

MEETING MINUTES

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SCIRAC)

Minutes of Meeting

Location: Idaho Fish and Game Regional Office 319 S 417 E, Hwy 93 Business Park Jerome, Idaho	Date: August 31, 2011	Time: 9:30
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Purpose: Review Project Applications for Funding

Member Attendees: Tom Bowman - Chairman, Nils Ribí - Vice Chairman, R. Chad Chorney, Wes Fields, Jim Keating, Kerry McMurray, Dan Parrott, Donna Pence, Bill Simon, Jim Simpson, Mark Toone, Susan Vance Mr. James W. Keating, New SCIRAC Member and Mr. Dan C Parrott, New SCIRAC Replacement

Public Attendees: None

Speakers/Special Guests: None

Designated Federal Officer: Julie Thomas

Notes: Tammie Darling

General Discussion Notes:

- Call to Order: by Chairman Tom Bowman
- Introduction of Committee Members
- Public Forum: Chairman Tom Bowman noted there was no public in attendance.

Topic 1: Project Reviews:

- Julie Thomas opened up comments reminding the committee of the \$12,500 maximum they put on applications at the last meeting. She also said she understood the committee had decided at the last meeting that all kids (YCC) and weeds were top priority. Jim Simpson stated there was no automatic on the weed projects as he recalled.
- Julie said there would be \$125,293 available this year for funding projects.
- Tom Bowman suggested using the numbers from the excel spreadsheet as the numbering system. Julie agreed; she will use those numbers.
- **SNF-00010 Fox Creek Trailhead Entrance:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Project will move forward for further consideration
- **SNF-00007 & SNF-00008 Sawtooth NRA YCC Program and Fairfield YCC Crew:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Projects will move forward for further consideration
- **SNF-00012 Little Smoky Plantation Thinning:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Determined project is not NEPA ready
 - Project will not move forward for further consideration

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- **Question:** Jim Keating had question on procedure. Committee explained that they were just reviewing applications today to decide which projects they want to hear more about. Committee also explained their by-law on projects being NEPA ready in order to be considered.
- **SNF-00001 Ketchum Ranger District Youth Employment in Recreation and Trails:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Project will not move forward for further consideration
- **SNF-00002 Sawtooth NRA Visitor Maps and Information Signs:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Project will move forward for further consideration
- **Question:** Jim Keating asked about 'criteria'. Committee reviewed the Federal Criteria in the SCIRAC manual.
- **SNF-00003 Blaine County Noxious Weed Control – Sawtooth NRA:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Project will move forward for further consideration
- **SNF-00004 Blaine County Noxious Weed Control – Ketchum RD:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Project will move forward for further consideration
- **Question:** If there is extra money at the end of this review today, can Julie give extra dollars to projects from last year and this year. Julie - Yes
- **SNF-00005 Noxious Weed Inventory & Control – Cassia & Twin Falls Counties:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Project will move forward for further consideration
- **SNF-00006 Warm Springs Road Improvement:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Project will move forward for further consideration
- **SNF-00009 Sawtooth Visitor & Volunteer Information Website:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Project will move forward for further consideration
- **SNF-00013 Fairfield ATV Trail Improvements:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Project will move forward for further consideration
- **SNF-00014 Fairfield Campground Improvements at Baumgartner and Pioneer Campgrounds:**
 - Committee discussed
 - Project will move forward for further consideration

Action Item(s)	Who	When
None		

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Additional Topics:

- **Update on Future of RAC:**
 - Julie –
 - This is the last year of authorization for the Secure Rural Schools funding
 - Congress will need to authorize the program

- **Discussion on Funding Remaining Projects:**
 - Julie –
 - Do we need to come back for a funding meeting?
 - We have eliminated Project SNF-00001 and SNF-00012 from further consideration.
 - There is enough money to fund the remaining projects under consideration.
 - Tom – Requested comments from each committee member on voting today rather than having another meeting for presentations of projects and voting.
 - Bill – If we have presentations, we will say yes to fund anyway.
 - Chad – Okay - Extra dollars to weed control.
 - Donna – Okay to go for it
 - Wes – Okay to go with
 - Dan – Okay
 - Mark –
 - Okay; I can find out about the questions I have.
 - Request we channel extra money to weeds in Camas County
 - Kerry –
 - Feel like the Fairfield project should address Mark’s concerns
 - Okay
 - Would like extra money to go to noxious weeds in Cassia County
 - Jim S. –
 - Okay, go ahead
 - Would like extra money to Cassia County noxious weeds since more of the funding comes from Cassia County
 - Susan –
 - Okay on voting today
 - Would like committee to make a request to Fairfield RD to notify permittees as a courtesy
 - Commented on the Pioneer/Baumgartner
 - Jim K. – Okay
 - Nils – Okay – extra to weed projects
 - Mark – Would like extra money to weeds in Cassia County since Camas did not have an application in this year

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- SNF-00014 Baumgartner/Pioneer Campground Improvements:
 - Susan is okay
 - Tom is okay but not happy
- Extra Money:
 - Split evenly between Camas and Cassia Noxious Weeds
 - Jim – How much extra money is there?
- Presentation of previously funded projects
 - Committee would like a meeting set up in November or early December for short presentations of some projects the SCIRAC previously funded
 - Julie – I will set it up and email committee asking which project presentations they would like to see
- Voting Today
 - Jim S. – Would like to make sure it is legal to do this vote today
 - Julie – Will find out and if not legal, we will do a phone-in vote
 - *(After meeting: Julie contacted Andy Brunelle and he said it was legal to approve the projects at this meeting)*
- **Vote on Funding Projects:**
 - SNF-00002 Sawtooth NRA Visitor Maps and Information Signs: **\$5,000**
 - SNF-00003 Blaine County Noxious Weed Control – Sawtooth NRA: **\$12,500**
 - SNF-00004 Blaine County Noxious Weed Control – Ketchum RD: **\$12,500**
 - SNF-00005 Noxious Weed Inventory & Control – Cassia & Twin Falls Counties: **\$12,500**
 - SNF-00006 Warm Springs Road Improvement: **\$10,400**
 - SNF-00007 Sawtooth NRA YCC Program: **\$12,200**
 - SNF-00008 Fairfield YCC Crew: **\$12,500**
 - SNF-00009 Sawtooth Visitor Volunteer Information Website: **\$12,000**
 - SNF-00010 Fox Creek Trailhead Entrance: **\$8,270**
 - SNF-00011 Coal Pit Creek Ford Improvement: **\$8,494**
 - SNF-00013 Fairfield ATV Trail Improvement: **\$6,500**
 - SNF-00014 Fairfield Campground Improvements at Baumgartner and Pioneer Campgrounds: **\$11,000**
 - **Motion** by Bill Simon to fund Projects SNF-00002 through SNF-00011 and SNF-00013 and SNF-00014 for the amounts requested.
 - Seconded by Wes Fields.
 - Discussion
 - Vote: All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed - None.
 - Motion Passed
- **Funding Odd Amounts:**
 - SNF-00010 Fox Creek Trailhead Entrance: **\$8,500**
 - SNF-00011 Coal Pit Creek Ford Improvement: **\$8,500**

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- **Motion** by Jim Simpson to round Projects SNF-00010 and SNF-00011 to the \$500 level (SNF-00010 - \$8,500; SNF-00011 - \$8,500)
- Seconded by Kerry McMurray .
- Discussion
- All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None
- Motion Passed
- **Summary:**
 - Total Funding Amount for Projects - \$124,100
 - Remaining Funds of \$1,193 to be split between last years' Camas County Weed Project and this years' Cassia County Weed Project - \$596/\$597 respectively
 - Projects SNF-00001 and SNF-00012: Not Funded
- **Approve Meeting Minutes**
 - **Motion** by Kerry McMurray to approve the March 30, 2011 Meeting Minutes
 - Seconded by Nils Ribi
 - Discussion
 - All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None
 - Motion Passed
- **Mileage Reimbursement**
 - Julie gave forms to members to be turned in for mileage reimbursement

Action Item(s)	Who	When
Check regulations on voting at this meeting rather than setting up a new meeting as planned.	Julie Thomas	<i>(Completed)</i>
Set up meeting in November or December 2011 for SCIRAC members to hear presentations on previously funded projects' progress	Julie Thomas	October/November

Next Meeting: Date: TBD – November or December 2011
 Time: TBD
 Location: TBD

Closing: Tom Bowman – Meeting adjourned at 11:15am