

Modoc County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual - Was held on Teams. The call in at 323 886 7051 passcode: n6XZBT. Held in-person and virtual at the Modoc National Forest Supervisor's Office, Conference Room, located at 225 W. 8th Street Alturas, CA 96101

Date: May 27, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM

In Attendance: Members:	Category	Representing
Sean Curtis – Chairman	B	Dispersed Recreational Activities
Jim Carvasso	A	Developed Outdoor Recreation
Carolyn Carey	B	Wild Horse & Burro
Alan Cain	B	Environmental Org
Kathie Rhoads	C	Hold County
Chris Christofferson		Forest Service Supervisor
Chris Bielecki		Engineering
Milton Stubbs		West Zone Ranger
Ashley Logan		Partnership Coordinator
Samantha Jager		Partnership Coordinator
Nichole Longfellow		Ecosystem Staff Officer
Charlea Johnson		Corral Manager

Greetings given by Chris Christofferson: Members Introduce themselves, their Category and interest. Reminded to view the Ethics Training Video and the Ethics Pledge is needed from every member. Also, requested a roster with name and category of each member.

Sean - Chairman stated it was a small showing for the meeting and will need to have a full quorum at each meeting, and those who do not attend will be unable to present their projects.

Ashley- Presented information about SRSC RAC program through a RAC refresher PowerPoint.

Sean also clarified the committee on the timeline for funding of the projects and explained they are made possible with shared stewardship. Also explained the structure of the of funding to Modoc County SRS Title II.

Project Proposals

1. Joseph Creek Water Source- Hommerding, Michelle

Develop a sustainable water source for grazing, fire suppression, road maintenance and other uses. Project would fund a USFS contract to drill and case a new well. USFS is pursuing additional funds for Phase 2 - power connection, pond, and pump.

Requested amount: \$120,000 for drilling and casement. Total is estimated at \$ 300,000.

*** Looking into conservative finances for funding alternate**

2. Wildhorse Middle Section Spring Enclosures- Madeline Levy

Protect/exclude spring source/riparian areas severely impacted by wild horses. Build/install enclosure fencing. Protect vital spring sources to restore lentic/lotic functionality in the riparian system.

Requested amount: \$75,000.

*** Voted to move forward**

3. Upper Cottonwood Creek Trail Project- Mefford, Joshua

Including directional signs, and tread work for the original trail corridor to the historic cabin. As well as the removal of a gabion basket that has failed on the Upper Cottonwood Trail. Along with the rehabilitation of the Upper Cottonwood Trail Project area.

Requested amount: \$75,000.

*** Voted to move forward**

4. Pump Restore Project – Glenn Alan

Pump restoration- More details on the way

Requested amount: \$50,000.

*** Voted to move forward**

Important deadlines: Short form- Pre application due June 23rd
Projects voted to move forward; Long form is due by June 12th.

Next Meeting: The next meeting date was discussed and agreed upon for Monday, July 10th 3:00 pm. The meeting time and date would need to be posted and submitted to the Federal Register between 30 - 45 days before the meeting is scheduled.