$940.00
Federal Grants	\$4,644.18	\$19,471.84
State Grants	\$(2,331.89)	\$245,288.05
Private Grants	\$38,250.00	\$221,637.00
Interest	\$110.32	\$407.20
Donations & Misc.	\$40.00	\$4,351.00
Administrative Funds	\$2,011.25	\$5,165.80
Reimbursements		\$567.63
Other		\$33.32
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$42,753.86</b>	<b>\$497,861.84</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Grant Expenses	\$40,642.90	\$430,777.98
Other	\$869.47	\$5,242.69
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$41,512.37</b>	<b>\$436,020.67</b>
 <b>Ending Cash</b>	 <b>\$91,570.29</b>	

The Siuslaw Watershed Council is a non-profit , 501c3, organization .

All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

### Siuslaw Watershed Council Membership Form

**Type of Membership:**

Landowner \_\_\_\_\_ Community Member \_\_\_\_\_ Industry \_\_\_\_\_

Government Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose any of the following:

- Tax-deductible membership enclosed(\$10 regular, \$0 students).
- Additional tax-deductible donation enclosed. Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I am interested in volunteer opportunities with the Siuslaw Watershed Council

November 2004

*Please join us for a holiday and year-end celebration of  
the accomplishments of the Siuslaw Watershed Council.*

*December 1, 6:30 pm at the Mapleton Grange.*

*Bring a potluck dish and family and friends.*

*Also, if you would like to contribute to the Community Christmas Tree at the  
Siuslaw Bank, bring a non-perishable food item and/or a new toy*

*(not gift-wrapped) or stuffed animal.*

*Hope to see you there!*

**Siuslaw Watershed Council Mission Statement**

*The Siuslaw Watershed Council supports sound economic, social and environmental uses of natural and human resources in the Siuslaw River Basin. The Council encourages cooperation among public and private watershed entities to promote awareness and understanding of watershed functions by adopting and implementing a total watershed approach to natural resource management and production.*



**P.O. Box 422 • Mapleton, Oregon 97453 • 541-268-3044**

[www.siuslaw.org](http://www.siuslaw.org)

[watershed@siuslaw.org](mailto:watershed@siuslaw.org)

*What's Happening In Your Watershed?*