



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 26, 2020—5:00 P.M. Minutes for Meeting via ZOOM

ITEM NO.

- 1.00 Call to order – Nick Repanich, 5:05 PM
- 2.00 Pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- 2.01 Roll Call – **Members:** Nick Repanich, Teri Faulkner, Trish Puterbaugh, Peggy Moak
Alternates: Vance Severin, Frank Stewart (voting Alternate)
Invited Guests: Plumas National Forest); Clay Davis (NEPA Planner, FRRD, David Ennes, Butte County Sheriff's Office Representative; Kevin Wright, Dorr Lawright
- 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 Review and approve minutes of 2-24-20 – 5 Min. (March and April Meetings canceled due to COVID-19 Restrictions)
Tabled
- 4.00 Minutes
- 4.01 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- The LNF did not have a representative available. Trish Puterbaugh reported that the West Shore of Almanor and Robbers project are ongoing. She shared the perspective that collaborative groups end up being a driver, like SLWG with many scientific minds coming together to bring perspective, applying for grants, and brings focus to get work done.
 - Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, Clay Davis (District Planner): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA and Collaborator's Meeting Update: Order from Randy Moore to shut down all recreation sites that host large groups due to COVID-19 has been implemented, but rest of Forest remains open for use. Boat launches and OHV campgrounds are now opening up. Staff are starting to come back in to the office. LEOs have been busy as they have been the only staff in the forest. Fire suppression efforts are still a concern. Mooreville Ridge project happening soon. One new salvage project on Four Trees Rd. for trees killed by Camp Fire. A lot of road work got done to achieve access to Four Trees area, first 2.5 miles off of Hwy 70 – Bamford fixed the road as part of their logging operation for a haul route for another project. Work will be coming up on the Concow Resilience project, Butte County RCD (Wolfy) will be working on that and doing the NEPA, largely funded through a SNC grant. French Creek project coming up soon.
 - No Update on any planned LEO activity
- 4.02 Butte County Sgt. Dave Ennes, Search and Rescue Liaison Report on planned Law Enforcement activity on and around public lands for the upcoming recreational season, updates on OHV grants for law enforcement, and any impacts anticipated due to the COVID-19 restrictions. No OHV grant funds are available for FY 2019, but the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) does have two agreements with PNF and LNF providing shifts for law enforcement coverage by the BCSO. Five shifts are funded through this arrangement. The BCSO has noticed increased OHV activity in the Philbrook area and off trail riding. Focus will be on the T and Philbrook, High Lakes areas where OHV are going off road. Nick agreed this is the right area of focus. Citations will be more likely, and probably more effective than just education. Nick asked if patrols will be there nights and weekends. Dave is scheduling, starting with holiday weekends. Kathy is the LNF LEO and she is actively in the High Lakes. The most recently approved OHV grant is not in effect until January 2021. Will have patrols this summer through USFS with five 10 hour shifts for each Forest, some of which is administrative work. Nick brought up the issue of boating incidents on Philbrook Lake. Dave responded that no permits are required, but boater safety card is required for those age 35 or younger.
- 4.03 Plumas County Sheriff – updates on plans for Law Enforcement in the High Lakes and other areas (yet to be confirmed)
Tabled – scheduled for June meeting

- 4.04
- Bureau of Land Management Proposed Regulations on E-bikes – Vance Severin and Nick Repanich commented that the BLM regulations appear to be flexible and reasonable. Peggy Moak agreed.
 - Poe Powerhouse Relicensing Draft Recreation Plan – no new comments. Action still pending
 - Pacific Forest Trust request for endorsement – letter of support for their legislative efforts – tabled until June meeting. Peggy Moak agreed to send additional information on the status of the legislation and follow up with Jill Harris.
- 4.05 Handout provided on the drone seeding techniques used in Canada for forest restoration.
- 4.06 New Business–Considerations for upcoming meetings: Next meeting is June 22, 2020 - ZOOM, 5:00 PM
- Access to evacuation routes, traffic studies, in the event of wildfire (CalFire, PW, BCFSC, Nick R.) To include all rural foothill areas
 - South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
 - Fish & Wildlife
- 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.) **NONE – Meeting Adjourned**