

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

857 West South Jordan Parkway

South Jordan, Utah

Attendees: RAC members: Steve Handy (via teleconference), Becky Holt, Matt Sterbenz, Kim Carson, Dylan Evans, Jess Hofberger, Brian Anderson, Courtland Nelson, Kim Mayhew, Paul Sanders, Jackie Serra, Ian Wright (via teleconference), Darren West, Scott Mecham, Julia Geisler; Forest Service: George Garcia (via teleconference), Jeff Schramm (via teleconference), Bekee Hotze (via teleconference), Paul Gauchay (via teleconference), Jennefer Parker (via teleconference), Patricia Musser (via teleconference); Tooele County: Jerry Caldwell (Jerry Caldwell (via teleconference).

Excused: Ted Steinhorse, Glen Thornley; Absent: Kevin Mueller

Agenda

- 6:00 p.m. Welcome/Introductions/Review Agenda – Loyal Clark, Forest RAC Coordinator
- 6:15 p.m. SRS Overview/RAC Roles and Responsibilities – Dave Whittekiend, DFO, Forest Supervisor
- 6:30 p.m. Elect RAC Chair – Loyal Clark, Forest RAC Coordinator
- 6:45 p.m. RAC Review and Recommend Projects – Paul Sanders, Chair, Ian Wright, Co-chair
- 7:45 p.m. Public Forum – No public present
- 8:00 p.m. Adjourn

Minutes: The Forest RAC Coordinator welcomed the committee members and reviewed the agenda. Forest Supervisor Whittekiend provided an overview of the Secure Rural Schools Act and reviewed the roles and responsibilities for the RAC.

The committee members elected a chair person, Paul Sanders and co-chair, Ian Wright. The voting was unanimous.

Eleven projects were submitted for review and recommendation. They are listed as follows:

1. Upper Falls Bridge and Connector Trail – Utah County – Ranking 121
2. Devil’s Kitchen Trail and Facilities Reconstruction – Juab County- Ranking 98

3. Vernon Sage-grouse Habitat Improvements – Tooele County – Ranking 97
4. Treatment and Monitoring of Noxious Weeds/South Strawberry Valley - Wasatch County – Ranking 97
5. Heber-Kamas Ranger District Youth Conservation Corps Crew – Wasatch County - Ranking 93
6. Tooele County Weed Initiative – Tooele County – Ranking 89
7. Theater-in-the Pines Inside Electricity and Seating – Utah County – Ranking 87
8. Diamond Fork Guard Station Infrastructure Maintenance – Utah County – Ranking 86
9. Tooele County/Forest Road 005 Restoration – Tooele County – Ranking 86
10. Pole Canyon Dispersed Camping Maintenance – Juab County - 58
11. Tooele County Trails Project – Tooele County - Project was not recommended

Ten projects were approved by a majority. Pole Canyon project received three negative votes and Theater-in-the Pines project received one negative vote. Tooele County trails project was not approved, due to insufficient information about meeting Title II criteria. Project recommendations were prioritized and ranked, as listed above. The rankings for each committee member are listed below.

	Upper Falls	Diamond Fork	Theater Pines	Devils Kitchen	Pole Canyon	Tooele Weed	Tooele Road	Vernon Grouse	Tooele Trails
Geisler	10	7	5	2	9	8	3	11	1
Mayhew	8	5	2	9	6	7	4	11	1
Anderson	9	5	2	7	1	4	11	10	3
Steinhorst									
Evans	11	3	6	5	2	8	7	9	1
Sterbenz	11	7	10	4	5	6	8	3	1
Mueller									
Johnson	2	5	4	6	2	10	8	3	1
Nelson	11	6	5	8	2	10	8	3	1
Wright	7	11	9	10	8	2	3	1	2
West	4	4	4	3	8	10	10	11	4
Hofberger	2	4	6	7	1	10	5	9	3
Handy									
Serra	11	7	10	9	3	8	4	7	2
Carson	10	4	3	11	2	5	8	9	5
Sanders	9	10	11	8	7	4	5	3	1
Thornley									
Mecham	11	8	10	9	2	4	5	6	1
	HK YCC	Wasatch Weeds							
Geisler	4	8							
Mayhew	3	10							

Anderson	5	6							
Steinhorst									
Evans	4	10							
Sterbenz	9	2							
Mueller									
Johnson	9	11							
Nelson	10	9							
Wright									
West	9	11							
Hofberger	11	8							
Handy									
Serra	6	8							
Carson	6	7							
Sanders	7	4							
Thornley									
Mecham	7	3							

The meeting was extended, by unanimous vote, to 8:30 p.m.

There was no public in attendance for the public forum.

The RAC Chairperson, Paul Sanders, will prepare a letter to Forest Supervisor, Designated Federal Officer, Whittekiend recommending ten of the projects and the rationale for not recommending the Tooele County trails project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.