



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 23, 2018—Minutes

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** – **Members:** Nick Repanich, Thad Walker, Teri Faulkner, Trish Puterbaugh, Peggy Moak

Alternates: Jim Shary

Invited Guests: Daniel Taverner (FAC Applicant – Ag/Timber), Daryl Bender – Hillsliders – Jonesville Snow Park, Ben Goodin (Acting District Ranger, Almanor Ranger District, Lassen National Forest), David Brillenz (District Ranger, Feather River Ranger District; Plumas National Forest), Laura Page (Congressman LaMalfa); Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee, Public Works)

2.02 Self-introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates, Guests, and Public

3.00 **Consent Agenda**

3.01 Review and approve minutes of 3-26-18 – M: Walker, 2nd Faulkner. Approved 4-0.

4.00 **Agenda**

4.01 Application for Timber/Ag Representative – Daniel Taverner: Dan introduced himself to the committee and gave an overview of his education and work experience. Dan also talked about his current job working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Peggy described the application process, which involves being appointed by the Board of Supervisors. FAC members discussed concerns with representative members being from government/local agencies as opposed to private citizens – is there any inherent conflict? Update: this matter will be referred to Coordinating Committee for discussion and decision.

4.02 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- Ben Goodin (Acting District Ranger): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – The committee welcomed Ben and thanked him for attending. Ben announced that Russell Nickerson will be appointed as the Almanor District Ranger. The Little Bear project will have a public comment period upcoming. Chips Creek Bridge will likely start this summer. There were questions and discussion regarding the High Lake Re-route project as well.
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- 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 distributed a handout outlining a new Feather River Ranger District Collaborative initiative. The collaborative will hold meetings once a quarter, involving sub-committees focusing on various areas. Dave also presented a map, which outlined a 10-year strategic plan for the PNF. He discussed the possibility of looking into land swaps that would make sense for the Forest.

4.03 Daryl Bender: Lassen National Forest Over Snow Vehicle Record of Decision – Daryl talked about the Draft Record of Decision that was issued recently. One omission in the ROD was a map of the Colby-Jonesville area, and he presented a map that was submitted to the LNF and accepted for use. He went over which areas of the map were marked to prohibit or allow OSV use. These areas were worked out collaboratively with the stakeholder's group and the Forest Service. The 45 day objection period for the ROD will close on May 16th. There were questions from the committee regarding the PCT crossings and the 12 inch snow depth requirement.

4.04 LNF OSV ROD Objection Letter – Action Requested: Develop Draft Comments for Review by Coordinating Committee and submission to the Board of Supervisors for the May 8 public meeting. MOTION: Construct a draft letter for submission to the Board of Supervisors, asking for clarification regarding the Colby Mountain area and the other delineated areas where OSV will be prohibited, as well as include the Colby Mountain area map provided by Daryl Bender, and request more information regarding the PCT crossings. M: Repanich, 2nd Faulkner. APPROVED 4-0.

- 4.05 Fire Funding Fix and other pending legislation – discussion (time permitting) – Laura Page discussed the separation of the wildfire suppression budget from the overall Forest Service funding. The new spending bill also provides for \$500 million above the suppression budget. It was also recently announced that biomass energy generation would now be considered carbon neutral.
- 4.06 New Business – Discuss possibility of changing meeting dates to earlier in the month (1st, 2nd or 3rd Monday). Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is **May 21, 2018** - Chico, 5:00 PM
- Sierra Club Trails Guide – May presentation
 - Trails Committee Update – Thad – May
 - Table 2 Grant Update – Thad - May
 - South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
- Others:
- 4.07 Public Comment (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)