**Rogue Native Plant Partnership**

**species priority committee meeting / seed blitz planning**

**Meeting Agenda**

May 30th 2017 11am-1pm

BLM / FS Interagency Office. 3040 Biddle Rd. Medford: Jackson Room

**Meeting Goals:**

Seed Blitz

1. Set seed blitz ground rules/protocols
2. Make a list of desirable features of a seed blitz collection site
3. Discuss the range of options for seed collection locations

Species Priorities

1. Begin defining what role the committee will play in RNPP
2. Discuss ideas for gathering species specific information from partners and growers

**Agenda:**

* **Introductions** (5 min)
* **Update on RAC title II funds** – Kathryn (5 min)
* **Other updates?** (5 min)

Seed Blitz (1 hour)

* **Seed Blitz ground rules / protocols** (10 min)
  + How do we ensure wild populations are not depleted of seeds?
  + Are there species/habitats that are too sensitive for group seed collecting?
  + How do we ensure that the right species are being collected?
* **Features of a good site for group seed collection** (10 min)
  + Easy access?
  + Parking availability?
  + Common species that are easy to distinguish from non-natives?
* **Potential seed blitz locations** (25 min)
  + Ashland watershed?
    - Volunteer hours could be used for RAC/FS in-kind match
  + Other ideas?

Species Priority Committee (1 hour)

* **Role of committee within RNPP?** (20 min)
  + Advising partners on what species are appropriate for their projects?
  + Setting seed transfer guidelines for the group?
  + Deciding what species to contract out to growers?
* **Ideas for collecting species related information from partners** (10 min)
* **Next steps** (30 min)

Paul – Listed species collection and census of the population 20% from each patch for sensitive pops. In areas where restoration is being done. Bulking for grow-out is different than collecting every year. Make sure you are collecting clean seed.

Lindsey – Pick species that are not easily confused

Sasha – Seeds of success protocol is a good baseline.

Clint – Treat rare species differently than common species

Molly – needs liability release day of

Paul – 35-acre salvage site ODOT vernal pool seed harvest July 6th begin

Eugene – tracking salvage

Sean – Forest service needs a volunteer form

BLM – risk assessment form 1-week lead time

FS – project manager sign off on seed collection.

Sean – AFR seed collection. Clint Keith Sean sketched out species list. 10-15 species. Some seed increase/plugs. Aclepias cordifolia would be nice for seed increase.

Flowering now. 2500-3000 ft elevation White rabbit trailhead parking

CalLee – Are bodies limited? Targeting a specific week would be helpful.

Sasha – Stacy is the crew lead for SOS 4-interns available.

Lomakatsi youth crew – late July early August

CalLee - Figuring out what is currently available?

Sean – Forest service inventory is limited.

CalLee – grow–out for monarch project

TNC – small inventory

Molly – need to refresh collections or grow-out? – Sasha – in process of refreshing older seed increase at BLM

Sahsa – Ecoregion specific

Stone – charges for seed storage by the pound

Paul – wanting narrowleaf milkweed & Wyetheia

Bend – turn around time / priority cleaning / germ testing / seed per lb

Species priorities

* Paul – raw collected seed/cleaned seed spreadsheet
* Site specific and species specific concerns
* Umpqua valley as potential partners?
* Siskiyou county – Northern California
* We don’t need to be the seed zone police – excess made available at the discretion of the end source botanists.
* Basing species priorities on habitat
* Questions for BLM – what is the most requested? What grows well? Inventory may be driving seed requests. Contact Benton
* Project driven process
* Paul- have a really good idea of how much seed you need for seed increase
* CalLee – Stone small lot surcharges. Really work towards less small lots / untested species use small lots to test it out first.
* Seed – used in very dry and upland areas
* Eugene – with low abundance of seed there is a reliance on container stock.
  + Bareroot –
* Greenleaf –
* Talk to Graig this
* CalLee – placeholder plots

Action –

* Look into collecting annuals versus perennials
* Seed collection permits – reminder to partners
* Make friends with the City of Medford / contractors guild to make plant salvage happen – contact with nonprofit in OLY
* Talk to Stacy about SOS crew
* Coordinate with Sasha to make sure none of the AFR species are in oversupply in BLM inventory
* Circle up with Graig
* If these were available would you use them survey
* BLM – good resource for propagation ideas
* Come up with a workhorse riparian/low-elevation/wetland/upland list
  + Pounds of seed? Partner on a grow out? End user?
* Share Paul’s spreadsheet
* Develop a way of tracking how much seed needs to be collected in order to be cleaned and then
* Who’s growing what at Stone? Generate a list. – Sasha will get BLM list
* Week of the 26th – first seed blitz
* Lastinia? –Paul
* Lowland vernal pool seed collection is happening now.