



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES – February 27, 2017

ITEM NO.

- 1.00 Call to order – Butte County Public Works Facility – 44 Bellarmine Ct. Chico, CA
 - 2.00 Pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
 - 2.01 Roll Call – **FAC Members:** Thad Walker (acting Chair), Trish Puterbaugh, Teri Faulkner, Peggy Moak.
Alternates: Bob Gage, Jim Shary, Pete Moak (voting), Vance Severin (voting),
Guests: Lassen National Forest - Supervisor Dave Hays, Almanor District Ranger Kathleen Nelson, Heather Blevins, Adam Hill, Steve Griffin; Plumas National Forest – Jackie Pope (Feather River Ranger District) Laura Page (Congressman La Malfa) Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee), Sarah Reynolds (BCRCD), Jeff Blewett (CA 4WD), Supervisor Doug Teeter
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- 3.00 **Consent Agenda**
 - 3.01 Minutes for January 23, 2017 reviewed and approved. M- Puterbaugh, 2nd Faulkner, Motion Approved 4-0
 - 4.00 **Agenda**
 - 4.01 Self-introduction of Attendees.
 - 4.02 Lassen National Forest (LNF) – State of the Forest Presentation – Dave Hays, LNF Supervisor and Kathleen Nelson, Almanor District Ranger. An overview of LNF priorities, planned projects and current projects.
 - 4.03 LNF Q&A – A lively discussion of LNF resource protection challenges, improvement projects, recreation, was conducted between the LNF representatives, the FAC and the public, including perspectives from LNF LEO Captain Adam Hill on law enforcement matters.
 - 4.04 Proposed Rock Jam Trail – tabled for future discussion
 - 4.05 OHV Operating and Maintenance and Restoration Grants: Plumas National Forest (PNF) – Jackie Pope provided information on pending grant applications in the Feather River Ranger District (partnering with Butte County Public Works and BCRCD) and answered questions and comments from the FAC and public present. The grants cover 40 miles of roads and 7 miles of trails to be maintained, and several campground improvements, as well as some restoration projects.
 - 4.06 OHV Planning and Development Grants: Butte County Resource Conservation District - Sarah Reynolds provided information on pending ground operations planning and development grant applications (partnering with Butte County Public Works and PNF) and answered questions and comments from the FAC and public present. Part of the planning focus will be more loop travel with new trails linking existing trails. Volunteer groups will provide 25% match required.
 - 4.07 Proposed Legislation: SB1 Transportation Funding Impacts to CA State Parks OHV Grants -Jeff Blewett of California 4WD gave a presentation sharing the organizations concerns about the viability of OHV Program funding and operations in light of several proposed bills in the State Senate and Assembly.
MOTION: Recommend Board of Supervisors letter requesting preservation of OHV gas tax funding and continuing the OHV Program status quo M- Pete Moak, 2nd Vance Severin, APPROVED 5-0

- 4.08 Debrief of Ishi Wilderness Wild Cattle Removal meeting on February 23: Bob Gage and Trish Puterbaugh shared their perspectives from the meeting held by the LNF in Red Bluff. About 50 people attended, most agreed there is a problem. Cattlemen recommended allowing grazing in the Ishi Wilderness and annually round up as many of the wild cattle as possible with their own herds. No decision, but lots of discussion.
- 4.09 Update of General Plan Draft Amendments – Peggy Moak reported that the proposed changes from the January meeting were discussed with Development Services Senior Planner, Dan Breedon, and were well received.
- 4.10 SOPA Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for projects affecting Butte County listed in 2017 SOPA Reports for Lassen and Plumas NF's. MOTION: request Peggy Moak draft a Board letter of support for the Brush Creek Salvage project. M-Trish Puterbaugh, 2nd Pete Moak, APPROVED 5-0
- 4.11 New Business – considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is Mar. 27, Chico, 5:00 PM
- Daniel Lovato, Plumas NF Supervisor – Plumas NF Plan for 2017 – March meeting
 - Trails Planning Committee Update – Thad Walker
 - Finalize General Plan Updates
 - Sierra Club Trails Guide – invite them to make a presentation
 - F&W Service – Table Mountain Trail
- 4.12 Public Comment (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)
- Dennis Schmidt: Butte County Public Works is dealing with multiple road failures in recreational areas: French Creek area, Oro Quincy Highway – major failure, Camp Creek Rd., Rim Road and Concow Rd.
- Karey Humphreys-Cooper asked to be placed on an FAC agenda regarding her desire to use the Pacific Crest Trail for an organized run. Kathleen Nelson of the LNF spoke with her about her plans and will be following up.