

Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting January 21, 2009

In Attendance: Mike England, Bob Cope, Mark Stauffer, Earl Skeen, Bruce Cole, Gary Power, Hadley Roberts, Dick Hauff, Adrienne Trapani, Norma Kossler, Jerry Hamilton, Doug Westfall, Bert Doughty, Bart Wojceichowski, Dan Mulick

Note Taker: Mardi Rhodes

Review September 14, 2007 Notes

- Mike England motioned to approve – Earl Skeen second. All in favor – minutes approved.

Forest Supervisor Update

- Thanks to the Committee members for coming back
- We do not have the money right now, but should have it within the next week
 - A little over a million dollars
- When the legislation expired, so did the terms for the Committee members
 - When the Committee agreed to come back, they were automatically re-appointed for a term of 4 years
- Today we will not be entertaining project proposals or approving any projects
- Reminder – proposals can be made by anyone, as long as the projects are on National Forest, or benefit National Forest
- Bill's Role is the Designated Federal Official
 - Has the fiscal responsibility to ensure the funds that are spent are appropriate with the Act.

Elect RAC Chairman

- Earl Skeen motioned to re-elect Bob Cope, Dick Hauff second. Mike England motioned to cease nominations and declare Cope Chairman by acclamation, Dick Hauff second. All in favor – Bob Cope is the RAC Chairman

Comments from Commissioner Cope

- This money can be carried over. Basically we have 4 years, with an extension of one year after that.

Brief History of the Central Idaho RAC

- In 2007 we had \$134,428.00
 - Some of that money is leftover, but not sure if it will be carried over
- Between 2002 and 2007, the RAC approved projects to a total of \$819,785.00
- This year we have \$1,006,240.00

What's new for the RAC?

- Duties are expanded to monitoring of projects.

- A member would be assigned to monitor each project
- Must comply with Federal Advisory Committee
- Terminates September 30, 2011

What stays the same?

- Procedures
 - Anyone can propose projects to the RAC
 - RAC made up of 15 members, 5 members to each of 3 areas
 - Passage requires at least 3 votes of approval in each area
 - RAC recommends projects to the Designated Federal Officer (Forest Supervisor)
 - DFO can accept or reject projects
 - Unused RAC funds carry over

Review of Project Proposal Form

- Set of guidelines according to emphasis and needs from the proposals
- Solicit projects for two months (two meetings) without allocating any money until after the two month timeframe. This would give the Committee time to look through projects.
- Publicize some of the results of the accomplishments
- RAC dollars cannot be used as a match for Federal dollars
- Develop some monitoring evaluation criteria to add to the Project Proposal form
 - The full project sheets do have the monitoring criteria (a plan) on them

Schedule next meeting

- February 24, 2009 at 1:00 in Challis