

**Custer County Resource Advisory Committee
Meeting April 7, 2009 – Forest Supervisors Office – Custer, SD**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair John Culberson at 5:30 pm

Roll Call and Introductions

Category A

Donald Gifford

Dick Kessler

Mike Carter

Category B

Dorothea Edgington

Reed Haug

Rex Harris

Doris McDill

Category C

John Culberson

Travis Bies

Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy

Ramona Flaig -Bradeen

Forest Service

Lynn Kolund -District Ranger

Jeff Tomac- Rangeland Management Specialist

Cathy Rosane- Administrative Coordinator

Public

Sandra Walker

Heath Reindl

Terry Reetz

Operating Guidelines – Review/Acceptance

The Committee reviewed existing guidelines and recommended some changes as summarized here and applied in the Operating Guidelines Attachment:

3. Based on legislation three committee members from each category must be in attendance to conduct an “official meeting” and for project decisions.
6. Meetings will start at 5:30 pm and end with the finalization of agenda business.
7. The Committee does not want to hire an outside facilitator-The Committee Chair/Vice Chair will facilitate meetings.
12. Absenteeism-two consecutive meetings missed will be discussed/recommended by the Chair for possible removal, recommended by the Forest Supervisor and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.
13. Removed – Transportation costs are not compensable

Motion to Accept the Operating Guidelines with edits: Rex Harris

Second: Dorothea Edgington

Operating Guidelines accepted.

Review of Minutes of February 25, 2009 Meeting

Dick Kessler added to list of attendees
Motion to Approve: Travis Bies
Second: Reed Haug
Minutes of February 25, 2009 approved.

Public Comments: None

Old Business

Prior Project Display- Jeff Tomac presented a pictorial and narrative of prior projects:

2007 Camp Bob Marshall Flooring – Western 4-H Facility-FS Project Manager David Pickford-Replacement of kitchen floor at the cookhouse.

2007-2008 Invasive Weed Control Black Elk Wilderness – USDA Forest Service-Treated all weeds in the Black Elk Wilderness-FS Project Manager Jeff Tomac

2007-2008 Trail #9 South- FS Project Manager David Pickford- Black Elk Wilderness re-routes, tread hardening, hazard tree removal, revegetation, visitor safety improvement, and drainage.

2008 Custer City Chipping Project- Slash piles chipped south of Custer-FS Project Manager Joe Harbach

Discussion: Project Posters will be displayed at the Custer County Courthouse and Custer City Office. Future projects will include both Forest Service and RAC Project Managers to facilitate timely processing, monitoring and close-out of projects.

Monitoring Assignments:

Custer County Fairgrounds Bleacher Project: Final Monitoring-Travis Bies will provide pictures and narrative

Trail #9 South: Final Monitoring-Mike Carter will coordinate field review with Lynn Kolund and Gary Brundige.

Sunday Gulch Trail: Final Monitoring-Mike Carter will coordinate field review with Lynn Kolund and Gary Brundige.

Custer State Park Weeds: Final Monitoring-Jeff Tomac will contact CSP representative to obtain final monitoring report to include acres treated and other pertinent information.

Way Park Custer VFD: Current Project-RAC Project Manager; Rex Harris will contact Proponent and report back with timeline for completion of work this field season.

New Business

Title II Special Projects on Federal Land – Lynn Kolund

Title II funds may be used for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, and other resource objectives consistent with the SRS Act on federal land and on nonfederal land where projects would benefit the resources on federal land.

The purpose of the SRS Act includes making additional investments in and creating additional employment opportunities through projects that:

- Improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure

- Implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems
- Restore and improve land health and water quality

The funds may be used for projects that enjoy broad-based support and have objectives that may include;

- Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration
- Soil productivity improvement
- Improvements in forest ecosystem health
- Watershed restoration and maintenance
- Restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat
- Control of noxious and exotic weeds
- Establishment of native species

At least 50% of all Title II funds must be used for projects that are primarily dedicated to road maintenance, decommissioning or obliteration; or restoration of streams and watersheds.

New Project Proposals-RAC Funding Requests

Water for Wildlife-Forest Service-Design and Install Wildlife Escape Ramps....	\$8,125.
Camp Bob Marshall-Road Repair-Entrance Road Repair.....	\$4,000.
George S. Michelsen Trail-Hard Surfacing within City limits.....	\$10,000.
Custer County Fairgrounds Improvements-4 yr cost share.....09 request.....	\$23,195.
Biological Weed Control-Custer County Conservation-Bio control sites.....	\$3,200.
Noxious Weed Control-4 yr cost share-Custer County Conservation 09 request ..	\$5,000.
Kids in the Woods-Custer County Conservation-Conservation Education.....	\$15,900.
West Dam Fishing Pier Phase I-Paul Dehaan.....	\$10,000.
West Dam Fishing Pier Phase II-Paul Dehaan.....	\$14,000.
Pageant Hill Children’s Playground-Terry Reentz.....	\$10,000.
Total Projects Submitted.....	\$103,420.

Projects Approved by RAC:

Water for Wildlife-\$8,125-unanimously approved
Camp Bob Marshall Road Repair-\$4,000.-approved by Don Gifford, Dick Kessler, Mike Carter, Reed Haug, Rex Harris, Doris McDill, John Culberson, Travis Bies, Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy ; Those voting No; Dorothea Edgington and Ramona Flaig-Bradeen.
Custer County Fairgrounds Improvements-\$23,195.-unanimously approved
Biological Weed Control-\$3,200.-unanimously approved
Noxious Weed Control-\$5,000.-unanimously approved
Kids in the Woods- \$15,900. -unanimously approved
Approved projects total \$59,420.
Project Approval Agreements will be prepared for recommendation by Mike Chase, Custer County RAC Chair and Lynn Kolund, Designated Federal Official and Approval by Craig Bobzien, Forest Supervisor.

Unapproved Projects:

George S. Michelsen Trail- Rex Harris will contact SDGFP Representative Harley Noem to discuss this project for future proposal.

West Dam Fishing Pier Phase I – Does not meet the criteria for Title II funding

West Dam Fishing Pier Phase II – Does not meet the criteria for Title II funding

Pageant Hill Children’s Playground – Does not meet the criteria for Title II funding

Next Meeting - May 13, 2009 - 5:30 pm – Forest Supervisors Office, Custer, SD.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30 pm: Reed Haug

Second: Rex Harris

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.