

## **Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting 5 p.m., February 23, 2010 Salmon, Idaho**

RAC Members In Attendance: Group A - Bruce Cole, Jerry Hamilton, Doug Westfall, Bart Wojciechowski Group B - Dick Hauff, Gary Power, Dan Mulick Group C - Earl Skeen, Mark Stauffer, Bob Cope, Adrienne Trapani, Mike England

Forest Service: DFO Lyle Powers, RAC Coordinator Kent Fuellenbach, Forest Supervisor – Frank Guzman, Rangers – Kris Martinson, Russ Bacon, Diane Weaver, Kimberly Nelson, Karen Dunlap, Dave Cottle SNRA, Stefani Melvin, Jake Strohmeyer, Russ Camper, Jeri Tavenner Dubois RD C-T

Others In Attendance: Daniel Bertram, Dan Smith, Laurel York Odell, Bob Russell, Glenn Seaberg, Kerrie Cheney, Jay Davis, Wayne Butts, Karin Drnjevic, Steve Adams

Note Taker: Mardi Rhodes

### **Introduction of RAC members and visitors**

#### **Review January 14, 2010 Notes**

- Gary England moved to approve minutes of January 14, 2010. Dick Hauff second. All in favor – minutes approved.

#### **DFO Update (Lyle Powers)**

- More diverse group this time.

#### **Comments from CIRAC Chair (Bob Cope)**

- We have 42 active proposals on the board.

#### **Old Business – Road Maintenance (Jake Strohmeyer)**

- Doug Westfall – does it make a difference how we go about getting these projects contracted? It will make a difference on how some of the RAC members vote. For instance, can the RAC give the County the money and have the County maintain the roads?
- Jake – We can, through a project agreement attached to a Forest Roads agreement, put project money directly through and not use RAC money.
- Kerrie Cheney – using the gas tax would take some time (approximately 2 years) to get on the ground.
- Kerrie Cheney – some of the problems the County runs into is the Panther Creek road. The rocks that were left in the road hammered the County graders. Jake is looking at modifying the contract to rake the rocks.
- The road maintenance contracts went through IDIQ and were awarded for 3 years.
- Mike England – this idea doesn't meet the intent of the legislation. The County would need to contract this back out.

- Wayne Butts – from a Custer County standpoint, the County was trying to take RAC money and improve the roads.
- Mike England – Contractors have a very hard time getting up to speed on the processes needed to be able to bid on jobs through the Forest Service.
- Cope – this is County money, not federal money, and the RAC should not have to go through the grants and agreements process
- Lyle Powers – this money DOES have to be distributed through Federal Procurement Law
- Gary Power – should be able to pilot project through Custer County and see what happens.

#### **Old Business – YEP (Karen Dunlap/Kimberly Nelson)**

- Been working with Steve and Glenn to work through the agreements process. Put together a format to begin working through the figures and think that we have come to an agreement. The figures we are giving to our grants and agreements folks started with 2 of the 4 projects previously discussed. (Slash disposal and Steen Mtn. trail maintenance). Once these two are in place, it will make the other two projects easier, and we will be ready to take on other projects.

#### **RAC Business – RAC Traditional Projects (Cope)**

YCC crew \$22,810 (Challis/Yankee Fork/Middle Fork Districts)

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- Mark Stauffer motioned to approve, Adrienne Trapani seconded. Approved.

#### **Reviews of Project Previews for 2010**

Sawmill Canyon volunteers \$11,100 (Lost River Ranger District)

- Mark Stauffer motioned to approve, Bruce Cole seconded. Motion failed.

Land of the Yankee Fork Partnership Project \$50,000 for 2010 and \$25,000 for 2011 (Challis/Yankee Fork District)

- Gary Power motioned to approve the first year of \$50,000. Dick Hauff seconded. Approved.

Lost Rivers 2010 Noxious Weed Abatement Project \$21,200

- Bart Wojciechowski motioned to approve \$20,200 (no educational materials). Mike England seconded. Approved.

Birch Creek Cooperative Spray Days \$2,000 (Dubois District)

- Dan Mulick motioned to approve. Jerry Hamilton seconded. Approved.

ATV Cattle Guards in Butte County \$2,322.51 (Butte County)

- Dan Mulick motioned to approve. Jerry Hamilton seconded. Approved.

Hazard Tree Removal and Scenery Improvement along Highway 75 from Milepost 191 to 196. \$35,000 (SNRA)

- State needs to amend their SUP with the Forest Service
- Bart Wojciechowski motioned to approve. Mike England seconded. Approved.

Sawtooth Valley Allotment Fence Upgrade Project \$2,500 (SNRA)

- Gary Power motioned to approve. Earl Skeen seconded. Approved.

Salmon River Drainage Weed Treatment Project \$10,000 (SNRA)

- Gary Power motioned to approve. Earl Skeen seconded. Approved.

Hunter Season Campground Maintenance and Bathroom Cleaning Project \$5200 (SNRA)

- Gary Power motioned to approve. Earl Skeen seconded. Approved.

Park Creek Winter Sports Trailhead Project \$7500 (SNRA)

- Gary Power motioned to approve. Earl Skeen seconded. Approved.

Meyers Cove Exclosure Repair/Reconstruction \$20,000 (Salmon-Cobalt District)

- Contingent upon utilization of the allotment. Gary Power motioned to approve. Bart seconded. Approved.

Hughes Creek Private Land Vegetative Inventory \$9450 (North Fork District)

- Adrienne Trapani motioned to approve. Doug Westfall seconded. Motion failed.

NEXT MEETING MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> AT 4:00 pm IN CHALLIS