



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 26, 2018—Minutes

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- 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 – Members:** Nick Repanich, Thad Walker, Trish Puterbaugh, Peggy Moak
Alternates: Vance Severin, Jim Shary, Bob Gage (voting Alt), Angel Korte, Pete Moak (voting Alt)
Invited Guests: Stephen Graydon (Terra Fuego), Cindi Dunsmoor (Tree Mortality), Daryl Bender (Jonesville Snow Park), David Brillenz (District Ranger, Feather River Ranger District; Plumas National Forest), Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee, Public Works)
- 2.02 Self-introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates, Guests, and Public
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- 3.00 **Consent Agenda**
- 3.01 Minutes for January 22nd, 2018 reviewed and approved. M-Walker, 2nd Gage. Approved 5-0.
- 4.00 **Agenda**
- 4.01 Stephen Graydon: Terra Fuego- Stephen is the director of Terra Fuego, a non-profit organization based in Chico. They focus on prescribed burning as a tool to manage land and manage risk, while also helping with job development by employing and training workers. Terra Fuego currently have a collaborative agreement in place, utilizing the Sierra Forest Legacy MOU, which allows them to work with state and federal agencies. In 2017, they conducted 11 prescribed burns across California, New Mexico, and Colorado, covering a total of 250 acres. In addition, they have developed a Fire Training Exchange (TREX) program. Stephen discussed the benefits of prescribed burning, some of the drawbacks, and obstacles to conducting burns.
- 4.02 Cindi Dunsmoor: Tree Mortality Update – Cindi is the co-chair of the Butte County Tree Mortality Task Force, which was started in 2016 to monitor tree mortality. She discussed the decline in dead & dying trees in the state, especially at higher elevations. Some of the challenges of addressing hazard trees include costs of removal, and cooperation with neighbors. The Task Force is working to educate the public on the danger of hazard trees.
- 4.03 Forest Projects Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for USFS projects affecting Butte County residents' forest management, recreational, environmental, socio-economic interests(Chair)
- Lassen NF Almanor Ranger District- Russell Nickerson (Acting District Ranger): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – Lassen NF was not represented at the meeting and the committee did not discuss any Lassen NF projects.
 - Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, David Brillenz (District Ranger): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – Dave discussed a recently completed prescribed burn and hopes to work on more in the future. The recreation & trails plan was recently completed as well. Dave expects to have more small projects in his district and encourages field trips when possible.
- 4.04 OSV Update – Daryl Bender – Daryl gave an update on the progress of the OSV plan in the Lassen NF. There is a stakeholders group giving input for the plan, and their recommendations include keeping access open to several mountains within the Lassen NF. The Jonesville Snowmobile Park has also recently acquired a new rescue snowmobile.
- 4.05 BLM Cooperator's Meeting – Debrief and CC Comment Letter – INFORMATION ONLY
- 4.06 Final General Plan Revisions – Public Land Management and Related Provisions – INFORMATION ONLY
- 4.07 Change of date for the May meeting (Memorial Day). Change to May 21. M-Repanich, 2nd Pete Moak. Approved 5-0.
- 4.08 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is March 26, 2018 - Chico, 5:00 PM
- South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
 - Sierra Club Trails Guide – invite them to make a presentation
 - Butte County Fire Safe Council -
- 4.09 Public Comment (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)