

Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee
Kootenai NF Supervisor's Office
February 1, 2006

Members Present:

Group A

Keith Glover
Lee Disney
Steve Garrett
Russ Hudson via CC

Group B

Peter Kitts
Wayne Hirst
Robyn King

Group C

Eileen Carney
Rita Windom
Marianne Roose
Steve Newman*
Gary Huntsberger

Members Absent:

Bruce Vincent
Ken Stevens

John Bosworth*
Tim Linehan
Bill Martin

Ralph Heinert

*Designates replacement members

Forest Service Present: Bob Castaneda – Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Mike Guthneck for – Libby District Ranger, Mike Balboni – Three Rivers District Ranger, Cami Winslow, Sandi Mason and Willie Sykes

Meeting Notes:

Lee Disney led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. The minutes from the September 6, 2005 meeting were approved as written.

Cami informed the group that the authorization to spend 06' RAC money was received.

The status of the reauthorization for the RAC is uncertain.

Send a letter of support for the reauthorization to Congress - for now no letter has been sent. Lee will take a stab with help from other RAC members.

Rita suggested sending letters to Montana congressional delegation for their support. Rita will get a list of issues/talking points to Barb. Then start an email/mail campaign.

Bob suggested working under the premise that the Act will be reauthorized.

If it's not reauthorized it will probably go back to the 25% to timber counties.

Rangers gave an update on their projects.

Mike Guthneck gave an update on D5 projects that are completed, near completion or materials purchased.

Mike Balboni gave an update on the shooting range in Troy. Shooting range can't use RAC money. So came up with funds from the district to get analysis done. Because of controversy found a second site from the original site. Haven't made a decision on the site yet. The district is working with the County and public.

Robyn suggested the RAC go take a look at the project (Dodge Summit Trail).

Do a story on a visible project from this list - Willie

Turner Mountain	Plateau Fuels
Pipe Creek Parking lot	Stone Hill
Re-reg	17-Mile
Wolverine Cabin	Osprey Landing
Callahan Interpretive Trail	Libby Airport Shooting Range
Marston Road	Old Highway 2 Trail
Historic Raven Work Center	Sheldon Heights

The RAC is still comfortable with their prioritization list from a last year. It may change a little after the commissioners meeting.

The priority list:

- Recreation/wildlife habitat improvement
- Weeds
- Fuels reduction/thinning
- Other education (leverage with Title III) grazing and agriculture

Priority will be given to projects with partnerships. And ones that show improvement/work on the ground.

The RAC thinks the YCC program is very good for the community and will look at this for 2007.

For info, John Bosworth informed several RAC members that he'll be resigning from the RAC Committee; however, no letter of resignation has been received.

Next Meeting will be April 12, 2006 at 6 p.m. in the Forest Supervisor's Office.

Rangers can start giving proposal presentations.

Notes by Willie Sykes
February 2, 2006