

January 29, 2013

Deadwood Community

In Late December and early January after several weeks of back and forth chatting up and down Lake Creek a spontaneous group decided to form the core of a citizens effort to seek answers to questions about the Lake Creek and Siuslaw fishery, particularly about the Steelhead Hatchery program. The hatchery program is being totally discontinued on the Lake Creek System.

The first volunteer Core group of about 20 people came together. A meeting was scheduled and 14 folks were able to attend. On January 13th the first core group meet to see if a meeting day and place could be agreed upon and would be ok with the Outdoor Fish and Wildlife Department. ODFW staff were delighted to be invited to a meeting at which time they could present the departments program and proposals.

After deliberations it was decided to host the ODFW and Friends of Lake Creek Steelhead at the Mapleton Lions Club on Sunday the 10th of February from 4 to 6 PM.

Meeting: Sunday, February 10th, 4-6 PM Mapleton Lions Club.

The second core group held a follow up meeting to assemble a list of concerns and questions to be submitted to the ODFW staff. This meeting was held Sunday on January 27th at 1:30 PM and lasted until 4 PM. The list of questions has been organized by Derek Pennel and has been forwarded to ODFW staff. Communications with them have indicated they are pleased to have the opportunity to address the issues raised by the folks from Florence to Triangle Lake.

It has been decided to call the group FoLCS, Friends of Lake Creek Steelhead. FOLCS is close enough to Folks and that is all of us.

Derek will be the group moderator at the Lions Club meeting. Any questions or inquiries can be sent to me and I will forward them to Derek. He is on the T-Lake school board and has coaching responsibilities so is often not at home.

Les Benscoter: 541 964 3666 scooter@casco.net If Ann or I are not here leave a message.

The Core group thanks everyone in the area who will attend the Mapleton meeting. A really nice turnout would be appreciated. The core group is making an effort to get the word out and thank each of you in advance for taking the time to think about the management of this very important resource. Lake Creek, Indian Creek and Deadwood Creeks run through the heart of our communities. The health and welfare of our rivers including the economics of the area are tied together in the very fabric of our lives.

Respectively,

For the FoLCS core group.

Mr. B.