



Columbia Gorge CWMA General Meeting

April 22nd, 2026; 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

In Person: Hood River Extension Office

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1:05 Welcome and Introductions

All

- Attendance:
 - Ethan Coggins - DNR Natural Area (Steering Co-Chair)
 - Brad Mead - Columbia Land Trust (Steering Co-Chair)
 - Brendan Fordyce – Clackamas SWCD (Ed. and Outreach Co-Chair, At-Large Rep.)
 - Nathan Goodman – Klickitat County NWCP (Washington Rep.)
 - Emily Stevenson – Skamania County NWCP (Fiscal Admin.)
 - John Cowan – OPRD (Oregon Rep.)
 - Scott Susi – Wasco SWCD (At-Large Rep.)
 - Courtney Comer – Skamania County NWCP (Facilitator)
 - Kenzie Lovelace – ORPD
 - Samantha Fabin – Wasco SWCD
 - Kris Schaedel – Hood River SWCD
 - Cheryl Rice – Hood River SWCD
 - Sara Wood – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
 - Christina Mead – Mount Hood National Forest
 - Beth Myers-Shenai – ODA
 - Julianne Baranowski – Mount Hood National Forest
 - Jeanette Burkhardt – Yakama Nation Fisheries
 - Matt Jordan – Hood River County



1:10 Chair Updates**Steering and Ed. & Outreach**

- A brief introduction to our new Steering and Education and Outreach Committee Chairs.
 - Ethan C. and Brad M. are the new Steering co-chairs; Brendan S. is the new Education and Outreach co-chair.

1:15 ISEP Closing Updates and Remarks**Courtney C.**

- Good turnout/attendance
- Feedback mostly positive, some suggestions of catering lunch

1:16 Field Day Updates**Brendan F., Courtney C.**

- **When is it?**
 - May 20th. Meet at 8am at Dodge Park.
- **Where will it be?**
 - Bull Run
 - TBD East Multnomah Site
- **Details:**
 - Will leave most vehicles at Dodge Park and carpool around Bull Run
 - Will have one 15-person passenger van
 - Will try and have registration up next week.

1:19 Mill Creek Ridge Restoration Project**Brad M.**

Working on patches along Mill Creek Ridge that were seeded with wheatgrass. Approaching skeletonweed control with a multi-step approach.

- **Rush Skeletonweed**
 - Jagged rosette



- Green, photosynthetic stems
 - Downward facing dark/reddish hairs
 - Perennial
 - Large, robust taproot (8ft.)
 - Can sprout from root fragments and vegetatively
 - Limited systemic herbicide uptake
- **Steps in the project:**
 - Monitoring
 - 2 Rounds of broadcast herbicide treatments (residual, targeted), 2023-2024
 - Seed collection in 2025-2026 to reseed
 - Spot herbicide application (residual, targeted) in 2025
 - Greenhouse Bioassay to ensure re-seeding is possible.
 - One non-residual, non-selective broadcast treatment.
 - Range drill seeds in 2026 or 2027 depending on bioassay
- **Spring treatments:**
 - Broadcast Clopyralid (Transline, 14oz/ac)
- **Fall treatments:**
 - Broadcast aminopyralid (Mileston, 6oz/ac)
- **Site Prep:**
 - Broadcast glyphosate (Rodeo, 24oz/ac)
- **Monitoring**
 - 10 Monitoring plots
 - 3 Transect Per Plot
 - 2 Quadrats per Transect
 - ID plants to species and cover within quadrats
 - Pre-Treatment Top 4 Plants by cover:
 - Soft brome
 - Rush Skeletonweed
 - Intermediate wheat grass
 - Rip-gut brome
- **Treatment results:**
 - Skeleton Weed %cover in 2023 approx. 11.5%. Coverage in 2025 Approx. 0.2%



- 34 lbs 2oz of native seed collected
 - Seed stored in Institute for Applied Ecology Seed Freezer

1:47 Shiny Geranium Discovery in Klickitat**Nathan G.**

- Ethan C. emailed Nathan concerning an iNaturalist observation of shiny geranium in Klickitat County.
 - The sites were flagged.
 - Nathan took samples from the site and got secondary confirmation on the identification
 - Nathan called and consulted with Emily S. on shiny geranium control.
 - This is the first confirmed report of shiny geranium in Klickitat County!
- Most of the infestation is on DOT right of way, with some on private property
 - Nathan has been writing letters to landowners to inform them of the infestations and methods of control.
 - Has been monitoring additional areas.

2:00 Partner Updates**All**

- **Jeanette B.** – Attended the 15th Columbia Gorge Fisheries and Watershed Science Symposium. The symposium had a lot of important information on the current state of the hydrology of the Gorge.
- **Matt J.** – Looking to get some retreatments of false brome done at the toll bridge. Has reached out to contractors to schedule.
- **Kenzie L.** – Brining in new contractors as previous contractor could not be fit on the calendar. With funding challenges they are looking to shift their focus to skeletonweed and keeping up with garlic mustard. Hoping to get trail work done with funding help from East Multnomah Nature Conservancy.
- **Brad M.** – Working on invasive grasses this year-ALL of them. Using a restoration and control protocol that uses fire, seeding and Rejuvra. The hope is that the seeded plants will be well-



established enough to survive Rejuvra applications. Will be using grass-specific herbicide to deal with invasive grasses coming in.

- **Scott S.** – The Wasco Soil and Water Conservation District is now the weed entity for the county! Lots of contracts hves been keeping them busy.
- **Samantha F.** – The WSWCD receives funding through State Weed Board and other grants, as well as contracts through the Forest Service. Getting ready to treat garlic mustard.
- **Brendan F.** – Not super busy yet because higher elevation means his season starts later. Hog weed has resurfaced at a known site-got land owner to let him treat it. Getting ready to treat garlic mustard, false brome and hawkweed.
- **Nathan G.** – Spraying near BPA powerlines, state park roadways and around county buildings. Has been talking with HOAs who want him to spray in neighborhoods. Conducting gravel pit surveys. Has a new staff member in his office.
- **Emily S.** – Team has been treating shiny geranium, poison hemlock, and garlic mustard. Will be hitting ventenata soon. The Forest Service will be reducing canopy cover in the Little White Salmon watershed areas to help bolster forest resiliency; unsure if this will lead to ventenata encroaching on the forest.
- **Kris S.** – Wrapped up Pesticide Application Training program; did last worker protection training last week. Getting ready for the 2026 training season. Spanish core translation manual is complete; the bank of exam questions is currently being update.
- **John C.** – Currently has a lot of native plants at his new property. Alerted Gresham to a patch of lesser celadine. Possible false brome growing on Grand Avenue.
- **Christina M.** – Season is going by fast! Will be working on houndstongue with Samantha’s team. Working on reports for treatments in areas with sensitive fish species.
- **Julie B.** – Looking at the next large vegetation management project on the East side just above the White River fire scar. Will be checking fire lines to see how they’re recovering and also checking on the annual grass on the East side.



- **Beth M.** – Discussed the County Weed Grant for Oregon—one entity per county and needs to target B or B-T listed weeds. Applications need a prioritization list for invasive weeds. Aquatic EDRR surveys to take place in Oregon next year, potentially around parts of the Columbia River. New specialist for online sales-Alex-tackling the sales of milk thistle.
- **Ethan C.** – Working on a long-term medusahead control project. New documentation of the vernal pool mousetail! Herb Robert is showing up in west Klickitat county at some natural sites. Hired a new forester.

Kris S. question: Would the CWMA be able to support the Hood River SWCD with workforce development? There is a need for small-scale project partners. The Hood River SWCD does not feel like it has the capacity to run such a program. Also needs help creating stable contracts. This topic can be discussed in future meetings to determine logistics/funding needs/etc.

3:02 Adjourn

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- Call to adjourn by Ethan, seconded by Emily at 3:02pm.

Next CWMA General Meeting

August 26th; 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM