

Andrews Forest LTER Monthly Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 2, 2012, 9 – 11 AM

NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 7, 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>

ATTENDEES

Sherri Johnson (lead), Lina DiGregorio (notes), Michael Nelson, Mark Schulze, Chris Thomas, Sherri Johnson, Cheryl Friesen, Lisa Helmig, Rob Pabst, Brad Withrow-Robinson, Adam Kennedy, Christina Murphy, Julie Pett-Ridge, Theresa Valentine, Alba Argerich, Ivan Arismendi, Don Henshaw, Cindy McCain, Suzanne Remillard, Dana Warren

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION (9 – 10 AM)

“Science that Makes us Go "Wow!": Ethics, Long-Term Ecological Research, and A Sense of Place” by Dr. Michael Nelson, Lead PI of the Andrews Forest LTER, Ruth H. Spaniol Chair of Natural Resources, Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society, OSU

Short discussion: Revisioning the LTER Network Office – what would be the goals and mission of an ideal LNO?. Dr. Sherri Johnson, USFS PNW

NSF is going to put out an RFP for a new LTER network office. What would we want to see in the RFP?

As a bit of history: the first network office started in 1983 at OSU with Jerry Franklin. It moved with Jerry to University of Washington in 1989. It moved to UNM in 1997.

What would we want to see in a future network office?

- Define audiences better
- Be more proactive in the recruitment of graduate students and new scientists
- Have a database person or IM person to work with synthesis groups
- What is the overarching goal or job of the LNO (not tasks. What is the charge?)
- Better facilitate network-level needs
- Facilitate synthetic work across sites. *E.g.*, facilitate standardization. Central expertise.
 - Identify needs and distribute funds. With a central organizer.
 - They could collate synthesis needs in the network and then communicate those needs to NSF with a request that those needs go into a future RFP
 - Communicate network needs to NSF

- Better advocate for LTER at NSF

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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>
- 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
- Text for acknowledging use of Andrews data or facilities in publications is online: <http://andrewsforest.oregonstate.edu/lter/acknowledgements.cfm>
- 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=224> .
- 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=224>

BIG LEAF MAPLE CONTEST – Kathy Keable

- Don Henshaw had the largest leaf and won a bottle of maple syrup.
- Andrews leaves category was won by Kathleen Turney.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS – Kathleen Miles and Sarah Frey

- If you are interested in becoming one of two graduate representatives for the Andrews Forest program, the first step in the process is for you to nominate yourself by sending a paragraph describing your interest in the position and why you are the best person for the job. Please send your nomination paragraph to Sarah Hadley (sarah.frey@oregonstate.edu) by the end of next week (Nov 9th). Once all nominations are in, we will vote on the candidates.

WNF UPDATE – Cheryl Friesen

- WNF will be holding a meeting at the Andrews site. We should think about what posters are hanging at the site in order to excite that audience.