

**Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee**  
Meeting August 5, 2002

**Members Present:**

**Group A**

John Hossack  
Keith Glover  
Tony Johnson  
Ken Stephens  
Tim Ryan

**Group B**

Robyn King  
Peter Kitts  
Dan Siefert  
Wayne Hirst  
Tim Linehan  
Bill Martin

**Group C**

Marianne Roose  
Russ Hudson  
Gary Huntsberger  
Rita Windom

**Members Absent:**

**Group A**

Lee Disney

**Group B**

**Group C**

Bruce Vincent  
Eileen Carney

**Forest Service Present:**

Bob Castaneda – Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Ed Monnig – Fortine District Ranger, Malcolm Edwards – Libby District Ranger, Mark Romey – Operations Staff Officer, Sandi Mason – Facilitator, Barbara Edgmon – Committee Coordinator.

**Public Present:**

Ray Stout – Tobacco Valley News Reporter

**Meeting Notes:**

Tim Ryan, Lincoln county RAC Co-Chairman, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Minutes from July 15, 2002 were approved as written.

Tim advised the RAC that Cathy Schloeder would not be doing a presentation to the RAC Committee as listed on the agenda. Cathy withdrew her proposal for funding, as the Lincoln County Steering Committee for the National Fire Plan would not endorse her proposal as it was in conflict with their mission. The Steering Committee asked Cathy to become active with their Committee as she has great ideas for educational projects.

Mike McMahon, Stillwater State Forest, gave a presentation of Montana DNRC proposed projects.

Bob Castaneda stated that Forest Service administrative costs would be minimal as vehicle and overhead costs are paid through general funding. There could be contract preparation and administration costs.

The RAC reviewed and voted on the following proposals:

1. Grave Creek (#1) Watershed Project fund for \$50,000 Approved Unanimously
2. Bobtail Creek (#2) Watershed Project fund for \$51,500 Approved Unanimously if NEPA has been completed. Forest Service would administer the contract if the Bobtail Watershed Group is not a legal entity.
3. Headwaters Restoration Partnership Project (#29) \$32,000 Approved Unanimously.
4. Silver Butte Road (#6) \$45,000 Approved Unanimously.
5. Mount Marston Road Phase 1 (#21) \$30,000, Grave Creek Camp Road (#24) \$5,000 and ¼ of Stillwater State Forest Roads (#28) \$4,200 for Stillwater River Road and \$1,350 for Mount Marston Road Approved Unanimously.
6. Big Creek Road (#16) \$90,000 Approved Unanimously.

The Lap Creek Culvert Project (#19) was discussed and consideration was deferred until more information could be obtained. Tim Linehan will advise at the 8/19 RAC meeting if the project is under County jurisdiction as this could be a County Road and if the project has support from the Fish Biologists, as there is concern about fish genetics above the culvert.

Dan Seifert will provide an itemized cost breakdown for the Fish Lake DNRC project at the 8/19 RAC meeting.

Bob Castaneda suggested that the RAC members approve extra projects in case projects are completed under budget.

Rita Windom asked that the RAC be provided with complete information for the McSwede Thinning Project (#13). Malcolm Edwards will send out the requested information. (enclosed with 8/5 minutes).

The RAC asked the County Commissioners to send Title II allocations to the Governor of Montana quickly so approved projects are implemented as soon as possible.

RAC members would like field trips to view projects during construction or after completion. The \$10,000 for RAC administrative costs would cover this type of expenditure. The administrative budget needs to be submitted to the RAC for approval as a project.

Can Title II funds be used as matching contributions for Title III funds? Mark Romey will research and advise at 8/19 RAC meeting.

Dan Seifert would like the RAC to review project submission forms from other RACs.  
(enclosed with 8/5 minutes)

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next meeting agenda items:

Report on DNRC costs for projects by Dan Seifert

Report on Lap Creek Culvert project by Tim Linehan

Report on Title II funds used as matching funds for Title III funds by Mark Romey.

RAC Administrative Cost Proposal presentation by Lee Disney or Tim Ryan.

Submitted by

Barbara Edgmon

8/8/2002

Grave Creek Field Trip 8/5/02 Attendees:

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Gary Huntsberger

Bill Martin

Rita Windom

Tim Ryan

Ken Stephens

Marianne Roose

Keith Glover

Dan Seifert

Russ Hudson

**Montana Partners for Fish and Wildlife, USF&W:**

Roxanne Rogers

**Montana State Fish, Wildlife and Parks:**

Jim Dunigan

Jay Deshazer

**Kootenai River Network:**

Carolyn Stamy

**Private Landowners:**

Derris Flanagan

Pat Flanagan

**Kootenai National Forest:**

Bob Castaneda

Ed Monnig

Julie Gott

Malcolm Edwards

Mark Romey

Barbara Edgmon

**U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service:**

Kirk Sullivan