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Subject: amended notes of 8/24/05 conference call

All, Steve Rust caught some omissions on the last notes I sent out. Specifically that Eric had agreed to chair a GIS and Landscape Ecology symposium and that I had not put that in the notes. Thanks to Steve for his quality control. Below are the amended notes.

Attendees: Servheen, Rust, Dixon, Allen, Goldstein

Servheen noted the initial meeting announcement had been sent to IDTWS members via email and notice was posted on the web page. Allen suggested it would be best if other Chapters were notified to email their own memberships because NW Section did not have a complete mailing list. OR, WA, MT, BC and Alberta need to be notified. Micheal will send notice to NW Section Exec members to do this. NW Section will put notice in their next newsletter. NW Sci folks will put in mailing with first call for papers. And there was an initial announcement out of the National TWS newsletter that listed the "old dates" rather than the newer ones. This will need to be clarified and pointed out as we go to insure all are aware the dates have been moved.

Servheen checked with national on their ability to help with eregistration and payment. They cannot do it but IDTWS can do it through their web page server for about \$500 or so for set up and a monthly fee, depending on how long we want it to be posted. Rita mentioned that the Grove Hotel has to have reservations made by early Feb and so it seems best to provide for eregistration and payment beginning in Nov or Dec of 05.

We then discussed the program symposia. The outcomes were:

- 1) we eliminated the sustainability symposia (related topics like Ft. Lewis project to be included in other symposia), Earth Sciences, and CWCS Implementation (include related topics in other symposia);
- 2) we identified other important topics including invertebrates and general botany – Steve Novak chair;
- 3) we identified symposia with chairs who will take the lead including GIS and Landscape Ecology – Eric Edlund, herps and amphibians - Chuck Peterson, Citizen Science – John Pierce, Fire Ecology and Management – David Peterson and Penny Morgan (need to make sure on these), Shrub Steppe Issues – Steve Knick, Cindy Silo, David Pike (Gregg to finalize)
- 4) and we agreed to important topics that need to be developed into symposia with identified chairs including Highways and Wildlife, The Emerging Threats and Impacts of Energy and Recreation Development (Lynn Sharpe??), Lichens and Nonvascular Plants, General Botany

Our discussions also addressed how to formulate the program. The outcome included that each topic symposia will have an identified chair who agrees to lead oversight of that symposia by inviting some papers and coordinating selection of other appropriate submitted papers with the overall program chair (Dixon). We will hold 2 sessions open to accommodate papers that do not fit readily into identified sessions. We will announce what the symposia are and we will announce interest in submitted papers for both symposia as well as non-specific topic papers. In the abstract form, we will have presentors describe their abstracts/papers by category to help us assign them according to their preference. The symposia will be titled in a general way and the chairs will be left to direct the tone of the symposia through invited papers but they must leave room for submitted papers.

The topic(s) of the plenary session are to center on how scientific information can and should be the basis of democratic management of natural resources. We want to address how scientific data and information is used or not used. Where does it stop and start in making policy. How it is or has been twisted to forward policies of vested interests rather than public interests. We want to define the public interest. We want to discuss how we can get scientific information to decision makers and citizens to help make informed decisions, forward the idea of adaptive management, and promote objectivity in management agencies, and promote integrity and credibility in scientists and managers.

Micheal Hutchins, the new TWS Exec Director, will be approached by Micheal at the National to see if he can speak.

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Other ideas included speakers from PEER, Scientists for Social Responsibility, USFS employee group?, Michael Bean, Jack Ward Thomas, Mike Dombeck,..... The sooner we get to the people we want the better chance to get them for the meeting.

Our next conference call is set for 9/12/05 at 2 PM mountain time.

Symposia for you all to rank, rename, reorder, etc and send back to me before 9/9. We have 12 below and we need 12 for 4 concurrent sessions/day for 1.5 days.

GIS and Landscape Ecology- Eric Edlund

Invertebrates

General Botany – Steve Novak chair

Herptiles – Chuck Peterson,

Citizen Science – John Pierce,

Fire Ecology and Management – David Peterson and Penny Morgan (need to make sure on these),

Shrub Steppe Issues – Steve Knick, Cindy Silo, David Pike

Highways and Wildlife – C. Servheen

The Emerging Threats and Impacts of Energy and Recreation Development (Lynn Sharpe??),

Lichens and Nonvascular Plants

2 General Sessions

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