

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday October 12, 2006 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County
Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Ed Harrison, Chair (06)
Ron Cross, Vice Chair (06)
Brian West, Treasure (06)
John Sheehan, Secretary (06)
Andy Anderson (07)
Jim Graham, (07)
Mike De Lasaux, (06)
Jim Hamblin (07)
Frank Stewart (06)
Dale Meese (06)
Michael Condon (07)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Ed Harrison
2. Review Agenda – Ed Harrison
3. Next meeting – **December 14, 2006**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 9/14/06 meeting – Ed Harrison – **Steve Windward made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Claude Sanders seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Ed Harrison - **None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets)
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR - 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Project was reviewed on the ground by USFS & Wayland resources. USFS concerns will be addressed with the burning contractor. Burning is expected to begin shortly.**
 - C. PC FSC 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR - 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Projected expected to be complete by Thanksgiving.**
 - D. PC FSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Due to the success of this program, PC FSC will seek funding for additional residents.**

- E. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – John Sheehan – **Work has resumed on this project. Completion of timber harvesting is expected by the end of the year. A field meeting was conducted between the RPF and PC FSC folks to discuss progress and process. Treatment for some of the acres changed due to an access problems. A road was initially planned, but due to costs and timing the landowner has changed their mind. Another method of treatment is expected to occur.**
- F. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Marking of the projects is being reviewed & additional trees are being marked to meet desired canopy openings. Requests for Proposals for a “Stewardship Contract” are expected out early next year.**
- G. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- H. PC FSC 06-7 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities. Grants for elderly/disables defensible space and 200 acres of HFR in Indian Valley will be prepared for the upcoming grant cycle. Frank Stewart discussed a meeting with the CA FSC Director and California Legislative members to seek ways to fund FSC Coordination in light of diminishing federal grant funds.**
- I. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **NEPA is completed & the treatment bid prospectus is expected due out by Thanksgiving. A pre-bid meeting is planned for 11/29/06**
- J. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Units have been marked and the treatment bid prospectus is expected due out by the end of the year. Parcel locations dictate that some skidding will need to cross other private land parcels for harvesting to occur.**
- K. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **RPF Windward reported that he has contacted all property owners, and has completed a sample mark for property owners to view.**
- L. PC FSC 06-1 & 8 – West Almanor Community Club HFR – 11 acres -John Sheehan – **Contract with CAFSC is signed. RPF Smailes reports that the project is marked a7 he’s preparing the NEPA & treatment bid prospectus.**
- M. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Contract with CAFSC is signed. Contract signing with USFS for RAC funds is awaiting transfer of funds to the Plumas NF. Wayland Resources, RPF, Reports that they are beginning the layout & marking of parcels.**
- N. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Wayland Resources, RPF, Reports that they are beginning the archaeology field work, weather dependent.**
- O. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Funds have not arrived to the Plumas NF for distribution to enable contracts to be signed.**
- P. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres -John Sheehan –**Funds have not arrived to the Plumas NF for distribution to enable contracts to be signed.**

7. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities’ opportunities - Project mapping integration involving USFS, CDF and Fire Safe Council - PNF’s fuel reduction out year program of work – Michael Condon – **Jason Moghaddas Described the Keddie QLG project. The proposed HFR project surrounds the ridges & slopes of Indian Valley. Jason was looking for PC FSC support and a potential collaborative fuel reduction project of private & public lands. PC FSC proposed to jointly prepare a scoping letter and solicit private landowners interested in HFR. The Council will also prepare a grant request for 200 unspecified acres of private lands, as the grant request window has just opened.**
8. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham -**The proposed revised County ordinances for Fire Safe Driveways & reducing the amount of shake roof which can be replaced in a year will be heard by the Board of Supervisors on 11/14.**
9. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Frank discussed a planned field trip that is being conducted on 12/6/06 for members of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to discuss hazardous fuel reduction and potential funding sources.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Seeking HFR Grant Assistance for Another PC FSC Community – Mike De Lasaux – **Council members decides that a grant request for 200 unspecified acres of private lands will be developed.**
2. Presentation of Plumas County’s Internet mapping system – Dennis Miller - **Dennis discussed the release of an interactive GIS County mapping site placed on the internet. Maps include the Assessor’s parcel data map, planning and zoning layers, roads, and other useful data layers. The system will also allow County departments and fire departments to access information on building permits. Additional fire layers are being added and Dennis will make a presentation of the system at the Council’s December meeting.**
3. PC FSC Board Nominating Committee – Ed Harrison - **Ed Harrison, John Sheehan, Claude Sanders, & Phil Noia will be the nominating committee. They will report back next meeting with their recommendations.**
4. Defensible Space on Public Lands – **Ken Whitaker – Ken Whitaker a private citizen in Quincy, was soliciting help in treating public lands behind his home to meet the 100’ defensible space requirement. Jason Moghaddas, USFS, agreed to look into ways the USFS may be able to treat public lands within 100 feet of homes to provide adequate defensible space, and report back in December.**

Meeting concluded at 11:35 AM