

Sierra County Resource Advisory Committee

September 12, 2011
Sierraville Ranger Station

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

RAC Members: Frank Stewart, Laura Marshal, Alan Wright, Bob Latta, Sig Ostrom, Lisa Wallace, Anne Eldred, Linda Frost, Bill Copren, Cindy Noble, Lee Adams, Carl Butz, Josie Marie Silver, Jim Johnston, Jesse Marovich

Members of the public: Greg Williams

Forest Service: Pandora Valle (Plumas National Forest); Steve Howell (Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest); Quentin Youngblood, Michael Baldrice, Susie Urie, Genice Froehlich, Joe Flannery, and Ann Westling (Tahoe National Forest).

Welcome and Introductions – Quentin Youngblood – Designated Federal Official
RAC 10 Year Anniversary Commendations
Overview of Projects

Discussion of Projects – Bill Copren, RAC Chair

Sierra County Aquatic Invasive proposal – Members expressed their support for the concept but were concerned that the project proposal was not as specific as many felt it should be. This discussion was tabled.

Each project was presented and discussed: These included the Dog Valley Road Side Clearing; Carmen Creek Watershed; Downieville Trail System Restoration, Badenaugh Trail Restoration, Little Truckee River Watershed Assessment, A and B Noxious Weed Control Project; Sardine Lookout Restoration; Gold Lakes Bear Resistant Food Lockers; Highway 49 Bear Lockers, and Aquatic Invasive Species Control.

The following projects and funding were approved:

Sardine Lookout - \$6,000 – A – 4 votes; B – 4 votes; C – 3 votes

A and B Noxious Weed Control - \$19,020 – A – 4 votes; B – 5 votes; C – 4 votes

Carmen Creek Watershed - \$20,100 – A – 5 votes; B – 4 votes; C – 4 votes

Dog Valley Road Side Clearing - \$47,500 – A – 5 votes; B – 4 votes; C – 3 votes

Lower Little Truckee Watershed Assessment - \$40,000 – A – 4 votes; B – 4 votes; C – 4 votes

Downieville Trail Restoration - \$27,696 – A – 5 votes; B – 4 votes; C – 4 votes

Gold Lake Bear Boxes (Plumas NF) - \$20,000 and Yuba River District Bear Boxes (Tahoe NF) - \$17,000 – A – 5 votes; B – 5 votes; C – 5 votes.

In addition, the RAC voted (A – 4 votes; B – 4 votes; C – 5 votes) to revise the proposal for the Sierra County Aquatic Invasive project to focus on education and to allocate the remaining funding for this project. The group felt strongly that this is one of the most critical issues for Sierra County. Due to the importance of this issue and the short timeline for project approvals, they revised their operating guidelines. Cindy Nobel and others will revise the proposal and submit to Ann Westling who will send out to all RAC members. RAC members will vote electronically by September 28 if they support the revised project proposal. If they do not support the revised proposal, the remaining funding will be pro-rated and distributed to both bear box proposals and the Downieville trail restoration proposal.