

**National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) MEETING-**

May 18, 2005, West River Ag Center, 1905 Plaza Drive, Rapid City, SD 1:00 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** Board Members: Chairman Tom Blair, Vice Chair Bob Kloss, Aaron Everett, Jim Heinert, Marisue Hilliard, Doug Hofer, Everett Hoyt, Ron Johnsen, Jim Margadant, Bob Paulson, Jim Scherrer, Linda Tokarczyk, Theresa Two Bulls, and Paul Valandra (alternate for Charles Colombe). Alternates, John Culberson, Nancy Kile, and Joe Sandrini. Forest Service Representatives, Lonnie Arthur, recorder, Frank Carroll, Craig Kjar, Steve Kozel, Dave Thom, and Bob Thompson. Approximately 10 members of the general public, media and congressional staff were also present.

**WELCOME AND ROLL CALL:** Chairman Blair called the meeting to order. The provisional status of the board and alternates will remain until the receipt of the AD 755 form from each member and their final approval.

**Carroll:** It appears that those currently attending were introduced at our last meeting, so no new introductions need to be made. If others come later, we will do our introductions.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**Chairman Blair:** If there are no comments or corrections, the minutes will stand as approved. Paulson and Tokarczyk noted changes. Minutes approved with changes noted.

**APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

**Chairman Blair:** If there are no changes to the agenda it will stand as printed. Agenda approved.

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

**Carroll:** Thanks to the Boxelder Job Corps for providing refreshments and to Craig Kjar for delivering them.

**MEETING PROTOCOLS:**

**Carroll:** There are some remaining AD 755's that need to be completed as noted in the agenda. Tom Blair has submitted his and others are in the mail. We will follow up to obtain the remaining forms.

Copies of the proposed Operating Procedures and By Laws were distributed.

**Kloss:** Motion to adopt, Paulson, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Unanimous approval

**HOT TOPICS:**

**Hilliard:** We have a new Forest Supervisor for the Black Hills National Forest. He is Craig Bobzien and he is currently deputy forest supervisor of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. His report date and schedule are still in negotiation and it is anticipated that he will be here sometime around mid July. We will keep you posted as we have more concrete information.

**Chairman Blair:** At a meeting soon after Craig (Bobzien) is here, we should do a field trip so he can get a feel for this group and the lay of the land.

**Hilliard:** Craig is coming from a forest with similar issues so he has some familiarity with where we are and how it relates to the May 5 roadless rule update.

**Carroll:** Introduced Nancy Kile and Joe Sandrini who are alternate members then brief introductions of remaining board and alternate members.

**Scherrer:** Will you send a list of the members and alternates? Carroll has a list prepared and distributed it to the members and alternates.

**Thompson:** Review of the minutes of the first sub-committee meeting on travel management.

**Chairman Blair:** A reminder, do not use snowmobile maps. We are looking at a PSA in Traveler Magazine. We are hopeful that Black Hills Badlands and Lakes Association will sign off on this also. We are looking for another sportsman (person) to be involved on the committee. The scope of committee may change, when we get Governor's Office involved and this will be a statewide program, not just the Black Hills. Across the board, people will disagree, how to handle; ATV's for work, farm, and ranch, trail systems with DOT right of way, realistic funding, and issues of landholders, landowners.

**Scherrer:** These and other issues make it imperative for getting a map out as soon as possible. Some distribution sources may be the parties who will have assisted with the final agreement.

**Chairman Blair:** This committee will grow in size and there is a need to bring more people in.

**Tokarczyk:** Are there currently any representatives from Wyoming? I would recommend that we consider people from Wyoming to fill positions that are vacant or being sought.

**Chairman Blair:** So noted.

**Hoyt:** I wish to offer my compliments to the committee for moving forward rapidly.

**Paulson:** How long will the sub committee last?

**Chairman Blair:** I would expect it to have roughly an 18-month life span. Part of the term will be the bringing forth of a legislative bill.

**Paulson:** Who will take bill forward?

**Hofer:** The Game, Fish, and Parks Department will take the lead.

**Kloss:** We need to be thinking in terms of governors not singular as in both South Dakota and Wyoming.

**Chairman Blair:** Wyoming already has travel management in place.

**Tokarczyk:** Wyoming has things in place, however we need to be sure to include Wyoming in other discussions.

### **INVASIVE SPECIES:**

**Tokarczyk:** Trying to get everyone at the table is proving to be very difficult. We had anticipated a meeting prior to this meeting of the board and now we are trying for June 7.

A list of potential participants:

Nels Smith, Linda Tokarczyk, Ron Johnsen, (Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board Members) John Teupel, former Black Hills National Advisory Board Member; Craig Beckner, BHNF; Jack Butler, Rocky Mountain Experiment Station, Rapid City; Aaron Everett, Black Hills Multiple Use Coalition; Eric Jennings, Grazing, Spearfish; Dave Breneisen, Timber, Pope and Talbot; Greg Mumm, Off-road users, Rapid City; Audrey Gabel, Botanist, Spearfish; Scott Guffy, Pennington County Weed and Pest Supervisor, Rapid City; Dave Heck, Lawrence County Weed and Pest Supervisor, Spearfish; Kurt Allen, SD Department of Agriculture; Roger Gates, Range Specialist Jack Erickson; Fisheries Biologist, SD Game, Fish and Parks, Rapid City

Five general topics to cover:

1. How do we define invasive species? How do we define their management/control? What are the primary species of management concern in the BHNF?
2. What forest activities exacerbate the spread of invasive species? How do we minimize the impact of those activities while maintaining productivity/multiple use?
3. What approaches/methods of management/control are currently working well? What areas of invasive species management need improvement? What are the obstacles to more effective management/control of invasive species in the BHNF?
4. How can we facilitate cooperation between federal, state and local governments and private landowners to develop a unified approach to invasive species management in the BHNF?
5. What is our goal/recommendation to the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board for invasive species management and how can this subcommittee facilitate achieving that goal?

Other issues brought up by participants.

**Chairman Blair:** Let's take a few minutes to introduce Theresa Two bulls and Paul Valandra

**Break:** We are waiting for Dave Thom from the Forest Service who will give an update on Phase II.

**PHASE II:**

**Chairman Blair:** Bob Kloss will begin the discussion on Phase 2 in Thom's absence.

**Kloss:** According to the April 19 minutes, we were given a charge and we have met, but no hard copies have been distributed to the board. We had a series of meetings all in one week and pulled together everyone's ideas. Everyone focused on the objective and we were able to roll up our sleeves, get to work and move forward. This sub committee probably needs to meet one more time summarize our work. Since the original plan goes back to 1997, another 4 weeks should not create difficulties in the reporting schedule. The sub committee will meet after this meeting to schedule our next sub committee meeting.

**Hilliard:** Rick Cables has been briefed as to the meeting and the extension and is ok with that.

**Kloss:** The finding of sub committee is:

1. Forest conditions and wildlife habitat
2. Fire and insect management
3. The role of budget assumptions

**Thom:** Update on Phase II: public comments have been reviewed and we are working on the final environmental analysis. We have started the re analysis and we will have the sub committee take a look at the preliminary work. We will need to schedule one more sub committee meeting and we can look at some prospective meeting dates after we adjourn.

**Chairman Blair:** We are nearly completed with today's meeting and are ready to receive public comments.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**Carroll:** Election of officers will be held at our June 15 meeting. All those who are interested in serving let me know. We will elect a Chair and Vice Chair and current officers may be candidates for the upcoming term.

**Kloss:** I would like to re configure this meeting room, to provide more space for visitors.

**Chairman Blair:** We are ready to receive public comments.

**Sandrini:** What about alternates getting information?

**Chairman Blair:** All information goes to both the principals and alternates.

**Kloss:** Be sure the alternate is informed to attend a meeting for the principal if he or she is unable to attend.

**Carroll:** We will redo lists to indicate who are the principles and their alternates.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Chairman Blair:** We are now ready for public comments.

**Patterson:** Distributed handouts from The Norbeck Society advertising its next public meeting and made a brief presentation regarding the meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

**Chairman Blair:** If there are no additional public comments, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Scherrer:** Motion to adjourn, **Tokarczyk**, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting adjourned 2:36 p.m.