

Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
April 14, 2004

Members Present:

Group A

Lee Disney
Tim Ryan
Tony Johnson
Ken Stevens
Steve Garrett*

Group B

Robyn King
Peter Kitts
Bill Martin
John Bosworth*

Group C

Gary Huntsberger
Rita Windom
Eileen Carney
Marianne Roose*

Members Absent:

Keith Glover

Wayne Hirst *excused*
Tim Linehan *excused*

Bruce Vincent *excused*
Russ Hudson

*Designates replacement members

Forest Service Present:

Bob Castaneda – Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Malcolm Edwards – Libby District Ranger, Mike Balboni – Three Rivers District Ranger, Barbara Edgmon – RAC Coordinator and Sandi Mason – Facilitator.

Public Present:

Al Corda and John Konzen

Meeting Notes:

A motion to accept the minutes from the March 10, 2004 meeting was approved.

Bob Castaneda introduced the two replacement members for Group A is Steve Garrett from Troy and Group B is John Bosworth from Rexford. The RAC members represent diverse groups but they are committed to working together to ensure that the RAC is a success.

Bob then addressed the RAC on the following:

- The Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) map was displayed. The gray shading shows areas of opportunities for fuel reduction. The red line outlines private property. All Ranger Districts took part in the preparation of the map. The Forest Service will work with Lincoln County to treat large areas. Fuel reduction projects using the WUI map may be presented to the RAC for funding.
- Provided a handout showing the current status of funded RAC projects for FY2003 and 2004.
- The Mount Marston Road project has completed the bidding process.
- The reappointment process will start again this year as the RAC members 3-year terms will be completed in 2005. More information will be coming soon.
- Applicants to the RAC need to reside within the County.

Malcolm Edwards presented project proposals for:

- Bristow Creek Watershed Restoration (RW-01)
- Interface Pre-commercial Thinning and Fuel Reduction (O-01)
- Noxious Weed Control in Recreation Areas

The RAC would like to have before and after photos of approved projects. They would like them take from the same photo point. The photos will be used to inform the public on the good work being done through the RAC. Bob will have a proposal at the next meeting.

John Konzen suggested using a professional film to tell the RAC success story.

Lee Disney, Rita Windom and Bob Castaneda provided a briefing on the National RAC meeting held in Reno in March. All thought it was a great meeting with a tremendous amount of information being shared.

Next meeting will be Wednesday May 5, 2004. The meeting will start at 6:00pm at the Supervisor's Office in Libby.

Next meeting topics will include:

- Photo sharing plan
- Update on approved projects
- Three Rivers RD project presentations
- Re-appointment of RAC members

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Notes by Barbara Edgmon
April 28, 2004