

January 17, 2013 Vernal Pool Information Network Meeting Summary

Attendees: Julie Mentzer, Wildlands; Jim Thraikill, FWS; Shauna Ginger, FWS; Greg Swenson, consultant; David Monnin, consultant; Jason Clinch, consultant; Craig Tuss, RCVOG; Craig Harper, SOLC; Marilyn Rice, landowner; Keith Perchemlides, TNC; Paul Benton (ODOT); Terri Ayers, Haven Combs, Marcia Wineteer, BLM; Dave Roelofs, BLM.

Objective for the meeting: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Rogue Valley Council of Governments co-sponsored this informational session for folks interested in learning more about conservation banking and the use of this tool in Rogue Valley vernal pool conservation.

Summary

After a welcome by Craig Tuss and Jim Thraikill; and a quick set of introductions, the audience was provided powerpoint presentations by;

- Shauna Ginger, Ecosystems Services Biologist of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Shauna provided background information regarding ecosystems services, the role of mitigation and conservation banks and the ecosystem service benefits derived from maintaining and conserving functioning ecosystems.
 - [USFWS Conservation Banking Presentation](#)
- Julie Mentzer of Wildlands. Julie provided background on the Wildlands Vernal Pool Conservation Bank located in Jackson County approximately 5 miles north of Eagle Point, Oregon. This is the first private conservation bank focusing on vernal pool species conservation in Oregon.
 - [Wildlands Conservation Bank Presentation](#)
- Paul Benton of the Oregon Department of transportation. Paul described activities being conducted by ODOT and TNC on ODOT's vernal pool conservation bank, purchased in 2007.
 - [ODOT Vernal Pool Mitigation and Conservation Bank Presentation](#)

After each presentation the audience was provided an opportunity to ask questions.