

Libby GA Workgroup Meeting Notes
12/15/03 at 6:30 pm

Ponderosa Room at Libby City Hall

Attendance: Forest Service – Malcolm Edwards and Deb Bond. Public - Gary Hall, Eileen Carney, Colleen Snyder, Joel Chandler, Nancy Jackson, Paul Leimbach, Cindy Betlach, Tony Johnson, Bob Parker, Rita Windom, David Cronenwett, Vicki Munson, Wilbar Hartle, Donna Oneil, Len Howells, Forrest Black, and Randy Remp.

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| <u>Agenda:</u> | Recap of previous meeting information | 6:30-6:40 |
| | Power Point on Planning Process | 6:40-7:00 |
| | DFC sharing | 7:00-7:30 |
| | Break | |
| | Work/agreement on DFCs | 7:35-8:15 |
| | Subgroup Report (ATVs/snowmobile) | 8:15-8:30 |

Next Meeting: **January 14th 6:30PM at Ponderosa Room, City Hall**

- Edwards presented a power point presentation on the Planning Process, explaining DFC, standards and guidelines, monitoring and timelines.

Draft Forest Planning goals include:

Ecosystem Health,
Multiple benefits for people,
Community Development and Public Involvement
Access
Native American Rights and Interests

Standard = required course of action to achieve a DFC

Guideline = advisable course of action to achieve a DFC

- Jackson/Chandler presented two maps outlining preferred ATV circular routes (will continue to refine these); some discussion on snowmobile routes. A DFC statement could include “provide for opportunities of circular or round trip ATV/snowmobile routes within the Libby GA” – these could also go beyond the Libby GA into another adjacent GA or state (will need to track these with the adjacent work groups). ATV route width would include the 52-inch definition. Also provide trails for other groups (ie, non-motorized or horseback, bikes etc.)

Other comments:

- “Minimize user conflicts.
- “Monitoring and enforcement needs.
- “Don’t compromise ecosystem components.
- “Trails could be maintained and monitored with volunteer groups
- “NO user-fees.
- “Plan for motorized access for close-up areas to view the Cabinets Wilderness for motorized use (eg, Bear Creek Road), even if only open for a month or so.
- “Protection and enhancement of our own customs, culture and heritage

Ask Planning Team: (???)

1. What’s the overall plan between Libby GA and others (ie, snowmobile routes) that link between GAs?
2. ICRBA (Columbia River Assessment) – how is it considered in the planning process?

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

January 14th next meeting at Ponderosa Room (advertised in newspaper).