



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 28, 2019— Meeting 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, Dan Taverner, Peggy Moak
Alternates: Vance Severin, Bob Gage, Frank Stewart,
Guests: Chris Carlton, PNF Forest Supervisor; David Brillenz (District Ranger, Feather River Ranger District (FRRD)); David Brillenz (District Ranger, Feather River Ranger District (FRRD), Plumas National Forest)
Public: Kevin Wright, Doug Laurie, Jacqueline Todak, Abigail Whitaker, Dave Steindorf, Rich Faulkner, Wolfy Rougle
- 2.02 Self-introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates, Guests, and Public – 5 Min.
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- 3.00 Consent Agenda
- 3.01 Minutes of 9-28-29 were approved as amended for date correction.
- 4.00 Agenda
- 4.01 Applicant for Alternate Member for the Watershed/Environmental opening – Jacqueline Todak – introduction and background (see resume, enclosed)
- 4.02 Tabled – Presentation from Deb Bumpus, Forest Supervisor for the Lassen National Forest re-scheduled for November
- 4.03 Tabled – no report from the Lassen National Forest
- 4.04 Forest Supervisor Chris Carlton for the Plumas National Forest – Introduction and Vision Former Eastern Nevada BLM Land Manager. Vision focus on promoting access and responsible use, increasing and maintaining partnerships, and meeting an obligation to support communities. Hiring continues to be a challenge. Region 5 is emphasizing sharing, collaboration and including other forests to maximize available personnel. Immediate project focus is the Walker Fire recovery and cleanup/salvage.
- 4.05 Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, David Brillenz, District Ranger: Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA and Collaborator's Meeting Update:
- Dave reviewed past and current efforts of the Collaborative Meetings: Motor Vehicle Use Maps, Forest Service Road 24N04 and a potential SPI land swap, the Granite Basin project with Butte County Public Works and the Butte County Resource Conservation district. Next meeting scheduled for December 11 at 5:00 in Oroville.
 - Several Projects for hazard tree removal were reviewed: Strawberry (400 acres), Big Bar (800 acres), Concow and Magalia Salvage should be done within a week. The Mooreville EA will be completed mid-November and a decision is anticipated by February 2020.
 - The Hughes Pond project has been successful for creating habitat for the red-legged frog, and turtles have come back and are being tagged.
 - A natural burn for the LaPorte area is slowly progressing.

- 4.06 Wolfy Rougle, the Department of Conservation Watershed Coordinator for the Butte County area facilitated a lively discussion on Forest health Watershed Planning efforts utilizing large scale, collaborative partnerships for grants, developing community prescribed burn capacity and creating opportunities to address erosion in fire footprints and in general.
- 4.07 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meetings. Next meeting is October 28, 2019 - Chico, 5:00 PM
- CA Mechatronics Center FRoomba!! (Nick R.)
 - Access to evacuation routes, traffic studies, in the event of wildfire (CalFire, PW, BCFSC, Nick R.)
 - South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
 - Fish & Wildlife
 - BLM: Mining Claims and how it all works
- 4.08 Public Comment: Dave Steindorf provided an overview of efforts on the Poe Powerhouse re-licensing project, including a recreational trail and vault toilets for Poe and Bardees Bar, and a gate for access at the Cresta Powerhouse. He represents the American Whitewater Association. (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM