

Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
July 14, 2004

Members Present:

Group A

Lee Disney
Keith Glover
Tim Ryan
Ken Stevens
Tony Johnson

Group B

Bill Martin
Peter Kitts
Wayne Hirst

Group C

Gary Huntsberger
Rita Windom
Russ Hudson
Marianne Roose*
Bruce Vincent
Eileen Carney

Members Absent:

Steve Garrett* *excused*

Robyn King *excused*

Tim Linehan

John Bosworth* *excused*

*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:

Bruce Zwang, Jeri Krampetz, and Greg Seabloom

Meeting Notes:

Lee Disney led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. The minutes from the June 2, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

Sandi Mason provided a handout showing the status of approved projects.

Bob Castaneda provided information on the Callahan Creek Trail easement. The property owner will consent to a temporary easement for the trail construction. Work is continuing on the wording of that agreement.

Malcolm Edwards advised that the Osprey Landing (Re-reg Dam) project is waiting for Engineering to complete the CIP portion before work commences.

Greg Seabloom and Jeri Krampetz of Pacific Northwest Trail Association gave a presentation on their proposed SKY Education Program project. Funding is being requested to sponsor 2 trail crews to be composed of Lincoln County at risk youths.

Bruce Vincent of Communities for a Great Northwest presented a proposal for roof repairs to buildings at the Historic Raven Ranger Station. Repairs are needed to preserve the restoration work that has already been accomplished.

Rita Windom stated that the Lincoln County Commissioners plan to allocate \$750,000 for RAC projects for FY05.

Marianne Roose provided information on a meeting regarding the dust abatement situation at Young Creek. The County and Forest Service are researching the possibility of chip sealing the road.

A field trip to the Wolverine Cabin project that was funded for FY04, will take place on July 15. Marianne Roose, Betty Holder, Fortine District Ranger, and outside groups will hike to the cabin to explore options for repairs. Hope to have a decision by the August RAC meeting.

Mike Balboni gave an update on the Alvord Lake property proposal. Robyn King has been working on a plan to place the property into a public trust. The adjacent landowner is supportive of this action. A meeting with the landowners is being arranged.

The Callahan Historic Trail project contract has been awarded. Work should start soon.

The O'Brien Creek project may be delayed, as the State wants the work done in early summer to avoid interfering with Bull trout. This project may be delayed until 05. If the RAC would like to apply funds to another project let Mike know.

For the decision making process the RAC would like spreadsheets for each community area separated by Roads/ water and other projects and then in priority order by District Ranger preference. They would like this information within the next 2 weeks. Update on the NEPA status needs to be included.

Bob would like to have proposals that are not on FS lands to be rated/quantified by the amount of benefit the project would provide to the FS. The multi year column on the current spreadsheet will be replaced with a rating of this type of project.

Copies of the revised spreadsheet will be sent via email except to Keith, Bill, Peter and John; they will receive hardcopies.

The display board for use in promoting RAC awareness has arrived. To reserve the display board contact Barbara Edgmon.

Bob suggested that with the generosity of the County Commissioner a new release combining the success of Title II and III projects would generate attention and interest in the RAC.

Lee Disney advised that he has not had any success in locating a sign manufacturer for production of signs to be posted on completed RAC projects. He will continue his search.

Next meeting will be Wednesday August 4, 2004. The meeting will start at 6:00pm at the Supervisor's Office in Libby.

A quorum for each RAC section needs to be present so that voting can be accomplished. Please advise Lee Disney or Barbara Edgmon if you will be unable to attend.

Reminder: Replacement members cannot vote for absent members.

Next meeting topics will include:

- Update on approved projects
- Selection of projects

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Notes by Barbara Edgmon
July 14, 2004