

Umpqua Friendships – Finding Partners for Conservation

Issue: A focused effort to achieve **improved and expanded friendships** will increase our capability to accomplish work through the partnerships, volunteer time, and help others provide.

Background:

- ❑ A strong **partnership component** in the **Umpqua National Forest’s Strategic Plan** identifies the following **benchmarks for 2004 – 2005**:
 1. Public **outreach and involvement strategy** is in place
 2. Existing and potential **partnerships are inventoried**
 3. A “**Friends of the Umpqua**” association is established by a non-government organization.
 4. **Volunteer coordinator** is running the volunteer program.
 5. Coordination with regional partnership effort is evident to Forest’s leadership team.
 6. Partnership lead identified as a shared program with BLM.
- ❑ Forest employees have handled partnerships on an individual basis without program direction for years; Human Resources has handled the volunteer program where available staffing has permitted only a minimum of time to complete required reports.
- ❑ Forest Supervisor Jim Caplan directed the Forest’s public affairs officer, Cheryl Walters, to focus her energy as the **interim partnership coordinator** through May 2005.

Existing Partnerships:

A number of partnerships in restoration, recreation and forest management are already underway. Additional partnerships will be developed as we identify opportunities and increase in-house capacity for handling partnerships and volunteer efforts.

Shared Interests	Partners Sharing Funding and Time
Restoration of Diamond Lake water quality and recreational fisheries	Douglas County Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Oregon Department of Water Resources Oregon Department of State Lands Oregon Dept. of Economic and Community Development Representative Susan Morgan Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation PacifiCorp US Environmental Protection Agency US Fish and Wildlife
Water quality	BLM City of Cottage Grove Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality,
Hazardous fuel reduction	Douglas Fire Protective Association Institute for Applied Biology PNW Research Rogue/Umpqua RAC Wolf Creek JCC

Noxious weed control	BLM Douglas County Public Works and Weed Board Native Plant Society Oregon Dept of Agriculture Oregon State University Extension Service PNW Research Wolf Creek Job Corps Forestry Crew
Watershed restoration	Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Lane County Corrections Dept. Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board PSW Research SW Oregon Province Interagency Committee Rogue/Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Umpqua Basin Watershed Council Umpqua Watersheds Inc Wild Turkey Federation Wolf Creek Job Corps Forestry Crew (JCC)
In-stream restoration	The North Umpqua Foundation Steamboaters Oregon State University Dept. of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Program Wolf Creek JCC Umpqua Basin Watershed Council
Genetic improvement	BLM Dorena Genetics Resource Center SW Oregon Insect and Disease Technical Center
Road assessment and maintenance	Umpqua Basin Watershed Council Seneca Jones Timber Company Rogue/Umpqua RAC BLM,
Recreation	Douglas County Parks Dept. BLM Crater Lake National Parks Roseburg Visitor and Convention Bureau Southern Oregon Visitor Association Oregon Horseman's Association Motley Crew countless individuals volunteering time as camphosts, interpreters or handling recreation needs forest-wide
Business management	Individuals volunteering their time in Human Resources
Rogue/Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee	15 members across SW Oregon serving three years on the RAC to annually distribute \$2.9 million of Title II funds

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