

Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee
Kootenai NF Supervisor's Office
September 19, 2007

Members Present:

Group A

Russ Hudson
Lee Disney
Bruce Vincent
Steve Garrett*

Group B

Peter Kitts
Robyn King
Bill Martin
Wayne Hirst

Group C

Eileen Carney
Marianne Roose
Gary Huntsberger
Rita Windom

Members Absent:

Keith Glover
Ken Stephens-excused

Tim Linehan-excused
Vacant*

Ralph Heinert
Vacant*

*Designates replacement members

Forest Service Present: Paul Bradford – Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Paul Stantus, Kevin Cardwell & Deena Shotzberger – Libby District, Mike Herrin & Russ Gautreaux – Three Rivers District, Betty Holder – Fortine & Rexford RD, Sandi Mason - Facilitator, Barbara Edgmon – RAC Coordinator and Cami Winslow

Public Present: Gary Altman, John Konzen and Julia Seaward - MCC

Meeting Notes:

Lee Disney led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Sandi Mason.

Motion made and seconded to elect Robyn King as chairperson & Lee Disney as co-chairperson. Motion carried.

RAC members discussed the types of projects that will be given priority consideration for funding. Fuel reduction vs. pre commercial thinning projects was discussed. Referred to letter from Commissioners in 2006 requesting fuels be a top priority for project funding.

Motion made and seconded to move fuel reduction projects to the #1 priority for project funding. Priorities will be as follows:

1. Fuels reduction/thinning
2. Recreation/wildlife habitat improvement
3. Weeds
4. Other education (leverage w/Title III) grazing and agriculture

Motion Carried.

The minutes from the August 23, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

RAC project financial spread sheet was reviewed.

Motion made, seconded and carried to add excess of \$54,000 from 2003 projects to the \$700,000 allotted for 2008 projects from the County Commissioners.

Motion made, seconded and carried to use excess funds of \$58,000 from 2004 projects to fund RW-01 with any additional excess funds from previous years to up to \$47,500 to complete the project.

The following Road/Water projects were unanimously approved:

Project # and Name	Location	Amount
RW-03 South Dickey Chip Seal	Eureka/Fortine	\$37,000
RW-04 Skid Creek Road Repairs	Eureka/Fortine	\$60,200
RW-05 Devil's Elbow Culvert	Eureka/Fortine	\$46,750
RW-07 Beetle Creek N Phase II	Troy	\$77,000
RW-08 Star Bridge	Troy	\$13,000
RW-10 Ross Creek Road Chip Seal	Troy	\$57,500
RW-12 Keeler Creek Bank Stabilization	Troy	\$20,000
RW-14 Keeler Creek Sediment Survey	Troy	\$14,000
RW-15 N Fork Keeler Watershed Restoration	Troy	\$7,000
RW-16 Pipe Creek III	Libby	\$8,500
RW-17 Granite Creek Stream Improvement	Libby	\$26,000
RW-18 Fisher River Road Storage III	Libby	\$16,900
TOTAL for 2008 funds		\$383,850
RW-01 McKillop/McGinnis Asphalt Overlay	Libby	\$58,000 from 04 monies
Total all approved projects		\$441,850

The following other projects were approved for funding for 2008:

Project # and Name	Location	Type	Amount
O-03 Libby YCC	Libby	Education	\$17,000
O-06 Eureka YCC	Eureka	"	\$18,550
O-07 Fortine YCC	Fortine	"	\$17,425
O-22 Troy YCC	Troy	"	\$26,000
O-30 Fortine Trails *	Fortine	"	\$4,400
Sub – Total Education			\$83,375
O-01 Interface thinning & fuel reduction	Libby	Fuels	\$36,000
O-09 Thirsty Rock Fuels	Eureka/Fortine	"	\$45,000
O-10 Virginia Hill Fuels	Eureka/Fortine	"	\$24,750
O-19 Obermayer Biomass Fuel Reduction	Troy	"	\$15,000
O-20 NE Yaak Fuels	Troy	"	\$54,700
O-21 Rocky Pines Fuels	Troy	"	\$30,100
Sub -Total Fuels			\$205, 550
O-4 SST at Warland Creek & Gold Panning	Libby	Recreation	\$26,000

O-02 Weed Control in Recreation Areas	Libby	Weeds	\$15,000
O-08 N End Integrated weeds	Eureka/Fortine	“	\$17,500
O-13 Scalp Mountain	Eureka/Fortine	“	\$2,500
O-14 Bugs on Pinkham	Eureka/Fortine	“	\$2,600
O-15 Bugs on C Branch	Eureka/Fortine	“	\$1,900
O-28 District Wide Weed Spraying	Troy	“	\$22,000
O-29 Garver TS Weed Spraying	Troy	“	\$3,000
Sub – Total Weeds			\$64,500
Total			\$379,425

* 2 dissenting votes

Motion made, seconded and carried to select the following as contingency projects with Paul Bradford prioritizing if funds become available:

Project # and Name	Location	Amount
RW-01 McKillop/McGinnis Asphalt Overlay	Libby	\$47,500
O-05 Dickey Lake Swim Area Cleanup	Eureka/Fortine	\$7,500
O-25 Little Spar Lake Trail	Troy	\$15,000

Marianne Roose reported on the DC Fly-In to show support for the Rural Schools and Community Act that funds Title II and III. Senate has passed the measure and it is now in the House Committee. Marianne thanked Paul Bradford for the letter he sent to RAC members thanking them for their volunteer efforts and the important projects that have been completed.

Next meeting will be in March 2008. The RAC Coordinator will pick the date.

Topics will include:

- *Report on status of approved projects
- *Plan for National RAC meeting and National Forest Counties & Schools Coalition Convention

Barbara Edgmon
September 24, 2007