



Management Area: Lower John Day

Meeting Date: January 22, 2015 and February 24, 2015

LAC Members Present: Walter Powell, Bob Martin, Guy Weedmen, Marvin Thompson, Brad Eakin, Tracy Fields

Implementation Summary:

Outreach and Education:

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| <p>Gilliam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly newsletter • Student education - Stream demonstration table Collected/distributed willow cuttings Collected/distributed beneficial insects • Informational displays • Project tours –Thirty-mile Creek, Hay Creek, Lone Rock Creek and Rock Creek | <p>Sherman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly newsletters • 1,500 landowner contacts • 4 “Conservation After Hours” sessions • K-5th grade – monthly presentations, 120 total participants, “All About Soil” trip to Cottonwood State Park |
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Planning and Projects:

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| <p>Gilliam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired range drill to assist landowners with range seedings • Alternative fuels testing with NRCS and PGE • Promoting, planning, and implementing CREP • Completed watershed assessments of Thirty-mile Creek, Hay Creek, Rock Creek, and Lonerock Creek • OWEB small grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15 spring developments ○ 385 acre juniper treatment ○ 3 miles pasture management fencing ○ 3,000 acres prescribed burning ○ 4 upland water systems ○ 400 acres noxious weed control ○ 4 collections of beneficial insects ○ 365 acres pasture seeding ○ 2,000 acres fire restoration • OWEB Large Grants and CTWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 large culvert replacements ○ 1 irrigation diversion modification ○ 1 push-up dam removal ○ 1 channel reconnection • CREP Planning - 12 landowners – 29.4 miles of stream • Gilliam Road Dept. - 2 large culverts replacements • NRCS – Juniper removal, spring developments, irrigation efficiency, crop residue management, EQIP, CSP | <p>Sherman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OWEB small grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 30,118 feet of terrace reshaping ○ 2,165 feet of new terraces ○ 24 water/sediment catch basins ○ 2 spring developments ○ 9 acres of juniper removal ○ 40 acres pasture seeding ○ 1 solar powered water development ○ 3 acres brush management ○ 433 acres direct seeding • OWEB Large grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Direct seeding – 18 landowners, 9,216 acres ○ Pending grant – 2,368 feet new terrace, 9,422 feet reshaped terrace, 15 WASCBs • Weed Management Program – focus on riparian areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weeds sprayed – Year 1 – 7 acres; Year 2 – 65 acres ○ 8 monitoring sites |
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Monitoring:

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| <p>Gilliam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream temperature monitoring throughout basin w/ CTWS • Spring flow monitoring of juniper removal sites • Native grass and plant stand monitoring near juniper removal sites • Two year project monitoring | <p>Sherman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-year project monitoring |
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Funding and Grants:

Gilliam

- Applied for Regional Conservation Partnership Program grant
- Applied for OWEB Focused Investment Partnership Program grant
- Project planning funds from Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs - \$10,000
- OWEB Small grant program - \$200,000
- OWEB Large grants - \$305,984
- CTWS - \$213,340
- BPA/ OWEB (CREP) - \$454,912
- NRCS - \$485,000

Sherman

- Sherman County SWCD Education Incentive Grants - \$9,972
- OWEB Small Grants - \$21,695
- OWEB Large Grants - \$69,059
- NRCS - \$2.7 M (EQIP, CSP)

Progress Measurement:

Hay Creek Focus Area

- CREP or riparian buffers – 5 landowners, 4.6 miles of stream
- Baseline assessment using ODFW protocols
- 4 upland spring developments, 2 upland water storage/distribution systems
- Approximately 75% of watershed has undergone grazing management changes

Hay Canyon Focus Area

- 1 OWEB Large Grant submitted for terrace construction and rebuilding

Summary of Impediments:

- Historical damage from '64 floods prevents restoration in canyons
- Landowner resistance to government assistance
- LMA capacity to meet demands
- Lack of participation of LAC members
- Increasing number of absentee landowners shifting land from production to recreation
- Increasing amount of public lands
- Uncertainty about future legislation which would create burden on landowners

Recommendations for Modifications:

- Accepted Area Plan reformatting
- Approved measurable objectives
- Added monitoring data to Chapter 4

Enforcement: *Letter of Compliance -0* *Water Quality Advisory -0* *Letter of Warning -0*
 Notice of Noncompliance -0 *Civil Penalty -0* *Alternative Measures -0*
Total Complaints: 0

Notes: LAC wishes to continue meeting on an annual basis.