



The Harney County Way Collaborative Summit

May 2 – 3, 2018 | Lincoln Building Auditorium, Burns, OR

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Linking Collaboration Efforts to Build a Best Harney County

High Desert Partnership's Mission

The High Desert Partnership exists to cultivate collaboration and support and strengthen diverse partners engaged in solving complex issues to advance healthy ecosystems, economic well-being and social vitality to ensure a thriving and resilient community.

Our Core Values

- We believe in our collaborative process to address societal issues.
- We believe in doing things right rather than right now.
- We believe in recognizing the values of others.
- We believe in advocating for the process, not for outcomes.
- We believe in taking a holistic approach: social, ecological and economic.
- We believe that optimism is necessary to successfully address the challenges we face.

Summit Vision

We believe this summit will provide a productive time for those participating in collaborative work in Harney County to network, learn and look for opportunities to work together. Bringing together the collaborative initiatives will create synergy and the story of collaboration will reverberate in our community. The outcomes from this summit will lead to more resilient communities.

Goals of the Summit

- Increase the understanding of collaborative efforts in Harney County.
- Understand the links where initiatives can work together on projects or programs.
- Find the places for sharing resources.
- Grow the community's collaborative participation.
- Provide a venue for those in attendance to gain a better understanding of the work of High Desert Partnership.

Resilient communities address complex societal, ecological and economic problems hindering long-term sustainability. True collaboration is getting beyond who is right and who is wrong and reconciling competing or incompatible goals. Everyone needs to benefit in a real collaborative effort. Solving complex issues is not black and white, and we can get a lot of positive work done in the gray area. We believe by taking time during this summit to discuss our successes and challenges together, all of our communities will be more resilient than ever.

DAY 1 Wednesday May 2nd, 2018

Harney County School District Office – Lincoln Building Auditorium 550 North Court Avenue | Burns, OR 97720

- 8 AM COFFEE AND REGISTRATION
- 9 AM WELCOME
Why this get together? What are the goals for the next two days? What we hope to accomplish
Brenda Smith Executive Director, High Desert Partnership
- 9:15 AM INTRODUCTIONS
All participants – Facilitator: Peter Harkema
- 10:00 AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Celebrating the history, unique characteristics, and impact of Eastern Oregon Collaboration
Laurel Singer Director of the National Policy Consensus Center
- 10:30 AM BREAK
- 10:45 AM HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF COLLABORATION IN HARNEY COUNTY
What is the Harney County Way?
Chad Karges Manager Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
Gary Marshall Rancher, Broken Circle Co.
Dan Nichols, Rancher, McCoy Creek Ranch

THE HIGH DESERT PARTNERSHIP DEFINITION OF COLLABORATION

Collaborative initiatives and efforts are taking place across the country; however, it varies in what it looks like depending on who is involved or where it is taking place.

True collaboration is a process that represents broad interests and is inclusive.

Our experiences suggest engaging in a collaborative, solutions-oriented process with relevant stakeholders is the only viable and lasting means to address contemporary natural resource, social and economic issues facing communities that are often complex and highly contentious.



11:30 PM WHAT EXACTLY IS HIGH DESERT PARTNERSHIP?

We support initiatives using a collaborative process – Introduce HDP Board and Staff

Brenda Smith Director High Desert Partnership

12:00 PM LUNCH

Provided by High Desert Partnership – Walk to Harney County Community Center

1:00 PM THE POWER OF COLLABORATION IN HARNEY COUNTY – Collaborative members will introduce the goals and objectives of these collaborative initiatives and share why they are part of the collaborative.

Robin Harkless Facilitator, Oregon Consensus

Harney Basin Wetlands Initiative

Bob Sallinger Conservation Director, Portland Audubon

Dan Nichols Rancher, McCoy Creek Ranch

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

Comprehensive Conservation Plan

Esther Lev Director, The Wetlands Conservancy

Gary Marshall, Broken Circle Ranch

Harney County Restoration Collaborative

Pam Hardy Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center

TBA

Harney County Wildfire Collaborative

Bruce Taylor Oregon Coordinator, Intermountain West Joint Venture

TBA

Harney County Steering Committee for Sage Grouse

Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances

Dustin Johnson Extension Rangeland Scientist, OSU Cooperative Extension

Andrew Shields Biologist, Roaring Springs Ranch

Youth Initiative- Youth Changing the Community

Dave Robinson Principal, Hines Middle School

TBA

Harney County Place-based Integrated Water Planning

Mark Owens Commissioner, Harney County

TBA

- 3:00 PM BREAK
- 3:30 PM CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATION – Panel Discussion
Jack will lead the collaborative representatives in a panel discussion about working in a collaborative process and offer their experiences and lessons learned.
Jack Southworth Facilitator, Harney County Restoration Collaborative
- 3:45 PM OBSTACLES TO COLLABORATION - Continued
- 5:00 PM ADJOURN to the evening BBQ and festivities – *Harney County Fairgrounds*
- 6:00 PM PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF COLLABORATION
Dinner, Awards & Family Dance at Harney County Fairgrounds, Dance is a Fundraiser for the Youth Changing the Community Skatepark Project



HINES SKATEPARK PROJECT Youth leadership in Youth Changing The Community want to positively impact their community. After conducting a survey of their peers, they identified upgrading the Hines skate park as their first project. The Hines Skate Park was built with materials that weren't sustainable over time, and many of the features of the park are unsafe to use. Last year youth held several meetings including one with The Ford Family Foundation to share their vision for the rehabilitation project. They created a computer-generated layout of their ideal skate park and held a Rock Band Night event to raise funding and increase youth participation in the project. The dance is another effort on youth's part to raise funding for the skatepark. This is the only event in these 2 days with a cost. Dance will be \$5/ person. With an estimated cost of around \$200,000, the skate park is a big project to tackle, but we know that our youth are up to the challenge. They will continue to find innovative ways to see the project through and leave a legacy for future generations.

DAY 2 Thursday May 3rd, 2018

8:00 AM CHECK-IN - Lincoln Building

8:30 AM SHARED CHALLENGES BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Classrooms at Lincoln Building)

Part I *What similar challenges are collaboratives facing? What are some solutions to these challenges? Can collaboratives work together to overcome some of these challenges?*

Part II *Where are the links to create synergy among collaboratives? Are there ways collaborative groups can work together? For funding? Reduce duplicity?*

Wildfire or Prescribed Fire
Facilitated by:
Bryant Kuechle, Langdon
Group

Fire challenges differ with the different landscapes of Harney County. Harney County Wildfire Collaborative focuses primarily on sagebrush steppe and Harney County Restoration Collaborative focuses on the southern Malheur Forest. Is there a way to collaborate to meet different objectives?

Wetlands & Water
Planning
Facilitated by:
Peter Harkema, Oregon
Consensus

Water is the resounding theme for these two groups. In what ways will their work overlap? How can partners share information to reduce duplication of effort and increase overall understanding of our watersheds?

Career Connected Learning
Facilitated by:
Robin Harkless, Oregon
Consensus

Many collaboratives want to involve youth and increase their connection to career experiences. The youth initiative is developing a program that will help youth learn what kinds of careers they want to pursue. Getting input and ideas for how this project can be inclusive for our community and youth will be a focus.

After the Plan, Adaptive
Decision Making
Jack Southworth,
HCRC Facilitator

Well established collaborative groups, i.e. Sage Grouse and the CCP have been successful in the planning process and are working through challenges of implementing planning. This discussion will involve how collaboratives can work through changes and adapt in decision making during implementation.

10:00 AM	BREAK
10:15 AM	COLLABORATION IN ACTION – Report back from the breakouts <i>Topics covered? What are identified challenges and opportunities? What action items can groups take? Where have these discussions lead and what are next steps based on the discussions?</i>
11:30 AM	WRAP UP LUNCH AND EVALUATION <i>Your evaluation is important to us and everyone needs lunch. We will take this time to eat and evaluate this workshop</i> Provided by High Desert Partnership – Harney County Community Center
1:00 PM	WE ARE THANKFUL TO HAVE HAD THIS TIME WITH YOU

“Solving tough problems together forces people to see beyond their selves, enabling them to discover a wisdom they do not have as individuals and making them want more of this effective...work. That is the absolute essence of being a democratic people.”

-DANIEL KEMMIS