



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – December 19, 2016

ITEM NO.

- 1.00 Call to order – Gold Nugget Museum, Paradise, CA 5:00 PM – Thank you, Sam Dresser!!
- 2.00 Pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- 2.01 Roll Call – **FAC Members:** Jim Shary, Vance Severin, Teri Faulkner, Peggy Moak, Trish Puterbaugh
FAC Alternates: Pete Moak (voting), Lindsay Wood, Thad Walker, Bob Gage, Nick Repanich
Coordinating Committee Members: Dennis Schmidt, Paul Gosselin
Guests: San Dresser (HOST), Supervisor Teeter, Robin Bennett, Louis Johnson (FOTHL), Dave Derby (Cal-Fire), Laura Page, Rich Faulkner, Kevin Wright, Randall Gould (Feather River District Ranger, Plumas NF), Kathleen Nelson (Almanor District Ranger, Lassen NF), Stacy Kroner (Lassen NF); Dave Derby (Cal Fire), Glenn Lunak (Forester)

3.00 Consent Agenda

- 3.01 Minutes of 11-28 reviewed and approved. M –V. Severin, 2nd Pete Moak - Motion Approved 5-0

4.00 Agenda

- 4.01 Self-Introduction of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) Members, Alternates and Public
- 4.02 Paul Gosselin (Coordinating Committee) gave a recap of the meeting in Sacramento between USFS Regional Forester Randy Moore, Bill Wickham of SFAC and the 8 counties that were represented. Fire Suppression costs, SFAC/environmental groups proposed meeting, USFS “no bid” issue on timber removal, lack of infrastructure, pending Forest Plans as living documents were all subjects of discussion.
- 4.03 Butte County Fire Safe Council Wildfire Summit Debrief: Tree Mortality emphasis – Derby, Faulkner, Moak
- 4.04 Tree Mortality Task Force Update - Dave Derby: Gabe Schultz & Rick Carr from the State Task Force spoke at the last Task Force meeting. They clarified that 25% match for CDAA grants must be in actual expenditures at the County level. Determined that track chippers and skid steers are the best tools for bug kill tree disposal. There were 6 SRA grants totaling \$597,000 approved, plus Cal-Fire also got grants for signage and education.
- 4.05 OHV Commission 12-09-16 Meeting debrief – Supervisor Teeter: Improvements to the Clay Pit were discussed with the Commission representatives, and a follow up meeting was set for February to visit the site. Grant planning with the Plumas was also discussed, and a meeting was set for January 11 to meet with Plumas Supervisor Daniel Lovato and Randy Gould.
- 4.06 **Lassen NF Almanor District Update** (Kathleen Nelson): OSV EIS: On hold while reviewing objections raised and considering further instruction to the Forest. Forest will be required to address objection issues before signing a decision.

Ishi wild cows: Lassen NF will be scheduling a meeting this winter to discuss ideas, options, and challenges to removing the remaining wild cows from the Ishi Wilderness. FAC will be kept in the loop; Bob Gage and Pete Moak expressed an interest.

The Yellow Timber Sale may become a winter logging operation.

Storrie grant funds will be used for the T staging area in the High Lakes (not for organized camping area)

There will be maintenance projects in the High Lakes in the summer of 2017, done in cooperation with FOTHL. Non-motorized Trail maintenance is planned, with Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Back Country Horsemen and Plumas NF crews. Indian Springs trail redo a possibility.

Update on ML2/ML3 roads: Enterprise engineer for FS is now on board and review will take place under the direction of Heather Blevins. Tobin Road/24N04 – Lassen NF and Plumas NF engineering departments sorting out the confusion over responsibility for this road.

- 4.07 BLM Northwestern CA Integrated Resource Management Plan – comments due on draft plan by February 3. Peggy asked for FAC members/alternates willing to come to a public workshop; date in early January TBD.
- 4.08 Ishi Wilderness – Ponderosa Way – Kathleen Nelson stated that there is no money for ML2 road repairs, and that the focus for the District is use of Storrie Fire grant funding that dries up after this year.
- 4.09 Feather River Retaining Wall – Doug Teeter indicated he would contact the Plumas Board of Supervisors to see if they did indeed issue a letter to the railroad.
- 4.10 The request for appointments for Severin, Shary, Repanich and Walker as approved at the 10-24-16 FAC meeting will be submitted for the first January Board meeting. INFORMATION ONLY
- 4.11 SOPA Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for projects affecting Butte County listed in 2016 SOPA Reports for Lassen and Plumas NF's. Refer to SOPA flow chart and SOPA Tracking (Chair) 10 Min)
- 4.12 New Business – considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is Jan. 23 in Chico
 - General Plan revisions, Trails, Public lands, recreation
 - Lassen National Forest – Forest Plan Presentation – likely Feb-Mar or later
 - Plumas NF Supervisor and Staff - February
 - Sierra Club Trails Guide – invite them to make a presentation
 - F&W Service – Table Mountain Trail
- 4.13 Public Comment (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)