

Roseburg District Resource Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 25, 2002
Roseburg District Office
777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon

Committee Members Present:

Judith Bacon - Elected Official
Shirley Cairns - Public at Large
Janice Green - Dispersed Recreation
Bob Kinyon - Environmental Organization, Chair
Donald Ollivant - Environmental Organization
Leonard Schussel - Teacher
MaryJane Snocker - Environmental Organization
Clem Dewart - Historical Interests
Ronald Breyne - School Official

Tom Van Epps - Energy & Mineral Development
Mike Piehl - Commercial Recreation
Gary Schroeder - Commercial Timber Industry
Jeannie Weakly - Organized Labor
Mike Estes - Developed Recreation
Terry Westfall - (alternate)
David Lorenz - (alternate)
Sam Huff - (alternate)

Committee Members Absent:

William Burnett - School Official

Alternates Absent:

John Hope
David Elder

Public Introductions:

Jim Holberg - Oregon BLM State Office
Joe Ross - BLM
Steve Niles - BLM
Ben Hobbs - BLM
Bill O'Sullivan - BLM

Francis Eatherington - Public
Ed Richardson - BLM
Jay Carlson - BLM
Dwight Fielder - BLM

Others Present:

Jake Winn - Project Manager
Cary Osterhaus - District Manager, DFO

ELynn Burkett - Public Affairs Officer
Sylvia Rose - Facilitator

OPENING REMARKS:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman, Bob Kinyon.

Ground Rules established at previous meeting were reviewed and discussed with the facilitator's, Sylvia Rose, assistance.

All Committee members agreed to use consensus, with Robert Rules of Order for final decisions or to settle impasses.

Lynn Koens is taking meeting minutes and will send them out in a timely fashion.

Decision was made to vote on a vice chairperson later in the day.

- *RACs membership roles clarified:*

- as stated in the Charter, RAC alternates will only fill vacancies on a permanent basis, not meeting by meeting.
- The facilitator maintains order.
- BLM Staff serves as administrative and technical support.

- *should questions arise - who to ask?* Suggestions: they should be brought to RAC; technical questions should go to Jake and BLM specialists; and utilize email for supplemental information. Cary prefers not to receive numerous phone calls and to consider Chair for RAC questions, and Chair can present them to him. Cary explained that the Charter states that the Board of Commissioners have to approve the funds for

projects. He is confident that the list will be approved.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS:

Jake explained the status of the following projects, proposed by BLM as high priority:

- 1 - Cavitt Creek Road Restoration
- 2 - Basin-wide Fish Barrier Inventory
- 3 - Fate Creek culvert Replacement
- 4 - Portuguese Broom Eradication
- 5 - OYCC (Oregon Youth Conservation Corp)
- 6 - NYC (Northwest Youth Corp)

Jake went through the "Sample Rating Projects" process for each of the site projects.

1- Cavitt Creek Road Restoration - Roads degrading. For Phase II, the Committee would want questions answered by specialists' staff. Score = 23.

Jake said that sediment is the primary parameter which will be worked on first. Jay Carlson said that the Little River Area is listed for temperature and sediment issues. Member Don Ollivant brought up the question of access and rights-of-way. Member Mike Estes brought up a question of where the 1/2 mile of road is located to be decommissioned. Ollivant understands that 1/2 funds are dedicated to road projects, so should be critical of projects they choose. Jake said that roads & watersheds issues are very prevalent on the list, and that all road applications are ready to go. Don Ollivant suggested that more roads are needed for fire protection and access. Jake remarked that large areas cannot be cut off; only roads with no management concerns. Anne Boeder (BLM Cartographer) - pointed out the 1/2 mile for road decommissioning. The 21.0 rd is due to be fully decommissioned. She explained the difference of turbidity and sediment.

2 - Basin-wide Fish Barrier Inventory - Fish Barrier Inventory identifies barriers to fish passage with a priority ranking across the Umpqua Basin. Score = 20.

3 - Fate Creek Culvert Replacement - ready to go; not urgent; geared for fish passage. Score = 21.

The general prioritization of habitat are quantity and quality. Member Don Ollivant reported that the UBWC Fish Passage Committee meeting was tomorrow at 9:30 at ODF&W.

4 - Portugese Broom Eradication - Portugese Broom is very invasive making it an urgent project. The economic value on the timber may be lost if this project is not done. The treatment now is to handpull and use herbicides. The money would go for eradication effort rather than just control. Jeanne Standley (BLM Natural Resource Specialist) said the economic analysis comes from the State of Oregon. We established the Weed Management Area. 2-4-D or Garlon will probably be used. BLM is covering the entire cost, with all landowners contributing to the effort. The objective is to have a reforested area after the Portugese Broom is eradicated. The most cost-effective method is to use herbicide, long term paint the stump.

5 - OYCC - funds one crew per county. Work includes: noxious weed, trail work, campground work, variety of projects and experience.

6 - NYC - more production oriented. Results good. Jake said they could be approved for just one year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Some information was passed out by Sue Densmore representing the Umpqua Land Exchange Project.

No other comments by the public.

DISCUSS AND REVIEW ADDITIONAL PROJECTS:

The dot method was suggested by the facilitator to choose the next 5 projects.

Discussion:

Address each project; projects could be put in the bin for later discussion if not fully approved by consensus; concern about the process but agreed to it; would like to see criteria of benefits; and, the BLM has pointed out the most important projects.

Cary reminded the group that the BLM is recommending projects, not making final decisions. **Approval of these 6 projects would require a vote of 3 members from each category; has to have a minimum of 3.** Committee decided to try to make decisions by consensus.

Status review by Winn:

The following projects could be awarded this year but not completed until 2003:

Grizzly Cr, Trapper Cr, Suicide Cr.

All others can be completed this year if approved today. Asked if we can fund NEPA only, answered yes, by Jake.

Decisions:

Fish Passage Inventory - **All members approved project by consensus. No questions.**

Fate Cr Culvert - The culverts are probably undersized in heavy storm and are not available as fish passage. Deeper pools below have failed. **All members approved project by consensus.**

Ringtail Creek Culvert - high priority. Need replacement culvert for failing culvert.

Cairns "motion to approve Ringtail Creek Culvert". Estes seconded. Approved - so moved.

Yellow Creek Road Improvement - high priority.

Pete Howe (BLM Supervisor Civil Engineering Tech, Swiftwater Field Office) informed the Committee that there was considerable sediment problems which have to be fixed according to the "Clean Water Act", and that the project would also benefit fish habitat. **Bob Kinyon asked for consensus on the Yellow Creek Road Improvement. Consensus not reached. Project moved to bin for later discussion.**

Weaver Creek Culvert - ready for on-the-ground work. **Consensus reached, will move to next meeting for approval.**

Jack Creek Culvert - **Breyne "motion to approve Jack Creek Culvert". Estes seconded. So moved.**

Yellow Creek Culvert - **Weakly "motion to approve Yellow Creek Culvert". Schroder seconded. Consensus - No. Schussel dissenting.**

ELynn reminded everyone that we need to adhere to times. Cary suggested 1) discuss projects; 2) achieve consensus; and 3) make official at the next meeting.

Salmon Viewing Site - **Consensus reached, move to next meeting for approval.**

Days Creek LWD - Chuck Wheeler (Fishery Biologist) answered technical questions about projects such as: the trees would be felled into or drug to the stream; the trees would raise the level of the stream channel; if the trees are too far away, they would be winched into the stream; they do not need the rootwad attached.

Consensus - Yes. Will move to next meeting for approval.

Native Seed Collection - Russ Holmes (District Botanist) said that the objective of the Native Seed Collection would be to use a non-profit, region-wide project organization. They would then develop a system of collecting native seeds for the right genetic source, for the right area. The purpose is to try to restore native vegetation and create a source to acquire native seed. According to Land Use Plan for restoration projects, there is a need for ground cover. We would advertise the contracts. If it is not funded for a full 5 years, we can propose for 2 years and, if successful, extend and re-propose at a later time.

Consensus for 5 years - No.

Consensus for 3 years. No.

Consensus for 1 year funding. No - into bin.

PROJECT DECISIONS:

Comments of support or opposition:

- reservation to last one (5 years?).

- would like 1 yr on NYC.

Four projects fully supported. One year funding for NYC with a year-end report.

Discussion about Portugese Broom Project and the herbicide use injunction, initiated by Piehl and Schussel.

Decision: to withhold vote for further discussion on injunction.

Sylvia reviewed consensus decisions:

1) taking out Portugese Broom and revisit before final decision; and 2) fund NYC for 1 year.

Kinyon made a "motion to approve 5 projects, excluding Portugese Broom". Breyne seconded. Kinyon - so moved. Piehl & Schussel dissenting vote on Portugese Broom Project. The rest of the Committee voted to approve all 6 projects.

Request: Ollivant would like a map of checkerboard ownerships.

Discussion - Portugese Broom:

Kinyon asked for consensus check. No. Schussel dissenting and recommended it be put in with other projects. Kinyon made a recommendation to use Roberts Rules and vote.

Jeanne Standley explained that the weed management area was 5700 acres but only 2,000 acres within it need treatment. Cary indicated it might be possible to get approval for Garlon 4 for best treatment. The Fruit Growers association was meeting in 2 weeks, then RACs would consider their support.

Schroeder "motion to recommend Portugese Broom for eradication this year". Weakly seconded. Objection by Schussel. Vote - tally taken. One (1) dissenting vote from Schussel. "Motion to recommend Portugese Broom Project for one year approved."

Clem Dewart left early due to a family emergency.

Discussion - Sylvia brought up the need for discussion for future proposals and work on process. Breyne proposed we discuss at the March 18th meeting. No objections.

Issue:

Piehl expressed the need for an internal communication process.

Schussel requested the need for information on the value of density management and on other projects.

Kinyon recommended that we come back to the March 18th meeting to either finish up dot process or use evaluation tally with prioritization from each person.

A sign-up sheet for email addresses was passed around.

Cary presented all members appointed by the Secretary of Interior with "in appreciation of" coffee mugs.

Two future meeting dates - March 18th & March 25th. Scheduled and published in the Federal Register.

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| Approved - \$663,000 (8 projects) | Pending - \$473,000 (3 projects) | Total - \$1,136,000 |
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The next meeting will be March 18, 2002, at 9 a.m. at the Roseburg BLM Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Lynn Koens

Attachment - (1) - Action Items

ACTION ITEMS:

Item

Member Responsible

1. at the March 18th meeting: discuss Vice Ch, and order of alternates
2. April 15th - Application for Natl Fire Plan Grant
3. June 1st - Deadline for Projects
4. Sept 30, 2006 - Work to be finished
5. Member to send final RACs report to Washington, D. C.

Jake Winn