

Koocanusa and Tobacco GAs Workgroup Meeting Notes

Feb. 25th, 2004

Attendees: Forest Service – Glen McNitt, Ron Komac and Betty Holder. Public – Carol Blake, Catherin Hogan, Dave Leeman, Holly McKenzie, Greg Seabloom, Wayne Finch, Dorothy Harlese, Ella Adams, Kathleen Bolen, and David Hadden.

The meeting went well. We had ten people attend and five others who couldn't attend but said they wanted to be involved. Glen presented a brief history of the work group process and showed the power point developed in June of 2003. Then we reviewed the geographic areas and presented maps and background data. Glen also talked about the previous results from the June public meeting with regards to the three top issues of Access/recreation, Vegetation management/timber production, and fire risk. Glen discussed the current time frame, possible products and the importance of getting ideas identified rather than insuring consensus among all participants. At this point we went around the room and people expressed which topics they were most interested in. Most people agreed with the three top issues. David Hadden (Mont. Wild. Assoc.) added a concern about monitoring and making sure we can fund our monitoring activities.

Then we asked who wanted to be part of a work group and all present said they would be interested. We scheduled a meeting for March 11, 2004, 6:30 PM at the Forest Service Eureka office and a March 22nd tentative meeting at the same location. The focus of the first meeting will be to look at Access/Recreation desired conditions for the GA's. The group wanted the Forest Service to be the facilitator and organize the meeting. We got names, addresses and emails from everyone and adjourned at 8:30 PM.