

**Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee**  
Meeting July 14, 2003

**Members Present:**

**Group A**

Lee Disney  
Ken Stephens  
Tony Johnson  
Tim Ryan

**Group B**

Robyn King  
Peter Kitts  
Wayne Hirst  
Tim Linehan

**Group C**

Marianne Roose \*  
Russ Hudson  
Gary Huntsberger  
Rita Windom  
Eileen Carney

**Members Absent:**

**Group A**

Keith Glover

**Group B**

Bill Martin

**Group C**

Bruce Vincent

\* Designates replacement members (there are two vacant replacement positions)

**Forest Service Present:**

Bob Castaneda – Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Malcolm Edwards – Libby District Ranger, Mike Balboni – Three Rivers District Ranger, Glen McNitt – Rexford District Ranger, Ed Monnig –Fortine District Ranger, Greg Kujawa – Public Affairs Officer, Paige Leddy – LEO, Sandi Mason – Facilitator, and Barbara Edgmon – Committee Coordinator,

**Public Present:**

Rocky Schauer, John McBride, Rox Rogers, Carolyn Stamy, Brian Sugden, and Max Nielsen-Pincus

**Meeting Notes:**

Lee Disney, Lincoln County RAC Chairman, opened the meeting with roll call and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the May 5, 2003 RAC meeting were approved with the following change: The Fisher River Restoration (RW-04-25) is a joint project between the Libby Ranger district and Plum Creek with a request for \$200,000 over the next three years.

The resignation of Dan Seifert was accepted. Bob Castaneda presented Peter Kitts with a letter giving Peter full voting privileges as a RAC member. Tim Ryan was presented with a certificate signed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Bob Castaneda provided the current status of the RAC projects approved last year. Contact Mark Romey or Barbara Edgmon if you have questions or comments.

Bob Castaneda advised that only one application was received for the two replacement positions. An extension of 30 days for applications to be received will be advertised.

Eileen Carney was elected to head the “News Release” committee to provide information to local media on RAC projects.

Peter Kitts presented a project proposal for the spraying of weeds on the 17 Mile Road (O-04-15). Peter will amend the proposal to cover weed spraying for 3 years.

Kootenai River Network (KRN) representatives, Rox Rogers and Carolyn Stamy presented the Therriault Creek Restoration project (RW-04-7) project. Funding from other partners to supplement this request has already been secured. Rox invited the RAC members to tour the project site at the August RAC meeting.

Cabinet Backcountry Horsemen representatives Rocky Schauer and John McBride presented their project proposal for the Sheldon Mountain Trailhead (O-04-02). The trailhead would provide access for non-motorized recreation use. A grant proposal has been submitted to the State of Montana to assist with funding. Rocky will work with Libby RD to revise the Project Cost Analysis Worksheet to include the cost of NEPA completion, contract preparation and administration.

District Rangers presented the following project proposals:

Glen McNitt, Rexford Ranger District:

- Road 7183 BMP’s 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Big Creek (RW-04-26) request of \$93,750
- C Branch Road 7220 BMP’s (RW-04-27) request of \$11,250
- Peck Gulch Campground Road (RW-04-28) \$6,000
- Noxious Weed Control (O-04-19) \$500
- Twin Lakes 203 Fuels Reduction (O-04-20) \$16,500
- Eureka Hooked on Fishing (O-04-21) \$500 per year for 4 years
- Lake Koocanusa Scenic Byway Signage (O-04-05) \$12,700
- Stone Hill Mountain Bicycle Trail (O-04-22) \$8,200
- Pinkham Ridge Drift Fence (O-04-33) \$3,500
- Sophie Meadows Winter Range Enhancement (O-04-07) \$11,500 over 4 years (#21 and worksheet #2 of proposal will be revised)
- Young Creek Dust Abatement proposal will be forthcoming

Ed Monnig, Fortine Ranger District:

- Wolverine Cabin Restoration (O-04-23) \$50,060
- Pack RAC Fuels Reduction (O-04-24) \$15,400
- Mt Marston Road Phase 2 (RW-04-29) \$71,000
- Ant Flat Resurfacing of pathway (O-04-25) \$5,000
- Lewis Creek Road BMP’s (RW-04-30) \$34,000
- Bear Resistant Structures (O-04-26) \$10,000

Malcolm Edwards, Libby Ranger District:

- Airport Firearms Range (O-04-14) \$\$45,500
  - Roadside Spraying of Noxious Weeds (O-04-16) \$25,000
  - Tansy Ragwort Management (O-04-17) \$18,000 \*
  - New Invader Invasive Species Management (O-04-18) \*
- \*County Commissioners to review and discuss at August meeting

Mike Balboni Three Rivers Ranger District:

- Old Hwy 2 Phase 2 (RW-04-31) \$48,950
- Garver Lookout BMP (RW-04-21) \$58,650
- N.F. Meadow BMP (RW-04-32) \$89,310
- Baldy Mtn BMP (RW-04-33) \$96,625
- Beetle Creek BMP (RW-04-34) \$90,650
- N.F. O'Brien Fish Passage (RW-04-35) \$60,500
- Garver Area Fuels Reduction (O-04-27) \$71,000
- North Fork Yaak Fuels Reduction (O-04-28) \$9,000
- Garver Weed Inventory & Spraying (O-04-29) \$18,000
- Upper Yaak/Upper Ford Weed Project (O-04-30) \$2,000
- West Troy Weeds Spraying (O-04-31) \$12,000
- Garver Cabin Rat Proofing (O-04-32) \$4,200

Brian Sugden from Plum Creek provided information on the Fisher River Channel Project Proposal (RW-04-25). The feasibility study on re-routing the Fisher River will be completed later in the fall. Brian will provide more information at a future RAC meeting.

Bob Castaneda advised that the fish barrier survey should be completed in late August and the results could help with the decision process for approving in stream projects.

The Stillwater State Forest contact for RAC projects, both ongoing and proposed projects, is Brian Manning. To Contact Brian use the following information:  
[bmanning@state.mt.us](mailto:bmanning@state.mt.us), 406-881-2371, PO Box 16, Olney, MT 59927

RAC members voted unanimously that all future project proposals need to include partner information and those projects that are prioritized for selection consideration at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will need to have partner information added prior to the final selection process.

Next RAC meeting will be held August 4, 2003 at 6:00pm in the Supervisors Office in Libby. Dinner will be available at 5:30pm. Contact Barbara if you wish to have dinner.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

^Status of on-going RAC projects

^Headwaters Project Proposal by Robyn King and Josh Boyd

^More information on Libby RD/Lincoln County Weed Projects O-04-17 & 18

*Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm*