

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee  
(CMER)  
May 27, 2014  
DNR Southeast Region Headquarters**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Acker, Marty (ph)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife
§Baldwin, Todd	Kalispel Tribe of Indians, CMER Co-Chair
chesney, charles	Member of the Public
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
Hanlon-Meyer, Chris (ph)	Department of Natural Resources, Forest Practices Division Manager
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology, CMER Co-Chair
Hotvedt, Jim	Department of Natural Resources, AMPA
Jaspers, Kodi-Joe	Colville Confederated Tribes
Kurtenbach, Amy	Department of Natural Resources
Lingley, Leslie	Department of Natural Resources
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protections Association
Miller, Dick (ph)	Washington Farm Forestry Association
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
Ricklefs, Jeff	Department of Natural Resources
Sarikhan, Isabelle	Department of Natural Resources
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Snyder, Chris	Department of Natural Resources
Stewart, Greg	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, CMER Staff
§Sturhan, Nancy (ph)	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Terwilliger, Karen	Washington Forest Protection Association

§Indicates official CMER members and alternates; ph indicates attended via phone.

\*Indicates decisions

**Coordinators Corner**

- \*Approval of April 2014 Meeting Minutes - **Approved**

**Updates:**

**Report from Forest Practices Board – May 12 and 13 Meeting**

May 12 Special Meeting:

Jim Hotvedt Leslie Lingley gave a report on the mass wasting presentations that were given during the special FPB meeting.

May 13 Regular Meeting Report from Jim Hotvedt:

- CMER Work Schedule was approved.
- CMER Budget was approved.
- CMER Master Schedule – some projects didn't have budget numbers. Policy recommended that the Board approve the Master Plan as is and CMER and Policy will work on completing it during the summer and submit it to the Board at the August or November 2014 meeting. Board approved.
- Mass Wasting – Approved Policy's recommendation that the Adaptive Management Program complete the process to review related recommendations resulting from the Mass Wasting Effectiveness study and to begin the review of existing mass wasting research strategy, including potential threats to public safety and the glacial deep-seated landslide program with an initial report back at the Board's August meeting.
- The Board directed staff to file a CR-101 Pre-proposal Statement of Inquiry indicating the Board's intent to amend DNRs authority to appropriately classify a forest practices application where the presence of a potentially unstable slope may threaten public safety.
- Motion and approval to assemble qualified experts with expertise in ground water recharge on glacial deep seated landslides to review and amend guidance specific to review and amend guidance specific to the identifications and delineation of ground water recharge areas in Board Manual Section 16.
- Moratorium on activities on glacial deep seated slide was not approved. There was a question on whether or not Board has authority to set a moratorium. The Commissioner of Public Lands sent request to Attorney General's office to get an opinion on this.

**Report from Policy – May 1 Meeting**

- Mark Hicks reported that mass wasting was discussed in preparation for the May Board meeting.
- Reviewed FPA process for mass wasting.
- Review of the Temperature/Shade study was moved to the August meeting.
- Reviewed potential revisions to CMER Master Schedule and set a process to get revisions done by next Policy meeting.
- Discussed what to do with the Type F priority since Mass Wasting has been set as the top priority. They have a few Type F field trips set up, but the focus is shifting to Mass Wasting.

Leslie Lingley invited CMER members to go out on mass wasting FPA reviews if they are interested.

## **LWAG**

- Westside Type N Experimental Buffer Treatment in Hard Rock Lithologies Study (Hard Rock)  
Amy Kurtenbach reported that chapter 7 has been turned in and asked for a deadline for comments. She reminded everyone that the three chapters (7, 10 and 11) need to move to ISPR together so suggested two weeks as the deadline. The deadline was set at June 17, 2014. She reported that everything else is moving smoothly.
- RMZ Resample – Amy Kurtenbach report that the ISPR comments have come in and are very positive. Scott Pearson is on vacation but will start working on incorporating the comments when he gets back.
- Tailed Frog Literature Synthesis– Amy Kurtenbach reported that Marc Hayes has found more literature to fill the gaps in the synthesis identified in the ISPR review.

## **RSAG**

- Hardwood Conversion Study  
Howard Haemmerle reported that RSAG is still reviewing and revising the document.

## **SAGE**

- Eastern Washington Type N Forest Hydrology Study  
Kodi Jo Jaspers gave an update on the review comments and how SAGE is proceeding with them. She is hopeful that there will be a request for review submitted at the June CMER meeting.

Charles Chesney and Leslie Lingley inquired about the process for securing access agreements for the FHS project and requested that this topic be discussed at a future time.

The next SAGE meeting is scheduled for June 10 in Goldendale.

## **UPSAG**

- Update on Re-formation of SAG  
Jim Hotvedt reported that UPSAG has been re-formed and Isabel Sarikhan has agreed to be the Chair of UPSAG. Nancy Sturhan commented that she has tribal members that would like to be on the SAG and requested that Isabel to contact her when she's ready to form the group.

## **TWIG**

- Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Study Design TWIG - Greg Stewart reported that the TWIG is getting ready to start the field work. Cameras and temperature probes will

be deployed and data will be collected every four weeks until September. Results should be available in September. He answered questions regarding camera placement and process.

- Road Prescription-Scale Effectiveness (BMP) Monitoring TWIG – Amy Kurtenbach reported that the TWIG members are all appointed and the first meeting is set for June 6, 2014. She said that things are going well and that all the members are excited and responsive.
- Westside Type F Riparian Prescription Monitoring Project TWIG – Dave Schuett-Hames reported that the TWIG is continuing to work on recommendations for alternatives and have revised the critical questions. They are also working on the best available science strategy. Jim Hotvedt asked how having a member outside of CMER is working. Dave replied that it is working great and Howard Haemmerle said she brings a lot of energy to the group.
- Unstable Slope Criteria Project Team TWIG – Jim Hotvedt reported that he received no recommendations for the initial writing team and that he appointed Isabel Sarikhan, Greg Stewart and Ted Turner to be on the team. Howard Haemmerle is the Project Manager for the TWIG.

#### **Science Session:**

#### **Capitol Forest LiDAR-Based Stream Typing Model**

- Jeff Ricklefs and Chris Snyder from DNR's Forest Resources Division gave a presentation on the LiDAR-based stream typing model they developed for Capital Forest.

#### **CMER**

##### **➤ Review and revision of CMER Master Schedule**

Mark Hicks reviewed the most current version of the CMER Master Schedule and new revisions were discussed. Mark will make the discussed revisions and submit the revised document to the Policy Co-Chairs for review at the June Policy meeting.

#### **CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions**

- April 2014 meeting minutes were approved.
- Comments for Chapter 7 of the Hard Rock study are due June 17, 2014.
- Mark Hayes will make the discussed changes to the CMER Master Schedule and submit them to Policy Co-Chairs.