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Douglas County Local Working Group Meeting ~ *Notes* USDA/NRCS and the Farm Bill

February 6th, 9-12 AM
Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife Conference Room
4192 N. Umpqua Hwy, Roseburg

Meeting Purpose: Provide a forum for NRCS to communicate with landowners and conservation partners on NRCS and Farm Bill assistance.

Objectives: Discuss common and priority resource concerns and share ideas about how the new Farm Bill and NRCS can address them.

1. **Welcome, introductions & meeting purpose**
 - a. See attached roster of attendees
2. **USDA/NRCS and the Farm Bill**
 - a. David Ferguson presented on past Farm Bill program activities as far back as 1996. Presentation lead participants through previous Farm Bill activities, current long range plan and 2017 priorities developed from last Local Working Group meeting.
3. **Ongoing activities in Douglas County**
 - a. Discussed pasture and forestry type projects under EQIP and CSP currently being implemented in Douglas County.
4. **How planning and project development occurs with NRCS in Oregon**
 - a. David Ferguson presented Oregon's CIS process and how it is utilized for Oregon Regular EQIP, RCPP and other watershed based programs.
5. **Planned activities and projects in Douglas County**
 - a. David presented planned projects/programs, which include current Elk Creek EQIP CIS, future Oak Woodland CIS, and future Tide Gate/Estuary (Oregon coast) CIS development, and NWQI planning and future implementation opportunity.

6. Participant feedback

- a. Participants added to priority list, including invasive hawthorn, declining western states monarch butterfly populations, skid road treatment, and public awareness in regards to winter prescribed and pile burning.

7. Closing & next steps