

MAKING PROJECTS WORK -- Thursday & Friday morning sessions

NOTE: All topics, descriptions and objectives are draft and subject to change.

Topic 1: Restoration Projects from Fantasy to Celebration

Issue description: This presentation focuses on the big picture view of project management, from an idea to on-the-ground success and the party when it's all done. The presentations will provide tips on project conceptualization and implementation recognizing the importance of addressing the unforeseen situations that arise during any effort.

Objectives: Participants will:

- Learn the process that results in a successful project.
- Receive tips and techniques for successful project development and implementation.
- Obtain check points in a project to reflect on progress.

Topic 2: Fixing the Uplands: Starting at the Top

Issue description: Upland projects require consideration for vegetation cover manipulation, road treatment, and other land treatments to keep water in the soil. Presentations will focus on criteria for selecting project locations, and for identifying, prioritizing and scheduling projects. The presentations will also provide information on regulatory considerations, design criteria and effectiveness evaluation.

Objectives: Participants will:

- Receive specific tips on project approaches to address upland conditions in forested and range environments.
- Obtain specific design and site selection guidance information for their use in project development.
- Hold an open discussion about road treatment and juniper control.

Topic 3: Fixing Streams and Floodplains: Jumping Right In

Issue description: Reconnecting streams with their floodplains to restore function is a common goal of watershed restoration projects. Presentations will focus on criteria for selecting reaches to treat, design considerations for treatments, alternatives to be considered, regulatory issues to be addressed and effectiveness evaluation.

Objectives: Participants will:

- Receive tips gathered from experience in implementing riparian restoration projects in arid environments.
- Learn considerations necessary to effectively address severely altered stream channels.
- Learn approaches to navigate the regulatory system effectively.

Topic 4: Rewetting Wetlands: Keeping Water on the Landscape

Issue description: Restoration of wetlands is more than building a pond. Many project managers have gained extensive experience with management of hydrology and vegetation from recent

wetland restoration activities. The session will provide examples of wetland restoration from throughout the state.

Objectives: Participants will:

- Learn different techniques for managing hydrology and vegetation for effective results from wetland restoration actions.
- Receive tips on planning for effective wetland restoration projects depending on the nature of the hydrologic regime of the site.
- Obtain information on sources of assistance and expertise for wetland restoration.

Topic 5: Managing the OWEB Grant System

Issue description: This session will focus on the tools and requirements for OWEB grants. Presenters will discuss the application and review process, and grant management tools such as the Oregon Grant Management System (OGMS) online data base will be demonstrated. Online reporting of the Oregon Watershed Restoration inventory (OWRI) will be explained. Different perspectives of the OWEB process will be provided.

Objectives: Participants will:

- Gain a better understanding of the grant application review process.
- Learn how to access grant management tools available from OWEB.
- Hear applicant perspectives of the process, and OWEB staff explanations of their requirements.

Topic: Making Projects Work - Wrap up

Objectives: Participants and selected panel members (speakers from prior workshops in this track of topics) will engage in two-way communication to:

- Discuss issues needing clarification or not covered in individual workshops during this track.
- Answer questions not addressed in individual workshops during this track.

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