



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – November 23, 2015

ITEM NO.

Call to order – Oroville Treasurer-Auditor Conference Room, 25 County Center Dr. next to Ste. 125

1.00 Pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

2.00 Roll Call – **Members:** Jim Shary, Vance Severin, Teri Faulkner, Peggy Moak,

Alternates: Charlotte Ann Hilgeman, Pete Moak (voting), Lindsay Wood (voting), Bob Gage

2.01 **Guests:** David Derby (CalFire Forester) Bill Colvin, VP Sutter-Buttes Unit (BCH), Dan and Dave Moench, Rich Faulkner, Sarah Reynolds (BCRCS), Alyssa (BCRCS) Heather MacDonald (BC Admin), Kevin Wright

3.00 Consent Agenda

3.01 Minutes of 10-26-15 were approved. T. Faulkner, 2nd V. Severin, Motion Approved 5-0

4.00 Agenda

4.01 Self-Introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates and Public

4.02 Plumas NF OSV Proposed Action – Comment Letter from Butte County Board of Supervisors was provided for information. FAC feedback from 10-26 meeting used extensively to develop letter.

4.03 Report on Stirling City Town Hall Meeting on 11/17, hosted by Doug Teeter – see attached notes

Discussion on Hazard Tree Removal focused on a number of concerns about the quality of the work done. Motion made for Peggy Moak to draft a letter to the USFS Almanor District Ranger Kathleen Nelson asking for USFS cutting criteria; who inspected the job; how thoroughly it was inspected; who was the contractor; and what was the goal. Ask about the trees with partial cuts that remain (potential for future “barber chair”) and the tree felled into Rock Creek above the bridge (was a biologist involved?) How were the trees marked for cutting? (no paint marks could be found). Lindsay Wood, Pete Moak and Teri Faulkner agreed to edit and approve the letter for issuance. M-Pete Moak, 2nd Teri Faulkner, Approved 5-0

Discussion on Road closures focused on likelihood of SPI granting any flexibility for seasonal openings

Discussion on proposed High Lakes trail re-routes – see FOTHL letter

4.04 Plans for a Non-Motorized Trails Planning Meeting discussed. Tentatively set for Dec. 3 at lunchtime – will be a public meeting to put together interested parties and agenda for a Spring 2016 workshop in Chico.

4.05 Presentation: Back Country Horsemen of California – Bob Gage, Sutter Buttes Unit President Website: www.bchcalifornia.org Bob gave an informative overview on the organization’s commitment to maintaining 43 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail, youth involvement, leave no trace rides/campouts. Angels Camp Rendezvous March 18,19,20

- 4.06 SOPA Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for projects affecting Butte County listed in 2015 SOPA Reports for Lassen and Plumas NF's. (Chair)
Jim Shary reviewed SOPA list – see attached spreadsheet.
- 4.07 Update on fisher Statistics: Teri Faulkner shared some statistics revealing the impact of rodenticides on the demise and general health of fishers. The rodenticides are generally linked to illegal marijuana cultivation on public lands. See attached article.
- 4.08 Update on Lassen Roads – ML3 Mixed Use: Lassen is hoping for an engineer to be hired by the end of 2015 and progress made on the engineering study in 2016.
- 4.09 Butte County Fires Safe Council Wildfire Safety Summit – a flyer was circulated to the FAC. Peggy Moak, Lindsay Wood and Teri Faulkner are planning to attend on 12/02, 9:00 – 1:00.
- 4.10 New Business – considerations for next meeting agenda:
- Recap of Trails Planning Meeting on December 3 (Shary, Faulkner, Gage)
 - Holiday Treats – Potluck
 - (Forest Plan presentation by Lassen Supervisor Dave Hays now planned for January 25)
- Next meeting will be December 28 in Paradise if the Gold Nugget Museum is available. Start time will be 5:00 PM
- Sarah Reynolds of Butte County Resource Conservation District announced an Open House at BCRCs and USDA Farm Services on Tuesday, December 1 – Flyer provided
- 4.11 Public Comment (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)