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Message from the Coordinator...

Thanks to those of you who have passed on compliments for my recent newsletter articles. It is particularly nice to know that my monthly messages are read at all. I always attempt to share important watershed happenings and inspiring moments, along with an appropriate kudos or two that I think would be appreciated by the council membership.

This month I want to share some important acknowledgements to the folks who made our summer Saturday watershed workshop series such fun and successful events. Attempting to determine who, and how many people, will show up at 8:00 on a Saturday morning, I knew, would be a wild guess. One Saturday I was surprised at how few showed up, but was equally surprised at how enthused those few attendees were and that they stayed with us from 8:00 AM until the early afternoon. On another Saturday I was surprised to see how many showed up first thing in the morning. Regardless of the attendance, I was most appreciative of the many people who volunteered their time and services to make these Saturday workshops such informative and entertaining gatherings.

Our first event was the Lorane workshop on July 14. Many thanks to local landowner Joe Brewer for hosting our noxious weed workshop, and to Paul Reed from the East Lane Soil & Water Conservation District for sharing informative photos and descriptions of noxious weeds landowners need to be aware of. We added to the morning's content with a tour of his recently-milled cedar and Douglas-fir cut from his woodlots. The Brewers also provided fresh picked blueberries to snack on from their you-pick patch.

Local environmental consultant Michael Shippey gave an excellent tour of the restoration project he is helping plan at King Estate. Special thanks also to Ed King and King Estate for allowing us the opportunity to meet on the winery grounds and tour the site.



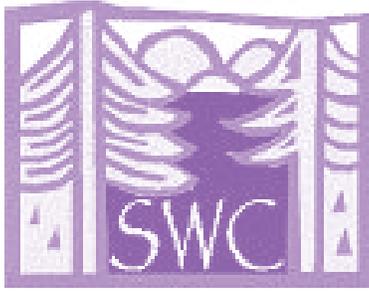
On July 28 we met in Blachly and Horton. BLM fisheries biologist Leo Poole met us at the Swamp Creek restoration site and kept attendees' interests while standing in the stream bed at the outfall of a culvert slated for replacement. OSU invasive species expert Sam Chan made the early trip down from Corvallis to add to the learning opportunity of the morning's tours.

In Horton we met up with BLM meadow knapweed working group members Nancy Sawtelle and Teresa Coble. Nancy and Teresa exhibited knapweed control demonstration sites and answered many questions related to knapweed ecology and spreading mechanisms. Sam Chan closed the morning with a discussion of invasive species issues and how they relate to landowner goals and projects planned by the council.

Our last Saturday workshop of the summer was held on August 11 at Karnowsky Creek. Special thanks go to Paul and Cindy Burns of the US Forest Service, who volunteered their Saturday morning to lead the Karnowsky Creek restoration tour and share birding opportunities at Karnowsky with the attendees.

Liz Vollmer-Buhl will add to the acknowledgements of all the people who participated in our summer youth camp programs as well as other events from throughout the year at our annual volunteer and student appreciation picnic to be held on August 29. Please see more information on this upcoming event in this newsletter.

Regards,
Todd



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Culvert Engineer Needed

The SWC is seeking a culvert and roads engineer to work with council coordinator Todd Miller and road management partners on finalizing culvert replacement designs for 2008 projects. The SWC has secured over \$750,000 for priority culvert replacements next year. All projects have engineering designs developed. However, final engineering review and design considerations are needed to address constructability issues with road management partners, including Lane County, US Forest Service, and BLM.

A contract engineer is needed to work with other engineers and project planners from various partners to ensure all design issues are met. This work will include developing design revisions, design options, and developing cost estimates for all stream, culvert, and road work to evaluate any further budgetary needs for the upcoming 2008 work.

Interested engineers or firms should contact Todd Miller at coordinator@siuslaw.org to request an opportunity to bid on the proposed scope of work. Resumes and Statements of Qualification are invited to be sent via e-mail with subject of "Culvert Engineering" or to Culvert Engineering, Siuslaw Watershed Council, PO Box 422, Mapleton, OR 97453.

A detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) will be sent to engineering and design firms in early September, with work expected to commence in late September and continue into early November.

The following sources were used to create the article "Impacts of Invasive Plants" that was featured in the July SWC Newsletter. The first two were included with the article and the rest were cut off. All of the sources are now listed below.

Journal Articles

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- Perkins, T., Wilson, M. (2005): "The impacts of *Phalaris arundinacea* (reed canarygrass) invasion on wetland plant richness in the Oregon Coast Range, USA depend on beavers." *Biological Conservation*. 124. Pp. 291-295.
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Websites

- University of Arizona: Invasive Species. <http://alic.arid.arizona.edu/invasive/index.shtml>
- "Invasive Species Impacts to Tribes." http://epa.gov/osp/tribes/announce/NatForum%20Present/3_26.pdf
- Oregon Invasive Species Council. <http://www.oregon.gov/OISC/>

Contact Liz Vollmer-Buhl, monitoring@siuslaw.org, with any questions.

Did You Know?...

Siuslaw Watershed Council hires displaced salmon fishers for stream restoration projects

Starting in October of last year, SWC has hired four salmon fishers who were affected by the salmon emergency fishing closure to conduct stream restoration work in the Siuslaw watershed and coastal lakes area. Our crew is currently down to three part time people, and we are seeking new crew members.

To be eligible, the fisher must be registered with the Oregon Salmon Commission as a qualifying fisher or family member. Qualification is not determined by SWC. Once a fisher is on the qualified list, the individual may apply to work on our Riparian Restoration & Release Crew ("Fisher Crew") through Cardinal Services, a leased employee service firm with an office in Florence.

The SWC currently manages two grants funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to employ a fisher crew to conduct stream restoration work. One grant targets riparian planting projects throughout the watershed that were sponsored by either the SWC or the Siuslaw Soil & Water Conservation District. The other grant was obtained specifically to conduct work on Mapleton Ranger District riparian restoration projects managed by the US Forest Service.

Fishers work under the daily direction of Jeff Jones for the Siuslaw Watershed Council and Ralph Lampman for the US Forest Service. The crew participates in site condition assessment, tree planting release and protection, and new tree planting. Crew members are compensated at \$15 per hour and are reimbursed at the current federal rate for mileage.

Interested fishers can contact the Siuslaw Watershed Council, Cardinal Services, and the Oregon Salmon Commission for more information.



Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program Updates

WQM Volunteers and all volunteers are invited to the August SWC Volunteer Appreciation Picnic (see announcement in this newsletter for details).

Upcoming Monitoring Days:

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Check out the website for VWQMP data, www.siuslaw.org.

Contact Liz Vollmer-Buhl, monitoring@siuslaw.org, 541-268-3044 with any questions.

Thank you!

Much Appreciation to All Who Helped Make the Camps Possible!

Volunteers, Agency Presenters, & Donors

- Steve Kreigh & Linda Redmon, SWC
- Mary Moffat
- BLM
- Oregon DEQ
- Gus Gates, Monteverde Diving Research/ SWCD
- Denny Sydow
- Horton Road Organics
- Sean Johnston, Central Coast Watersports
- City of Florence
- Oregon Bicycle Racing Assoc.
- Campers' Families
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Western Lane Community Foundation
- Siuslaw Watershed Council
- SWC Staff and Camp Staff
- Paul Burns & Ralph Lampman, USFS Fish Biologists
- David Brainard, CTCLUSI
- USFS
- STEP Volunteers: Tom Dixon, Lyle Jorgenson, Tom Peterson, Skip Rosenbalm
- Tom Kartrude
- Scott R. Larsen Photography
- Kirsten Marahl
- Port of Siuslaw
- Richard Sweet
- Paul's Bicycle Way of Life
- Ron Shelton, USFS Timber Sale Administrator
- Action Jackson Guide Service
- Andy Stahl, FSEEE
- Cindy Burns, USFS Wildlife Biologist
- Dave Eisler, SWC/SWCD
- Ray Kinney, SWC/SWCD

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Siuslaw Watershed Council Calendar



August 29—SWC Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic: 6:30 pm, Meadows and Lake Kathleen Railroad in Deadwood (see map on page 6 for directions).

September 6—SWC Technical Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Hood Creek Campground.

September 10—Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting: 7:30 pm, SWCD office, Florence Business Center, 1525 12th Street, Florence (Use main entrance, please call 997-1272 before coming so that the main door can be opened for you.)

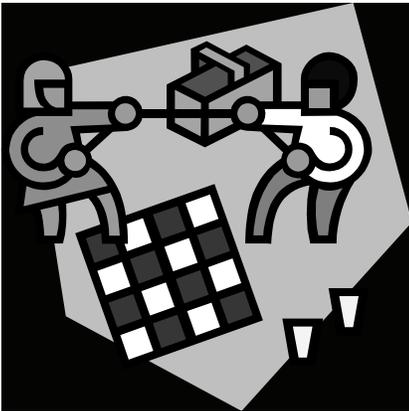
September 12—SWC Exec. Committee Meeting: 5:30 pm, *place to be announced.*

September 18—Monthly Siuslaw Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Day.

September 26—SWC General Council Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange Hall, East Mapleton Road.

Calling All SWC Volunteers, Members, and Camp Participants!

**Please join us on Wednesday, August 29, 2007
for the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.**



The picnic will take place at Ray and Kathy Robinson's in Deadwood, a map and detailed information are included on page 6 of this newsletter. Picnic grounds open at 6pm, with the Volunteer Appreciation activities beginning at 6:30pm, railroad activities will follow (at approx. 7:15pm). Burgers, hotdogs, and beverages provided by the SWC. Bring your own utensils, plates, and a dish to share. Also please bring chairs or a picnic blanket as seating may be limited.

Call the SWC at 541-268-3044 with any questions!

Directions to the SWC Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Wednesday, August 29, 2007

6:30 pm (grounds open at 6:00 pm)

Council members, family and friends are invited to the Picnic on August 29 and there is no need to RSVP. Please note for future reference that tours and events at Meadows and Lake Kathleen Railroad are by schedule or invitation only, as it is private property. Information may be obtained at www.peak.org/~kmr3/M&LKRailroad or kmr3@pioneer.net.

Shop at Your Local Farmer's Markets

The following local farmer's markets feature fresh produce, flowers, local art and other specialty products.

- Salmonberry Naturals' Farmer's Market: Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm, through October, 812 Quince Street in Florence. For information call Jen at Salmonberry Naturals 541-997-3345.
- Mapleton Farmer's Market: Saturdays, 10 am– 2 pm, through October, at the Mercantile, corner of Highway 126/36 after the Mapleton Bridge in Mapleton. For information call 541-902-2505.
- Deadwood Farmer's Market: Sundays, 10 am– 2 pm, through end of September (possibly through October), Deadwood Country Market, Highway 36 (milepost 13.4) in Deadwood. For information call 541-964-3059.

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

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Please Pardon the Dust

Thank you to all who helped move furniture, equipment and files out the office. It looks like the Forest Service's renovation of the space is going well and we look forward to having the office up and running again in October.

Please continue to bear with us during this transition. Contact with the Council staff is still possible through Ginger Fincher who is keeping office hours at the house next door to the Council office building. The phone and fax numbers are working there, as is her email. The most direct way to get in touch with Todd and Liz is through their emails. (All contact information is listed on page 2).



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.

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