

**Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee**  
Meeting July 15, 2002

**Members Present:**

**Group A**

Lee Disney  
Keith Glover  
Tony Johnson  
Ken Stephens  
Tim Ryan

**Group B**

Robyn King  
Peter Kitts  
Dan Siefert

**Group C**

Eileen Carney  
Russ Hudson  
Gary Huntsberger  
Bruce Vincent  
Rita Windom

**Members Absent:**

**Group A**

John Hossack

**Group B**

Wayne Hirst  
Tim Linehan  
Bill Martin

**Group C**

Marianne Roose

**Forest Service Present:**

Bob Castaneda – Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Mike Balboni – Three Rivers District Ranger, Malcolm Edwards – Libby District Ranger, Sandi Mason – Facilitator, Barb Edgmon – Committee Coordinator, Cindy Johnson – Note Taker.

**Public Present:**

April Rainey, John Konzen, Ed Levert and Jim Bauermeister – Montana State DEQ

Lee Disney, Lincoln county RAC Chairman, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from July 1, 2002 were approved as written.

If you have a presentation you would like added to the agenda contact Barb Edgmon. If she is not available leave a message including your name, date, time, phone number and the topic for presentation.

Jim Bauermeister, Montana State DEQ gave a presentation on TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Loads)

Bob Castaneda explained how much of the Kootenai National Forest annual budget is hard money for road maintenance.

Road Maintenance Budget: FY 2002

\$2,522,000	
<u>- 336,000</u>	Indirect Dollars
\$2,186,000	
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\$1,322,000	Road Maintenance
161,000	Road Decommission
278,000	Timber Sale Prep/Admin
164,000	Grave Creek
165,000	Yaak 92 Reconditioning
<u>95,000</u>	Program Management
\$ 165,000	Wolf Creek
<u>245,000</u>	Yaak 92
\$ 70,000	Salary
<u>324,000</u>	13 Contracts

Mike Balboni presented Three Rivers Ranger District proposals:

- Plateau Fuels Treatment
- Lap Creek Pipe (Yaak 92 – county road)
- Rabbit Creek Bridge
- Old Highway 2 Trail
- Callahan Interpretive Trail (May qualify as Title III)
- Alvord Lake (this may be a good project in the future)

Malcolm Edwards presented Libby Ranger District proposals:

- ReReg site Recreational/Handicap Access, Observation deck and miscellaneous landscaping.
- Pipe Creek Road (winter maintenance)
- Flower Creek Road (improvements on parking lot for the ski trail)
- Road Improvement:
  - Bear Creek Road
  - Libby Creek Road
  - Blue Mountain Road
  - 17 Mile Road
  - Loon Lake Road
  - Cedar Creek Road
- BMP Improvements
  - Silver Butte Road
  - West Fisher River Road

- Treasure Interface Ski Trail
- Treasure Interface Culvert Replacement
- Bobtail Creek Water Quality
- McSwede Timber Sale thinning projects
- Precommercial thinning proposals

Dan Seifert presented Stillwater State Forest projects

- State of Montana DNRC & Stillwater State Forest  
Stryker Basin Trail Maintenance
- Stillwater State Forest Road Maintenance

Robyn King presented a project for the Yaak Valley Forest Council and Three Rivers Ranger District project

- Headwaters Restoration Partnership Project

A discussion was held on voting. A form was given to all to record voting by roll call. The committee was given a document with three options for voting. No decision was made at this time. The discussion did include the need to select projects through out the county. Projects need to be prioritized with some to be worked on in the future. The decision was made to review road and watershed projects at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and the remaining to be discussed at the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The "Selection Factors" sheet needs to be updated with new projects and if NEPA has been completed. The projects listed on this sheet should be listed geographically.

Expense Account for FY 2003:

- Forest Service will cover salary
- Need for special purchases
- Miscellaneous travel
- Establish \$5,000 to \$10,000 budget with \$10,000 on the high end
- This will need to be presented as a project

August 5, 2002 meeting will be held in Rexford. Dan Seifert will coordinate a field trip to Graves Creek. Please coordinate car-pooling. Meet at the pull out across the highway from the Graves Creek road at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Rexford School at 6:30 with dinner. Dinner will be \$6.00 per person.

August 19, 2002 meeting will be held at the Supervisors Office in Libby.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Submitted by  
Cindy Johnson  
7/18/2002