**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #9 MINUTES**A logo of a river

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North Fork Payette River Watershed Coalition – A VSWCD Initiative

USBR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Grant

“To mobilize a diverse group of North Fork Payette River Watershed stakeholders to identify watershed challenges, develop Watershed Restoration Plan and identify funding sources for plan implementation.”

**Date/Time:** January 19, 2024| 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. **Location:** VSWCD Office & Zoom  
**Purpose:** Debrief Jan 17 NFPRWC Cascade Kickoff, plan for Jan 24 McCall Kickoff, plan Feb 15 NFPRWC workshop

**Steering Committee:**

-Art Troutner – VSWCD Board Chairman

-John Lillehaug – VSWCD Board Treasurer

-Bill Leaf – VSWCD Board Supervisor

-Colt Brown – VSWCD Board Supervisor

-Judy Anderson – VSWCD Board Supervisor

-Lenard Long – VSWCD Associate Supervisor

-Durena Fall - FPAC-NRCS, ID VSWCD District Manager

-Maureen Pepper - FPAC-NRCS, ID

-Danielle Terhaar – ID DEQ

-David Nichols – SISU. Facilitator for the Boise Forest Coalition

-Kara Utter -- Dynamic Visions GIS

-Ken Roberts – Valley County Planning and Zoning Commision, Ag producer

-Maureen Pepper - FPAC-NRCS, ID

McKenzie Kraemer -- [Micael McKenzie Inc Creative](https://micaelmckenzieinc.com/)

-Melissa D Jayo – USBR

-Thomas Tidwell - BPLWQC

-Dave Bingaman – Valley Recreation Planner

-Judy Nissula – Mayor of Cascade

-Daina Aguas – NFPRWC Admin

-Julie Manning - Sawtooth Law Group, LLC, j4manning@yahoo.com

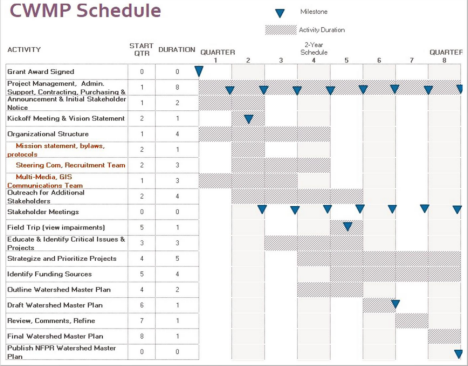
**Agenda:**

1. **Discussion Items**
   1. Debrief Jan 17 Kickoff (Cascade)

* Only 21 people including the SC showed up, possibly due to the snowstorm.
* Suggestions for [Jan 24 kickoff](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1zCLWJ6RKClV1JVvmX7pRwbAc9qVAw5u_/edit) (McCall)
  + - Durena Farr suggested that we don’t give presentations on the Coalition. Instead go straight to roundtable discussions and interactive maps after food and mingling.
    - Roundtables should focus on sharing concerns from public
    - The leader of the roundtables should recap important points from Lenard’s introductory presentation and must have a laptop to input areas of concern
    - The Glass House is a smaller venue; the group can probably fit four or five separate groups
    - Group conversation leaders: Durena Farr, Kara Utter, Art Troutner and Judy Anderson, Lenard Long, Thomas Tidwell
    - Lenard will download and send out his introductory presentation to share with SC. SC should use this presentation to prepare for explaining the Coalition purpose to their group.
    - Lenard recapped a point from the county sheriff: people are not often flexible with their opinions
    - Durena: SC needs to capture the highlighted points of watershed concern and bring them into the conversations at McCall meeting
    - Kara showed public input results table for the interactive map: ​​<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/69984496d8914d8aa43c3be365dddad5/result>
      * This data can be used to create a word cloud of top concerns for the Coalition: https://online.une.edu/blog/why-use-word-clouds/ (link to work cloud info)
    - Thomas Tidwell: we need to use positive language to talk about areas of concern to mitigate escalation and conflict from public opinion
      * this can be a featured intro point for the mccall kickoff and later workshops
    - Negative facebook comments have started and should be addressed
    - Judy Anderson: there are lots of sensitive areas when speaking on watershed use concerns (a more workable solution needs to be the goal instead of a win-win idea)
    - Lenard Long: we should place areas of concern dots without judgment
    - Melissa Jayo: “rinse and repeat” when dealing with public controversy. You may have to use different messaging to get a good reaction.
    - David Nichols: dissect strong opinions by acknowledging the strong opinion and asking to understand it by asking about underlying interests and goals
      * this helps people with *different positions* find *common interests, concerns and values* to work towards better solutions later on
      * Dani Terhaar: ​non violent communication strategies, verbal judo on critical conversations (PDF on these resources in shared SC google folder)
    - Outline for new table based discussions: (Daina will create a worksheet for group leaders)
      * Introductions
      * What we’ll do today
      * Why did you come today?
      * What you can do to help
        + Show up to Feb 15 workshop
        + Join a work group
      * Have a hook to get participants to Feb 15 workshop
  1. Plan Feb 15 NFPRWC Workshop
     + - location - Cascade American Legion Hall or Donnelly Church pending
       - University of Idaho Ph. D. Professor of Planning and Natural Resources Jaap Vos presentation - what content/main points?
       - Save Jaap Vos for later meetings
       - Hybrid format may be too challenging because it slows everything down.
       - Lenard comment: Hybrid was part of the USBR proposal which is why the NFPRWC purchased an owl
       - Judy Andersoon: Donnelly Church is an option for the Feb 15 venue
       - What is a work group?
* stakeholders with similar concerns and stakes in watershed health that work to find solutions
* the agenda may need to have a desired outcome that “breakout groups” work on. “Breakout groups” is the favored label of the SC.
* the public needs a two hour meeting, 4-6PM so that more people can attend
* the SC needs to assign presenters for each section on the agenda
* backup plan: reschedule for a later date if the weather goes bad (put this notice on registering link)
  1. Review [steering committee assignment spreadsheet](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1vC2PDHxvqQccz6satxxly80PMldeZxF8-tpviDky6R0/edit)
* All SC members should check sheet for updates/responsibilities/changes
* edit as needed - ALL

1. **Unfinished Business**
   1. Stakeholder outreach groups, now “breakout groups” - SC continue to fill out [spreadsheet with agencies](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1vt_oCI1a3zsSMgubuqBdGlhRM3WAqkrtcsdp7PnJuEU/edit) to contact
   2. Reach out to ski resorts, update on contact status for tamarack and brundage mountains
   3. Missing stakeholder groups?
   4. Dial in on the Feb 15 workshop agenda during next SC meeting and decide what should be happening next with future public meetings
   5. UPCOMING BOISE WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP: https://www.deq.idaho.gov/events/annual-idaho-water-quality-workshop/
2. **New Business**

* **Upcoming SC meeting dates:** 
  + **Friday Jan 26 10AM-12PM**
  + **Monday Feb 2 or 5 (poll to come)**

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