

Source Water Protection Workshop
The Dalles Civic Auditorium
323 E. 4th Street
The Dalles, Oregon
Date: June 4, 2019

AGENDA

Subbasins for Invitees: Lower Columbia (Sandy), Middle Columbia (Hood, Umatilla, and Lake Wallula), Willamette (Molalla Pudding and Lower Willamette), John Day (Lower and Upper John Day), Middle Snake (Powder); Wind-White Salmon (Wind, Lower White), Walla Walla (Mill Creek), Salmon–Washougal (Washougal) and Klickitat (Swale and Little Klickitat)

Workshop Goals:

- To promote and support collaboration among drinking water providers, landowners, and restoration/conservation practitioners to achieve source water protection.
- To discuss water quality challenges and risk reduction strategies on forest lands, wildfire risks and preparedness, and funding opportunities.

Watershed Challenges: Mixed ownership and land-use types; different regulatory approaches in OR and WA, threatened or endangered fish; land management impacts; funding constraints.

Expected Outcomes: Sharing information and developing new connections. Identifying potential strategies and funding sources for source water protection.

8:30 - 9:00 On-site Registration and Welcome Packets

9:00 - 9:20 Introductions and Ice Breaker

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION CHALLENGES AND SUCCESS STORIES

9:20 - 9:50 Drinking Water Protection and Treatment Challenges on Forested Lands

Overview of drinking water treatment requirements, role of source water protection, methods to enhance or protect source water quality and quantity:

Joshua Seeds - Nonpoint Source Specialist, Oregon DEQ &

Corina Hayes - Source Water Protection Program Manager, Washington DOH

9:50 - 10:50 Public Water System Perspectives

- Forest management risks and treatment challenges:
Steve Graeper – President, Rhododendron Water Association
- Wildfire risks and treatment challenges: *Dave Anderson – Public Works Director, The Dalles*

10:50 - 11:00 BREAK



11:00–Noon Landowner/Land Manager Perspectives

- Water quality challenges from recreation and forest management on public lands and what's being done *Cara Farr – Acting National BAER Program Leader, USFS*
- Engaging private landowners in restoration/management for source water protection and other benefits *Josh Thompson – District Technician/Planner, Wasco SWCD*
- Ecosystem Services Consultant or Forest Restoration Practitioner *Jay McLaughlin – Executive Director, Mount Adams Resource Stewards*

Noon-12:10 BREAK (Grab a Lunch!)

WORKING LUNCH PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

12:10-12:40 Funding Source Water Protection and Restoration

Funding for restoration, planning, outreach, and education; highlights of successful projects.

Jim Capurso – Regional Fisheries Biologist, USFS Region 6 and

Julie Harvey – Drinking Water Protection Program Coordinator – Oregon DEQ

12:40 – 12:50 BREAK

LAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

12:50 – 2:10 Panel Discussion – Case Scenarios of Source Water Protection Challenges

Panel Participants: Dave Anderson - The Dalles, Josh Thompson – Wasco SWCD, Rob Pentzer – District Forester-ODF, Cara Farr – USFS, Jay McLaughlin – Mount Adams Resource Stewards, Sheriff Lane Magill – Wasco County Emergency Services

Scenario 1: Wildfire risks to drinking water supplies – are we ready? What actions should we be taking pre, during, and post wildfire to protect intakes and watersheds? What resources exist and contacts who can help?

Scenario 2: How do we communicate the importance of protecting source water from conflicting/competing uses, needs, or interests, such as forest recreation, land management, and illicit campsites? How do we address potential/existing land use threats to reduce risk?

2:10 – 2:20 BREAK

2:20 – 3:40 Small Group Discussions – Source Water Protection Needs

Divide into small groups by source/interest area (geography) to explore site-specific source water protection/restoration needs (questions provided to guide discussion and seek input from all group members).



WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS

3:40 – 4:00 Capture highlights and take-aways from the day; identify next steps

Follow-up actions from planning team (web-site postings of meeting materials, additional resources, etc.)

