



# BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## February 25, 2019 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 (interim, non-voting)  
**Alternates:** Vance Severin, Bob Gage, Angel Gomez, Pete Moak (voting Alt)  
**Guests:** Michelle Ahearn, (Recreation Officer, Plumas National Forest) Kate Wilkin, PhD (UC Cooperative Extension), Stephen Graydon (Terra Fuego), Clay Davis (NEPA Planner, FRRD); Dennis Schmidt (Public Works) Dag (NRCS) Rich Faulkner, Kevin Wright, Cathleen and Kayla (BEC interns)
- 2.02 Self-introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates, Guests, and Public
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### 3.00 Consent Agenda

- 3.01 Minutes of 1-28-2019 meeting reviewed and approved. M: Faulkner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Puterbaugh Approved 5-0.

### 4.00 Agenda

- 4.03 PNF Project Report – Michelle Ahearn, PNF Recreation Officer:
- Ground Ops grant for OHV trailhead & trail maintenance extended through 2019 – LaPorte trailhead bathroom completed.
  - Granite Basin grant in cooperation with the BCRCD and Butte County Public Works is progressing, to include reclassifying 20 miles of road to ML2. Working on apportionment and authorization for the BCRCD.
  - Table II trail mitigation (25 miles) expires end of 2020. BCRCD completed work, PNF's part pending
  - Bullard's Bar trail work is pending \$\$,
  - Feather Falls trails, trailhead, camping, restroom, overlook - NEPA almost done, need funding
  - Dome Trail rebuild for staircase – 2 more years
  - OSV Open Houses 2/26 Quincy and 2/27 Oroville, Southside Community Center
  - Grooming on OSV trails is ongoing
  - Don Amador or the Blue Ribbon Coalition has offered volunteer renovation services-post wildfire
- 4.01 Kate Wilkin, PhD (UC Cooperative Extension) Prescribed Fire: Historical practices and new emphasis on using prescribed fire as an effective tool for wildfire mitigation and maintenance of open lands. Discussion of methods and various approaches (Cal-Fire vs. landowner, contractors) to allow private landowners to utilize prescribed fire on open lands. Clinics will be held throughout Northern California. Handouts provided.
- Stephen Graydon (Terra Fuego): Prescribed fire presentation: how Terra Fuego can help bring experts, grant funding and landscape level restoration together to improve the health of forest ecosystems. Terra Fuego's accomplishments in total acres 2018 = 597 broadcast burn, 110 piles
- 4.02 Plumas National Forest OSV DEIS – Comment Letter Due – Discussion: Comments were requested of committee members and attendees in preparation for Coordinating Committee meeting on Feb. 26, 2019 and consideration of a comment letter. The PNF Modified Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative is a compromise between existing OSV land use and non-motorized “quiet” winter use. Two committee members expressed support for Alternative 2 as written; One committee member and one alternate member expressed concern with the proposed action. Dennis Schmidt and Patricia Puterbaugh raised the issue that the current Board of Supervisors may have a different opinion on the proposed action than the Board's position in 2015 when the original comment on the project was provided by the Board in a comment letter.
- 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)
- Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, Clay Davis (District Planner): Report and Q & A on pending,

proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – See above for Michelle Ahearn’s report. Clay shared feedback on the Concow/Magalia field trip that several FAC members and others participated on to view the Camp Fire burn areas and that the PNF is working on Concow (340 acres) and Magalia (178 acres) fire salvage projects.

- Lassen NF Almanor Ranger District- Russell Nickerson (District Ranger): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – NO REPORT

4.04 OHV Grant Update – Thad Walker reported that it does not appear the Lassen National Forest will have the capacity to effect coordinating on OHV grants in time for the March 4 deadline. Hopefully next year will be a better year.

4.05 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is March 25, 2019 - Chico, 5:00 PM

- ML2/ML3 5 Counties Road Use Project – Update – Shane Starr
- CA Mechatronics Center FRoomba!! – Nick Repanich
- Evacuation Route Survey and discussion – Nick Repanich
- South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
- Fish & Wildlife
- Bill Smith – Retired Forester – and panel on forest management

4.06 Public Comment (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)