

Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee
Kootenai NF Supervisor's Office
September 25, 2006

Members Present:

Group A

Russ Hudson
Lee Disney
Bruce Vincent-phone
Steve Garrett*

Group B

Peter Kitts
Robyn King
Bill Martin
Wayne Hirst

Group C

Eileen Carney
Rita Windom-phone
Marianne Roose-phone
Ralph Heinert
Gary Huntsberger

Members Absent:

Keith Glover -excused
Ken Stephens - excused

Vacant*
Tim Linehan

Steve Newman*

*Designates replacement members

Forest Service Present: Paul Bradford – Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Malcolm Edwards – Libby District, Russ Gautreaux – Three Rivers District, Cami Winslow, Sandi Mason - Facilitator, and Barbara Edgmon – RAC Coordinator

Public Present:

Meeting Notes:

Lee Disney led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Sandi Mason. The minutes from the August 2, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

The RAC choose November 8, 2006 6pm in the Supervisor's Office for their next meeting. Marianne Roose, Rita Windom and Robyn King would like to report on their recent trip to Washington DC.

****RAC Chairman, Lee Disney, has cancelled the November 8th meeting as there are only 2 agenda items. Next RAC meeting will be scheduled for 2007. Forest Service will send out project status worksheet by mid-November. Rita Windom's topic will be sent out via briefing materials****

RACs will be funded for FY07. The County Commissioners have allocated \$750,000 for Title II projects. \$348,000 in addition to the projects selected on August 2, 2006 will need to be approved for funding with FY07 dollars. Contingency projects will also need to be selected in case there are approved projects that are completed under budget or cannot be implemented. All Title II projects must be selected and voted on by the RAC by September 30, 2006 as directed by Public Law 106-393. RAC funds not obligated (allocated to a specific project) by September 30, 2007 will revert to the U.S. Treasury.

Russ Hudson presented a plan for the selection of projects that would even out funding between the three community areas.

Marianne Roose does not want to apply money to the YES Program (O-14) as a portion of the administrative costs would go to Montana Conservation Corps employees who may not be residents of Lincoln County.

RAC reviewed submitted projects not previously funded.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to fund the following projects for FY 2007

District	Project #	Name	Amount
Libby	RW-09	Midas Creek Fish Passage Culvert Replacement	\$27,200
3 Rivers	RW-08	Vinal Creek Restoration & Trail Reconstruction	8,800
3 Rivers	RW-05	N. Fork O'Brien Fish Passage	73,210
3 Rivers	RW-04	Pete Creek Chip Seal (total requested \$71,700)	30,640
"	"	Pete Creek Chip Seal (additional \$33,335 approved)	33,335
		Total	\$173,185

*Motion passed that if funds become available apply to RW-04

^Motion made and passed to increase O-22 by \$4,200 to include trail work from O-14. (opposed by Peter Kitts).

Motion made and passed to fund the following projects for FY07:

District	Project #	Name	Amount
Eureka	O-22	YCC \$13,700 – previously approved (increase by \$4,200 for Trails 358 & 339 O-14)	^\$4,200
ALL	O-34	RAC Administrative Expenses	10,000
Libby	O-09	Recreation Noxious Weed Control	17,500
3 Rivers	O-16	Handicapped Hunter Roads Weed Control	4,000
3 Rivers	O-17	Obermeyer Weed Control	2,500
3 Rivers	O-18	West Troy Sale Weed Control	4,000
3 Rivers	O-19	Garver Timber Sale Weed Spraying	3,000
3 Rivers	O-20	NE Yaak Project Area Spraying	7,000
Eureka	O-15	Stone Hill Pictograph Mitigation	4,100
Fortine	O-23	N Dickey Lake Boat Dock & Slip	30,000
Fortine	O-25	Sunday Falls Dispersed Site	3,000
Fortine	O-26	Viewing Interpretive Sites along roads to Ten Lakes	16,000
Fortine	O-27	Timber Lake physically challenged access trail & fishing platform	7,525
Fortine	O-28	Weasel Lake physically challenged access trail & fishing platform	6,860
Fortine	O-30	Fortine Integrated Weed Management	15,000
Libby	O-04	Farm to Market WUI Fuel Reduction	8,200
Libby	O-05	Swede Mtn WUI fuel reduction	10,300
		Total	\$153,185

Motion made and passed (opposed by Bill Martin) to increase funding by \$33,335 for RW-04 Pete Creek Chip seal (total requested \$71,700) to bring total approved funding to \$63,975.

Motion made and passed to fund the following projects (as prioritized below) on contingency that approved projects are completed under budget and funds are available:

Prioritization	District	Project #	Name	Amount
#1	3 Rivers	RW-04	Pete Creek Chip Seal	\$7,725
#2	Libby RD	O-07	Interface Fuel Reduction/Thinning	26,245
#3	Libby RD	O-06	Upper Pipe WUI Fuel Reduction	8,889
#4	Libby RD	O-08	Lake Kocanusa Toilet Installations, District Ranger to prioritize locations	65,500
#5	3 Rivers	O-12	Pulpit Ridge Trail #709	20,000
#6	3 Rivers	O-11	Little Spar Lake Trail	15,000
#7	3 Rivers	O-10	Little Spar Lake Trail Bridge	42,000

FS note: The above listed projects cannot be implemented without prior budget approval.

Next RAC meeting will be in 2007.

Notes by Barbara Edgmon
October 13, 2006