

## **Pennington County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date** June 28, 2011

**Time** 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location** Mystic Ranger District Office  
8221 South Highway 16  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57702

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This was the fourth meeting for the Pennington County Resource Advisory Committee.

**RAC Members present – Don Hausle, Patty Brown, Ken Edel, Jim Glines, Jerry Cole, Skip Tillisch, Deb Black, Ervin Berg, Dan Conrad, Lori Litzen, Michael Verchio, Quintin LaGrande, Carson Engelskirger, Patrick Brondos**

**RAC Members not present – Danielle Wiebers, Dirk Gustin**

**Forest Service – Robert J. Thompson, Lisa Sanders, Michael Salisbury, Dawn Laybolt**

**Public – none**

**Other – Dianne Miller (Project Learning Tree), Scott Guffey (Pennington County Weed & Pest)**

### **Agenda:**

- Decision on Back Country Horsemen project tabled until July meeting, pending modifications to the project proposal.
- Committee will conduct business using Roberts Rules of Order. All proposals will be received by August meeting and approved no later than the September meeting. Project proposals will be allowed a five minute presentation period, with five additional minutes for questions. All proposals will be reviewed and discussed. A majority (3 of 5) in each category is required to approve a project. Prioritization of projects will be determined by time-sensitivity on a case by case basis, and may be voted on early, as needed. Replacement members may vote within their respective categories, if a primary member is absent. Votes will also be accepted via proxy, or over the phone.
- Project Learning Tree Proposal –Dianne Miller, Presenter  
Project Learning Tree (PLT) is an award winning non-profit 501(c) (3), multi-disciplinary environmental education program for educators and students in Pre K - grade 12. As a program of the American Forest Foundation, PLT is one of the most widely used environmental education programs in the United States and abroad, and continues to set the standard for environmental education excellence. South Dakota Project Learning Tree has been actively involved in training formal and non-formal educators for the past

27 years in South Dakota with premier environmental education materials and resource guides. PLT provides tools for educators to teach young people *how to think, not what to think* about complex environmental issues. PLT's annual average of educators reached through professional development workshops is 200. (200 educators @ 20 students equals 4000 reached each year.) Request for funding (\$10,000) will support a project to offer three educator workshops in Rapid City area, with an estimated 60 educators attending, a booth at the Kid's Fair in Rapid City, Sd, and a pre-conference workshop for the International PLT conference in May of 2012.

No vote was taken on this proposal. Request decision on approval by 1 August 2011.

- Rockerville Leafy Spurge Reduction Project – Scott Guffey, Presenter  
Description – Inventory leafy spurge infestations with GPS/GIS on private and forest service property in the project area. Treat inventoried leafy spurge with Perspective herbicide. Goal is to create a GIS database of current leafy spurge infestations in the project area and reduce the number of current infested acres of leafy spurge in the project area. The Rockerville project area has scattered leafy spurge infestations that are containable and possibly eradicable. Requested dollar amount from the RAC is \$10,165.  
Timeline for funding approval is not time-sensitive. No vote was taken on this proposal.
- MPB Suppression Project – Scott Guffey, Presenter  
Description – 2011-2012 Pennington County Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) Suppression Project would attempt to create Coordinated Management Areas (CMAs) where coordinated MPB control practices will be done on National Forest and adjacent private land. Also provide surveying of MPB infested MPB trees on private land and a MPB control cost-share program for private landowners in Pennington County. Goal is to identify CMA(s) where MPB sanitary areas can be achieved on National Forest and adjacent private land in high MPB concentration areas. Identify green infested MPB trees on private land and provide cost-share assistance to private landowners controlling MPB in Pennington County. Requested funding from the RAC (Title II funds) is \$61,082.  
Project is time-sensitive. Project was approved by a majority vote and will be forwarded for Forest Service approval.
- Power Point Presentation of Gold Mountain Mine Projects (Forest Service) & Project Proposal – Michael Salisbury, Presenter  
Description – Over the past four years, the Gold Mountain Mine and Mill site, located on the Black Hills National Forest, has undergone a structural rehabilitation through joint efforts between the Forest Service, Pass Port in Time (PIT), and Black Hills Historic Preservation Trust (BHHPT). By means of the mutual agreement, the structural and historic integrity of the site has been stabilized and preserved. Upon completion of the interpretive site, it is the goal that the site will educate local citizens and visitors about the significance of mining and how it related to the settlement and growth of the region. The requested funding amount of \$20,000 is to incorporate interpretive signs and visual aids via an interpretive trail to help visitors better understand the phases of mining and the processes by which valuable minerals were extracted and mined for profit.  
Project funding is not time-sensitive. No vote was taken on this proposal.
- Teepee/Kelly Gulch Stream Crossings Project – Bob Thompson, Presenter  
Description – Teepee Gulch and Kelly Gulch are both open to public access under the recent travel management plan. Each has eleven (11) low water stream crossings. The project would improve these road crossings by either placing cable-concrete mats in the stream or placing arches to pass streamflow.

Goal – Low water stream crossings affect water quality and stream aquatics by adding sediment to the stream and by ponding water which increased water temperature. The project would narrow up the stream channel, reduce sediment, decrease stream temperature, and provide for proper stream functioning. Requested Title II funds amount is \$25,800.

Project funding is not time-sensitive. No vote was taken on this proposal.

- Campground Spraying for MPB Proposal – Bob Thompson, Presenter  
Description – Project would spray the boles of 1099 ponderosa pine trees with insecticide in campgrounds, marinas, and a small number in Reno Gulch. The purpose is to protect trees from becoming infested with Mountain Pine Beetles (MPB). These are large, high value trees in heavily used campgrounds, with a small number (10) of ancient trees (the oldest in the Black Hills) in Reno Gulch. Trees sprayed this past year (2011) with special funding that is not likely to be available in 2012. The spraying will be done with an existing contract that was issued in 2011. Goal is to protect trees in campgrounds and the oldest trees in the Black Hills. Requested amount – Title II funds – is \$19,331.41.  
Project funding is not time-sensitive. No vote was taken on this proposal.
- Schedule Future Meetings – Meetings are scheduled for July 26, August 23 and September 13, 2011. Meetings will be held at the Mystic Ranger District office, 8221 South Highway 16, Rapid City, SD 57702. Start time is 5:00 p.m.

**Handouts** – Project Proposal forms