

# **Andrews Forest LTER Monthly Meeting Minutes**

## **Friday, October 5, 2012, 9 – 11 AM**

**NEXT MEETING:** Friday, November 2, 2012. 9 – 11 AM. RH313

Minutes from previous Andrews Forest LTER Monthly Meetings can be found at <http://andrewsforest.oregonstate.edu/pubs/mtgnotes/monthmtg.cfm?topnav=42>

### **SCIENCE HOUR (9 – 10 AM)**

Dr. Steve Wondzell, USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station. "Water Temperature Regimes in Small Streams: Forest Harvest, Riparian Buffers, and Hyporheic Exchange"

### **ATTENDEES**

Sherri Johnson (lead), Lina DiGregorio (notes), Michael Nelson, Mark Schulze, Christina Murphy, John Moreau, Adam Kennedy, Cindy McLain, Brad Withrow-Robinson, Cam Jones, Linda Ashkenas, Mark Harmon, Julia Barton, Tom Spies, Al Levno, Don Henshaw, Ivan Arismendi, Steve Wondzell, Julia Jones, Alba Argerich

### **BUSINESS MEETING (10 – 11 AM)**

### **ATTENDEES**

Sherri Johnson (lead), Lina DiGregorio (notes), Michael Nelson, Mark Schulze, Christina Murphy, John Moreau, Adam Kennedy, Chris Thomas, Kari O'Connell, Alba Argerich, Hannah Gosnell, Suzanne Remillard, Linda Ashkenas, Julia Jones, Al Levno, Brad Withrow-Robinson, Mark Harmon, Tom Spies, Julia Barton, Steve Wondzell, Don Henshaw

### **NEW FACES**

Michael Nelson, new Lead PI

Chrissy Murphy, postdoc

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The LTER All Scientists Meeting (ASM) occurred mid-Sept in Estes Park, CO and Andrews LTER was well represented! A portion of this monthly meeting was dedicated to sharing perspectives from the ASM and discussing follow-up ideas and next steps

- Julia Jones, Chris Thomas, and others writing working group proposal to train others to homogenize and trend analyze climate data across sites. We could be the lead in this effort.
- Climate committee is not as active in the LTER network, at a time when we need a unifying vision on climate change across sites. Bruce Hayden is the lead but is stepping down.
  - There has not been effort toward standardization of measurements of abiotic factors across sites. LTER as a group needs to commit to having a reputable climate set across sites and fund that. Julia has sent a request to Scott Collins to have the LTER executive board discuss this issue
  - Three years ago at ASM there were 30 people in the climate committee room and there was interest in renovation of the committee. A 30-year review of site climate data. Use of ClimDB.
- Sensor network workshop. Planning another given the high demand. Probably spring 2013. Also discussing an online guide
- NEON and STREON. One training workshop about food webs.
- Harmon working group for interface for vegDB. There is a lot of support. Some prototypes. They are submitting a working group proposal for working designs. Concerns about who will own it ultimately. They will also have to plug into the data cooperative (PASTA).
- O'Connell. Education. One LTERedu. Teachers and students sharing data. Also cross-site collaboration for professional development.
- Schulze. Phenology. There seems to be little compatibility across sites in phenology measurements but there is interest in that effort. Interest in working group for cross-site work.
- Nelson and Swanson and others are putting in for post doc project to evaluate arts and humanities LTER projects. What are themes, what are challenges, what are perceived values.
- Hannah Gosnell. Prospects for replicating listening project in other sites. Like Coweeta's listening project—trying to get more participation from local community.
- Argerich. Working group on stream chemistry. Postdoc proposal.
- Valentine and others. Spatial analysis and remote sensing. Developing common remote sensing databases across sites. Post doc proposal.
- Social science working group. There is a sense of unease and confusion
  - about the role of and support for social science in the LTER program
- Dr. Michael Nelson, new Spaniol Chair in COF and new Lead PI of our LTER, has arrived and is getting settled. You'll be hearing more from him soon.

- Annual All-coPI meeting for the Andrews Forest LTER program: Friday, Oct 26, 9 AM – 11 AM, Richardson Hall 313. Any coPI or affiliated researcher welcome to attend.
- Road construction continues at the landslide site on Road 15 to the Andrews. Before you travel to the Andrews, see details at <http://andrewsforest.oregonstate.edu/lter/new/new.cfm?newsid=59>
- LTER Network Office has small amounts of funding for LTER synthesis projects. Three kinds of proposals are solicited and work must be completed before August 1, 2013:
  - 1) Synthesis Working Groups, which may include stipends for graduate students or post-docs to support the goals of the working group,
  - 2) Individual Post-docs, for cross-site studies by individuals who have received their doctorate within the past three years, and
  - 3) Training Working Groups, to address the need for training in specific areas for scientists and information managers.

All proposals must be submitted on-line by October 15, 2012.

- Please share your new research papers with us so that others know what you have found and the Andrews web bibliography stays updated. Send pdf or citations to: [HJApubs@fsl.orst.edu](mailto:HJApubs@fsl.orst.edu)
- Coming soon: Rates at HJA Headquarters facilities will be increasing in 2013. New rates will be posted at <http://andrewsforest.oregonstate.edu/lter/about/facility/reservation.cfm?topnav=24>.
- Requests for lodging at HJA Headquarters during the May-September busy season are increasing every year. Requests are already coming in for next year! Please fill out a reservation request as soon as you know your schedule: <http://andrewsforest.oregonstate.edu/lter/about/facility/reservation.cfm?topnav=24>
- Planning for new research? The NEPA process has changed nationwide and if you want to disturb ground (or otherwise test the National Environmental Policy Act), you will need to get your HJA Research Proposal in months ahead of the work: <http://andrewsforest.oregonstate.edu/lter/about/policy/proposal.cfm> and talk with Mark Schulze.

## **GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS – Kathleen Miles**

- The process will start to identify a new graduate student representative to take the place of Sarah Frey-Hadley, who has served her two-year term. Kathleen Miles will continue for her second year.