

ROSEBURG DISTRICT RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of Monday, **June 21, 2004**
Roseburg District Office
777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon

Committee Members Present:

Bob Kinyon - Environmental Org., Chair
Donald Ollivant - Environmental Org.
Shirley Cairns - Public at Large
Leonard Schussel – Teacher
Janice Green - Dispersed Recreation
Gary Schroeder - Commercial Timber Industry, Vice Chair
Judith Bacon - Public at Large
William Burnett - School Official
Ronald Breyne - School Official
Mike Estes - Developed Recreation
Dennis Acton – Organized Labor

Alternates Present:

Linda Keck – Cat. 1

Committee Members Absent:

Mike Piehl - Commercial Recreation
MaryJane Snocker - Environmental Org.
David Lorenz - Dispersed Recreation
Javier Goirigolzarri Commercial Timber

Alternates Absent:

Others Present:

Jake Winn - Project Manager
Jay Carlson - District Manager, DFO
Bill Haigh - South River Field Manager
Jim Halberg - BLM OR State Office
Elaine Twigg Cornett - Facilitator
Zane Cornett - Facilitator
Sally & Bill Towne - Smith River Watershed Council
Aimee Hoefs - Fisheries Biologist, Coos Bay District
James Mast – Elk Creek Watershed Council
Gregg Aiken – ODEQ

Julie Knurowski - Natural Resource Specialist
Bill Duncan – Parole/Probation – D.C.S.O.
Susan Carter - District Botanist
Walt Gayner - Director Soil/Water Conservation
Bill O’Sullivan - Swiftwater Field Manager
Ethan Nelson - Director NW Youth Corps
Chuck Parino, Keith Cubic - Do Co Plan Dept.
Eric Heenan - Surface Comp Specialist
Jim Harvey - Natural Resource Specialist

WELCOME:

Chairman, Bob Kinyon, called the RAC meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Winn has received some applications for the second term of Committee membership. Deadline is June 30th. Applications then go to Wash. D.C. for approval. Letters of recommendation are not required but are helpful.

Linda Keck was present and introduced herself as an alternate member.

Cornett listed the procedure for mailing in rankings: (preferable by email or FAX)
Top 20 projects are due June 25th.

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Cairns will not be at the June 28th meeting. Chair said that all categories will be covered.

Discussion covered projects, funds, & overhead costs:

- Halberg discussed non-agency projects.
- Winn passed out information on the spending habits of the RAC's. Sheets included BLM projects vs. non-BLM by each Round, also an All Rounds Comparison. Winn will send handout to Snocker.
- Halberg spoke about legislation's requirement that road maintenance and watershed restoration comprise at least half of all projects. Winn said the Roseburg District was well over the 50% requirement.
- Winn stated that the BLM and Forest Service have contracted with the firm Forest Community Research to review the Title II & III programs nationwide and to evaluate the RAC's. Hoefs said the Coos Bay District is being looked at in detail, and the firm met with Coos Bay BLM employees and RAC members. Their goal is to report to Congress by next year. This information will be used in the reauthorization process.
- Carlson in answer to Ollivant regarding the lack of new recreation projects: Carlson responded that the recreation staff has been busy with on-going projects and has not been able to bring forward new projects. In the next Round we should see more new projects.
- Green would like to see more stream improvement projects. Carlson said we will continue to develop these projects in conjunction with our partners, so that we can work across multiple land ownerships.

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS:

DOUGLAS COUNTY PLANNING DEPT, DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN:

Chuck Parino & Keith Cubic

- "Community Wildfire Protection Plans are designed to give consideration to the priorities of local communities to engage in and implement forest management and hazardous fuel reduction projects in their communities."
- For the 14 CWPP rural communities, the plan would: protect resources, life, property & infrastructure.
- Planning Core Team: BLM member; Forest Service member; Douglas County Emergency Director; and Mr. Thorton - Douglas Forest Protective Association.
- August they will hold a review meeting with the RAC's. They are seeking funded with Title III funds for this project.

PIT AND PILE WEED ERADICATION:

Julie Knurowski, Bill Duncan

- Knurowski does weed eradication & noxious weed inventory.
- They are looking at noxious weed problems in stockpiles. Targets are rock pits most heavily infested (380 rock pits in Rsbg District).
- Duncan said the Sheriff's Office (state-wide) is training/teaching all kinds of skills to folks on parole/probation to get them into a job situation. Documentations are then made on their skills. Grant will be used for equipment & to pay stipends for the workers.
- Schroeder asked if the program successfully controls weeds? Knurowski said seeds can live up to 80 yrs and therefore treatments must be repeated. Currently a variety of techniques are used.

NBHMA SEEDING:

Susan Carter, District Botanist

- Columbian white-tailed deer need native vegetation. This project will help a number of native species become reestablished.
- Objective for restoration project is to collect native seed and grow it out commercially, then put back out on ranch for immediate use or stockpile it for later use.
- Asking for \$31,000 FY 2005 for collection and seed grow-out.
- It is a BLM policy to collect local native seed.

The funding for the Fisheries Biologist position approved in round 2 was discussed; Halberg said the funds will carry over from last year.

Roseburg and Coos Bay funding, Watershed Council, ODF&W working on coho seeding levels, populations estimates. Baseline monitoring - August, September. They will do all the training.
Breyne asked for a poll to see interest. Appears to be high priority.

Hoefs (Fisheries Biologist, Coos Bay District) said the Coos Bay RAC is recruiting for new members. There will be \$600,000 for Douglas County. They meet once or twice per year. Invitation to get Douglas County involved. Call Winn if interested.

11:30 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

Chair said Alder Creek Children's Forest Access is looking for a new board member. Teresa Price is the new director. Title III spent on road access.

cont. PROJECT PRESENTATIONS:

DOUGLAS COUNTY WEED CONTROL:

Walt Gayner, Director Soil & Water Conservation

- Funding to do assessments & surveys, eradication & control.
- Focuses energy on 12 known problem species.
- Schussel asked if there was a map of grouping? Gayner said some species are in GIS; others are not.
- Green expressed concern on Purple Loosestrife spreading, and how to monitor this? Gayner said that after this phase, they could determine spread by monitoring for 2 - 3 years.
- Objective - \$60,000 for field, inventory, & contracted services.

Reconvened @ 1:00 pm.

Carlson introduced Dennis Acton, new committee member.

NBHMA FENCING:

Bill O'Sullivan, Swiftwater Acting Field Manager

- The project is part of implementing the Habitat Management Plan, which includes monitoring populations, and managing vegetation by burning and grazing.
- In response to a question, O'Sullivan explained that the development of water sites is primarily for the livestock.
- Carlson said there is an agreement with Youth Hunt, and a partnership with ODF&W.

OREGON YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS:

Ron Breyne

- Purpose: the projects teach work skills to youth. This year they have accomplished approximately 10,000 hrs of work. \$1,050.00 scholarship for those that finish the year.
- Projects include noxious weeds control, recreation site maintenance, stream improvement, and fire crew training.

Chair said a quorum was present.
Discussion on proposal to allocate funding approved last year for Fisheries Biologist.
Chair **“motion to re-allocate funding to hire Fisheries Biologist for this summer to do specific coho survey. Will hire in July.”** Estes **“seconded”**.
Chair said the project comes out of the list of 20 projects.
Objections? None. Passed.
Cornett reminded members to cross project off list for ranking.

NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS:

Ethan Nelson, Director for NW Youth Corps Programs

- Offer youth & young adults opportunity to grow.
- Program includes: 11 distinct 4-6 week programs, front/back country education, meal planning, Safety 1st, recreation, projects, benefits to youth and public, & serving youth.
- 2005 proposal asking for \$125,000.

Break to 2:35 p.m.

ELK CREEK AND SMITH RIVER BACTERIA STUDIES:

Sally & Bill Town

Aimee Hoefs, Technical Advisor, Coos Bay District

Cheryl Doran (on conference call)

- Hoefs is technical advisor and actively involved.
- Money would be used for study to pinpoint the source of bacteria in Smith River using DNA analysis
- ODEQ has provided \$100,000 for the project.
- The funding request is reduced to \$40,000 + 4% for Smith River Project because of the ODEQ grant.
- Chair asked if the 2 organizations could collect together? The answer was no; the councils would prefer to work separately.

James Mast ELK CREEK:

- Purpose is the same as the Smith River proposal.
- Problem points to factors other than cows, including overpopulation of Canada Geese and possibly failed septic systems. If failed septic systems are found, the Elk Creek Watershed Council will help the land owners get grants to help install new systems
- In response to a question, Doran explained the purpose of using a local lab technician was to save costs.
- Local staff would be involved as much as possible, but the qualified lab technicians are needed to meet ODEQ standards. The closest source of these technicians is Eugene.
- Ollivant asked how do these programs qualify for Title II funds Winn explained the Act requires that the funds benefit public lands. The BLM manages (and has interest) in a good share of these watersheds. This effort would identify the sources of bacteria pollution, allowing all interested parties in the watershed to begin to solve the problem.

LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR RESOURCE PROTECTION:

Travis Terry of the Sheriff's Dept

Jerry Bronson - BLM District Ranger

- Terry covered pro-active approach to dump sites. Some findings included: household garbage, refrigerators, vehicles, camp sites, trespasses, marijuana plants, hazardous materials, timber theft, etc.
- Budget includes salary & mileage.

- Funding would be for Bronson and Terry's position renewal.

FORMOSA MINE:

Eric Heenan, Jim Harvey, Gregg Aiken

- Heenan helped clarify funding.
- Aiken explained the concept at Formosa Mine and what needs to be done. Proposing partial excavation is the proposed fix.
- Silver Butte drawing shows: mine workings, water table on Middle Cr. Feasibility study done. Open for comments. Need to screen clean-up options.
- Recommendation is for excavation work. Proposal to confirm assumptions and to drill holes (1 or 2). Tracer studies to observe water quality, look at integrity, sloughing.
- Clean-up approach - \$100,000 BLM including manpower. Would like predesign study presented to Congress.
- Letter from Richard Beeby, Chief Forester Umpqua District supporting this request.

The next Roseburg RAC meeting will be on June 28th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Lynn Koens
Staff Assistant