

Priest Workgroup in Priest Lake, ID
Meeting Notes
12/17/03

Attendees:

Forest Service – Carolyn Upton, Kathy Murphy, Tim Layser, Gary Weber, Dale Schrempp, Steve Anderson and Camilla Cary notetaker.

Public – Margie Hall, Mike Sudnickovich, Ken Weimer, Tom Holman, Lucas Wingert, Steve and Wendy Booth, George Freibott, Chris Howell, Mark Sprengel, Bob and Vickie Gish

Kathy welcomed everyone and went over the agenda

- Housekeeping
- Desired Condition (handout)
- Current Fire Planning
- Desired Condition Exercise
- Next Meeting – Date, Topic, Speakers
- Other News

Carolyn gave out a handout detailing Desired Condition

Points brought out in the discussion of Desired Condition:

Group will help gather information on economic issue

Group would like a community meeting when the Desired Condition are complete to make certain they are on track with the community.

GA desired condition statement also needs to achieve forest wide goals

Need list of sub-goals. These will be put on the web.

Need to work with the existing Forest Plan.

Logical starting point is in areas that have changed since last Forest Plan.

Make Desired Condition a work in progress. Be able to go back and change after working through the process.

Where is community boundary? How is it defined?

Kathy/Gary gave a presentation on the current fire planning.

The maps shown at the meeting can be obtained at:

www.fs.fed.us/r4/id_fire_assessment.

Bonner County is developing the Bonner County Mitigation Plan. This plan should be finalized by April 2004. Topics covered in this plan are type of needs, fire suppression, evacuation, database/tools, and areas effected.

Margie Hall has a spreadsheet showing where signing will be done on routes in the community.

Search and Rescue would need to know what roads are passable for escape routes.

Needs to be a coordination of agencies to get information to the public.

The Forest Service is working on the following fuel reduction projects;

Granite/Reeder

Kedish Ridge

Highway 57 Bear Paws

And will be looking at the following areas in the future.

Beaver Creek

Quartz Mountain

Highway 57 Corridor

Kathy gave a brief explanation of Recreation and Residence Standards and Guidelines as far as fire prevention is concerned.

Chris Howell gave a good example of a homework sheet to come up with Desired Condition.

Questions:

Why can't fire trails be cleaned up and include routes into major fire/fuel areas?

Use mapping to show areas that we want to protect also where to create fire breaks with sanitation.

What about other jurisdictions?

What about the let burn policy in the wilderness?

Carolyn handed out pages from the Analysis Management Situation (AMS)

Group will complete one product then will have the path to create others.

Next meeting: January 7, 2004, at 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the Priest Lake Ranger Station Cookhouse.

Agenda:

- Group will work on Desired Condition for Fire Risk