

# Lassen County RAC

## PUBLIC MEETING

April 22, 2025 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (PT)

## MEETING MINUTES

Each SRS RAC is established pursuant to the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 as amended, 16 U.S.C. sec. 7125, hereafter referred to as the SRS RAC Act as amended; codified in Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334)., and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 10.

In accordance with the established provisions, the Lassen County RAC convened for this public meeting on April 22, 2025, 1 p.m. The meeting was held at the Lassen National Forest, Eagle Lake Ranger District Office, 477-050 Eagle Lake Road, Susanville, CA 96130, and was open to the public/to join virtually via Zoom webinar/Teams Meeting details Meeting ID, Passcode/phone, etc.

A Federal Register Notice: <https://usfs.box.com/s/5g7jz4xn5nsf0wccx431i68nrh33k1ra> Document 2025-05377, was published on March 28, 2025, providing general information and public participation details for the meeting. Meeting details were posted on the committee website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/lassen/workingtogether/advisorycommittees> on April 1, 2025, per the FRN. Secondary notices were also sent out to the public directly by the agency through emails, media outreach and social media.

Committee website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/lassen/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>

General inquiries: None received.

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## ACRONYMS

- **DFO** – Designated Federal Officer
- **USDA** – United States Department of Agriculture

## MEETING AGENDA

Item #	Topic
1.	Welcome, Roll Call
2.	Opening Remarks, Program Updates, Old Business
3.	Address Public Comments
4.	Deliberation/Voting on Proposed Recommendations/ Motions voting actions – 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> – results of voting procedure, Update on Current Project Statuses
5.	New Business, Closing Remarks, Minutes Signed

## MEETING ATTENDANCE

Quorum was met per Charter.

Committee Members			
Name	Category/Represented Industry	Attendance	Attendance Type
Liz Norton	A/Developed Outdoor Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Users, or Commercial Recreation Activities	Present	In-person
Bill Buckman	A/Federal Grazing Permits or Other Land Use permit Holders, or Representative of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land Owners	Present	In-person
Caitlin Dalby (Chairperson)	A/Energy and Mineral Development or Commercial or Recreational Fishing Groups	Present	In-person

Peggy Fulder	B/Nationally or Regionally Recognized Wild Hourse and Burro Interest, Wildlife or Hunting Organizations, or Watershed Association	Present	In-person
Tim Keesey	B/Nationally or Regionally Recognized Wild Horse and Burro Interest, Wildlife or Hunting Organizations, or Watershed Associations	Present	In-person
Charlie Plopper	B/Nationally Recognized Environmental Organizations	Present	In-person
Bruce Ross	C/State Elected Office	Present	In-person
Bruce Davie (Co-Chairperson)	C/Area School Officials or Teachers	Present	In-person
Patty Gunderson	C/County or Local-Elected Office	Present	In-person
Wayne Jambois	C/Public at large	Present	In-person

USDA Staff			
Name	Position/Title	Attendance	Attendance Type
Bobette Jones (DFO)	Acting Forest Supervisor	Present	In-person
Stephaney Cox (RACC)	Partnership Coordinator	Present	In-person
Anita Villanovos	Eagle Lake RD Hydrologist	Present	In-person
Tanya Torst	R5 North Zone Partnership Coordinator	Present	Virtual
Jamie Chambers	Plumas National Forest RAC Coordinator	Present	Virtual

General Audience	
Name	Position/Title
Stan Bales	Recreation Program Manager, Bureau of Land Management

Barbara Andrews	Representative, Silver Lake Home Owner's Association
Kelsey Seimer	Director, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written comments from: None

Oral in person/virtual attendees registered are: None

## MEETING RECORDING

Not Recorded

## MEETING MINUTES

### Welcome

Introduction of committee members, USFS staff and guests.

### Opening Remarks DISCUSSION/UPDATES TOPICS

#### **Program Updates (DFO)**

- Bobette and Stephaney discussed the RAC Budget and explained the spreadsheets sent by USFS budget with current totals.

**Old Business:** None.

### Addressing Public Comments

None

### Deliberation/Voting (MATTERS DISCUSSED,

DECISIONS/RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS AND VOTING ACTIONS/FIRST

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#### **PROJECT PROPOSALS:**

##### **LNF Winter Recreation Project \$20,000.00**

Produce updated Winter Recreation maps to reflect new Over Snow Vehicle User Maps decision for visit experience, safety, and wildlife habitat protection

##### **National Forest Foundation Fuel Reduction to Fuelwood \$31,000.00**

Remove concentrated fuel hazard (unmerchantable log decks) and utilize it for fuelwood for Tribal elders.

**Plumas Audubon Society Eagle Lake Grebe Monitoring and Outreach \$51,092.78**

Long-term grebe monitoring in support of Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout Conservation Strategy, public outreach

**Lassen Fire Safe Council Susanville WUI Fuels Treatments Planning \$74,992.50**

CEQA compliance activities- permitting, arch surveys, plant and wildlife surveys, document filing fees

**Silver Lake Home Owners Association Silver Lake Dixie Fire Recovery Project \$80,000.00**

Repair road damage caused by Dixie Fire suppression; hazard tree removal and fuels reduction around cabins

**Almanor Ranger District Robbers Creek Fuel Reduction \$100,000.00**

Cut and pile of hazard trees killed by Dixie Fire in recreational and firewood harvesting areas used by the public.

**Bureau of Land Management Bizz Johnson Rockfall Removal \$113,000.00**

Rockfall removal and cliff scaling, reinforce rock barrier

**Honey Lake Valley RCD Conserving Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout through Education and Hydrological Monitoring \$173,634.13**

Interpretive panels, documentary film, community outreach, watershed monitoring via hydrological data collection

**Honey Lake Valley RCD Ebey/Eblis Hand thinning and Aspen Restoration Project \$186,714.63**

Mechanical hand thinning and removing conifers in aspen stands for watershed restoration

**American Rivers Advancing Integrated Pine Creek Watershed Restoration \$199,626.54**

Meadow restoration, relic railroad grade removal, collaborative activities, monitoring

**Sierra Institute PCREW: Connecting Youth to Lassen Through Restoration \$199,918.28**

Youth corps will support recreation, forest health, and restoration projects in Eagle Lake Ranger District

**Lassen Land and Trails Trust Susanville Depot Revitalization \$200,000.00**

trail maps, depot infrastructure improvement (reroofing, replacing shutters), interpretive exhibits, fuels and weed treatment, public event

**Pit RCD Wagontire Flat Road Improvement and Noxious Weed Treatment \$200,000.00**

Produce aggregate, road surfacing, noxious weed treatment, timber sale prep

**Total Requests \$1,629,978.86**

**PROJECT STATUSES:**

- The RAC first discussed which projects everyone might agree to fund and found that there was consensus to fund two projects for the full amount requested: LNF's Winter Recreation Project and

BLM's Bizz Johnson Rockfall Removal Project. The RAC then discussed which projects the committee did not want to fund and found that they were in agreement about not funding the Silver Lake Home Owner's Association Dixie Recovery Project and the Almanor Ranger District's Robbers Creek Fuel Reduction Project. Later, the RAC also decided not to fund the Honey Lake Valley RCD's Ebey/Eblis Hand Thinning and Aspen Restoration Project.

- Projects were prioritized by the board last meeting as follows:

Project Name	Organization	LN	BB	CD	PF	TK	CP	BR	BD	PG	WJ	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING
Lassen National Forest	Winter Recreation Project	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 20,000.00
National Forest Foundation	Fuel Reduction to Fuelwood	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 20,000.00
Plumas Audubon Society	Eagle Lake Grebe Monitoring and Outreach	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 10,000.00
Lassen Fire Safe Council	Susanville WUI Fuels Treatments Planning	Y	Y	Y	Y	recuse	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 46,750.00
Silver Lake Home Owners Association	Silver Lake Dixie Fire Recovery Project	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ -
Almanor Ranger District	Robbers Creek Fuel Reduction	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ -
Bureau of Land Management	Bizz Johnson Rockfall Removal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 113,000.00
Honey Lake Valley RCD	Conserving Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout through Education and Hydrological Monitoring	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 82,000.00
Honey Lake Valley RCD	Ebey/Eblis Hand thinning and Aspen Restoration Project	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ -
American Rivers	Advancing Integrated Pine Creek Watershed Restoration	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	\$ 140,000.00
Sierra Institute	PCREW:Connecting Youth to Lassen Through Restoration	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 100,000.00

Project Name	Organization	LN	BB	CD	PF	TK	CP	BR	BD	PG	WJ	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING
Lassen Land and Trails Trust	Susanville Depot Revitalization	recuse	Y	Y	Y	recuse	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 105,000.00
Pit RCD	Wagontire Flat Road Improvement and Noxious Weed Treatment	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 143,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>												\$780, 250

## Closing Remarks

### **New Business**

- Stephaney and Bobette thanked the RAC for their service. Bobette said that she approved of the awards recommended and would pass the recommendations along to the Forest Supervisor.

## ADJOURNMENT

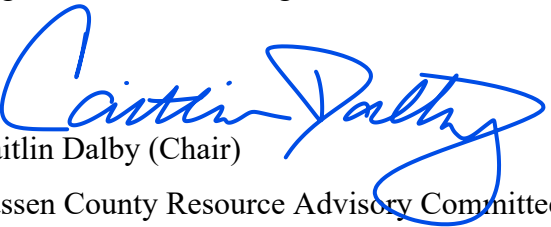
The meeting adjourned at approximately 5 P.M (PT).

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Bobette Jones (DFO)

Eagle Lake District Ranger

 26-Sept-2025  
Caitlin Dalby (Chair)  
Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee

- The DFO must ensure that minutes are certified for accuracy by the chairperson within 90 calendar days of the meeting to which they relate.
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