

Practical Guidelines for Wetland Prairie Restoration

Restoration Overview and Field Assessment at Scatter Creek Wildlife Area

Hosted by the South Puget Sound Prairie Landscape Working Group

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This event will include an overview presentation of the wetland prairie restoration process used in the southern Willamette Valley by the City of Eugene's wetland mitigation bank and a discussion of lessons learned from related field experiments. Following the presentation, we will visit a remnant wetland prairie located within the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area where the group will discuss the site conditions and possible restoration strategies.

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 12:00 - 3:30

Location: Meet at Grand Mound Fire District Building, 18720 Sargent Road SW, Rochester, WA

Presenters: Diane Steeck (City of Eugene Wetland Ecologist), Jeff Krueger (Landscape Architect)

Scatter Creek Guide: Dave Hays (Land Manager, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Schedule:

12:00 – 1:15: Brown bag presentation (bring a lunch)

1:15 – 1:30: Travel to Scatter Creek Wildlife Area

1:30 – 3:30: Tour Scatter Creek wetland prairie and discuss issues and restoration options

Wetland Prairies

Once an abundant ecosystem within the Willamette Valley-Puget Trough-Georgia Basin ecoregion, native wetland prairies have declined dramatically in extent since the mid-1800s due to a variety of factors including agricultural conversion, urbanization, drainage, and colonization by invasive and woody vegetation. Today, wetland prairie habitat is regarded as one of the most imperiled in the ecoregion, with less than 2% of its historic range remaining. However, noteworthy progress toward protecting and restoring wetland prairies has occurred over the past two decades. This has included numerous large scale restoration projects, with the quality of results improving dramatically over time in terms of native cover and diversity.

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