

<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>

<b>Meeting</b>		
<b>Location:</b> Idaho Fish and Game Regional Office 319 S 417 E, Hwy 93 Business Park Jerome, Idaho	<b>Date:</b> June 24, 2015	<b>Time:</b> 9:00am
<b>Purpose:</b> General Meeting and Project Proposals for Recommendation for Approval		
<b>Member Attendees:</b> Nils Ribi, Chairman, Kerry McMurray, Woody Anderson, Jim Keating, Jim Simpson, Mike Ricondo, Stan Mai, Dan Parrott, Wes Fields, Chad Chorney, Claude Ballard, Mark Toone.		
<b>Public Attendees:</b> None		
<b>Speakers/Special Guests:</b> Mark Dallon, David Ashby, Loren Poppert, Kevin Duchow, Scott Solletti, Kurt Nelson, Scott Savage, Bobbi Filbert, Terry Lee		
<b>Designated Federal Officer:</b> Julie Thomas		<b>Notetaker:</b> Beckie Wagoner

**General Discussion Notes:**

- Call to Order by Chairman Nils Ribi - 0900
- Introduction of Attendees
- Public Forum: Public forum was opened by the chair, but there was no one in attendance to comment.

Julie Thomas distributed money amounts to the RAC members, total monies available was \$98,200.00. Funds need to be spent by the fall of 2016.

Julie reviewed RAC member terms. Last year's monies and projects reviewed.

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#### Project Proposals

- 1) Mark Dallon, Minidoka District presented the Lake Fork Culvert Project. The culvert was purchased last year but project was not started. The new culvert is 8 ft. diameter. The cost slightly increased from last year due to the new culvert size. We are requesting \$6,000 to finish the project, which would occur in late Oct or early Nov after the hunt. It will take approximately three days to complete.
- 2) David Ashby, Minidoka District presented Minidoka Trail Revisions. Maps provided. Requesting \$12,120 it won't complete the projects but will help.
- 3) Kevin Duchow, Supervisors Office presented the Warm Springs Road Improvement. Improved some areas but no gravel was put on it due to time constraints. Continuation of the past year we are proposing to do 8/10 of a mile this year. Improvements will include road buildup of low areas, gravel. We are requesting the limit of \$12,500.
- 4) Scott Soletti, Minidoka District presented the Houtz Canyon 2 project. Some of the goals include increasing aspen density, maintaining multiple age class aspen stands, and natural fuel breaks. If funded will add the funds to the existing contract and will start early August. We are requesting \$12,500.
- 5) Kurt Nelson, Ketchum District presented the Noxious Weed Control. Continuation of the work we are doing in conjunction with South Central Idaho RAC. Approximately 1400 acres will be treated. A combined crew from Stanley and Ketchum will complete the project. We are requesting \$12,500 from this RAC and \$25,000 from the other RAC.
- 6) Kurt Nelson, Ketchum District presented the Deer Creek Trails. This is a continuation of the post fire restoration project. Need to do some reconstruction of the roads to get them out of the erosion channels. Want to get some of the trails back over the next couple of years as well. We are requesting \$12,500 from the RAC. We will be applying for grants and using some forest service funding to complete this project.

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- 7) Scott Savage, Sawtooth Avalanche Center (SAC) presented the Sawtooth Avalanche Weather Station. Received public funding from "Friends of the Sawtooth Avalanche Center," they support about half of the costs to run the center. We received \$20,800 from IDPR, \$26,000 from BSU, \$3,500 from USFS, \$1,600 in volunteer labor, \$1,500 from Friends of the SAC. We are requesting \$6,950. Some of the benefits that are provided by the SAC include public safety, better information for winter recreationists, summer data (fire, recreation, research) and education.
- 8) Bobbi Filbert, Ketchum District presented the Vault Toilet Vent Screens. Birds are getting caught in the vent pipes. We purchased 50 screens with last year's funding of \$1,500. Have been getting funding from various supporters, we were able to install about 85 screens last year with volunteers. For safety reasons this year we will need a scissor lift to install the screens. The community has been very involved along with the kids and it has been a great project. We are requesting \$1,400 to finish the project. The screens have all been purchased now we just need to install them now.
- 9) Terry Lee, Camas County presented the Noxious Weed Program. Wanting to treat around the Big Smokey area and be proactive. We are requesting \$12,500 to continue this program. We are getting funding from other sources but not enough to cover it all. Includes surveying and trailheads, and will be used on county roads/areas.

#### The voting commenced as follows:

There was a motion by Chad and it was seconded by Stan to fund each project at the level requested.

Motion to amend the original motion by Kerry and second by Woody to amend that on the **Minidoka trails money could only be used for the creation of trails and not for the elimination of trails.**

*\*Clarification: it applied only to trails within the boundaries of Cassia co.*

#### **All in favor - motion to amend carries**

Motion to amend the original motion by Jim Simpson to change the amount on the Minidoka Trails request from \$12,120 to \$10,773 Kerry McMurray seconded, **All in favor - motion to amend carries**

Motion to amend the original motion by Kerry, seconded by Claude to add \$2,000 to the Sawtooth Avalanche center request.

#### **All in favor - motion carries**

Motion to amend the original motion by Mike Ricondo to give \$2,000 to Lake Fork Culvert, no second - **motion failed.**

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Motion to amend the original motion by Chad, seconded by Claude to split the remaining \$8,577 available money equally between Cassia Co and Ketchum District for their Weed Control projects. **9 in favor, 2 against – motion to amend carries.**

**The Chairman called for a vote on the original motion as amended. All in favor, motion carried.**

Lake Fork Culvert Replacement	Forest Service	\$6,000.00
Houtz Canyon	Forest Service	\$12,500.00
Minidoka Trail Revisions	Forest Service - Stipulations Attached	\$10,773.00
Blaine County Noxious Weed	Forest Service	\$16,788.50
Deer Creek Trail Reconstruction	Forest Service	\$12,500.00
Vault Toilet Vent Screen Install	Forest Service	\$1,400.00
Camas County CWMA	Grant	\$16,788.50
Warm Springs Road Improvement	Agreement	\$12,500.00
Sawtooth Avalanche Center	Grant	\$8,950.00
		\$98,200.00

The meeting was adjourned at 1400.