

Wasco County Forest Collaborative Group
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Executive Summary
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Last Thursday, we completed the Fire workshop by having Rich Thurman give his presentation on fire's effects on fauna. Thanks Rich for your work and I know everyone appreciated and values your expertise and experience.

We shifted gears to quickly tap the collective thinking of the group for what should go into the National Forest Foundation application. After a brainstorming session, we captured a few thoughts and Ryan, Tyson and I went to work. Happy to say that we knocked out the application in two days and Ryan will be submitting the application before the December 12 deadline. We applied for \$24,000 to fulfill three specific asks: funding for a part time coordinator starting May of 2017 (I will continue on as the facilitator); two workshops focused on landscape restoration and funds for community outreach. There will be another OWEB round of grants, so when they are published we will also apply.

Lastly, Lisa Northrop and hopefully Phil Chang from Senator's Merkley's office will be joining us at our January 5th meeting. Please send me questions you would like to ask either one of them regarding the potential shifts in policy under a Trump administration and/or their thoughts on the future of collaborative groups. I will forward your questions on to them, so that they are prepared for the meeting.

Enjoy your holidays. Bill