

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday March 13, 2008 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Brian West, Chair (08)

Ed Harrison, (08)

Andy Anderson (09)

Jim Graham, (09)

Jim Hamblin (09)

Frank Stewart (08)

Dale Meese (08)

Allan Setzer (09)

Jay Skutt (10)

Mike Callaghan (10)

Mission Statement:

“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities.”

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Ed Harrison
2. Review Agenda – Ed Harrison
3. Next meeting –**April 10, 2008**
4. Review/Approve minutes from February 14, 2007 meeting – Ed Harrison – **Jay Skutt made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Phil Noia 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 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - C. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - D. PC FSC 05-3, 7, & 07-8 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **RPF developing the prospectus and getting under contract with Plumas NF**

- E. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- F. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **RPF developing the prospectus. 175 acres of property owners signed up. Looking for additional funding sources due to expected increased costs.**
- G. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Treatment continuing approximately 100 acres masticated. Project is set to terminate on 4/15/08.**
- H. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Nothing New to Report.**
- I. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- J. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan – **Outreach letters to be sent to property owners north of North Valley Road from North Arm to Williams Valley Roads. A public meeting is scheduled for April 5th in Greenville to meet with interested property owners.**
- K. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **RPF has visited all the parcels and assessed the project’s potential value. Based on past bids for work, more funding will be necessary. It is estimated that a match of \$500 per acre in either forest product value or cash will be necessary to meet the targeted acres with the prescribed treatment. Landowners requesting treatment is about 170% more than the original grant request.**
- L. PC FSC 07-4 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, developing workshops and a Fire Safe tabloid, seeking additional grant funds and assisting in other grant activities.**
- M. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **RPF working with C Road CSD on defining property lines & boundaries.**
- N. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **A field meeting between the Plumas NF, PC FSC, and the RPF will occur on 3/25/08, to firm up the project and treatment.**
- O. PC FSC 07-7 - C Road HFR – 40 acres – John Sheehan – **RPF is waiting for soil conditions to improve and the contractor’s equipment to become available.**
- P. PC FSC 07-9 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **A project coordinator has been selected and outreach is expected to begin in April.**
- Q. PC FSC 07-10 County Educational Workshops – SNC – John Sheehan – **A small group has met to begin developing a Fire Safe Tabloid to come out in the newspaper at the end of June. They will also be developing formats and design for workshops. Another group is planning a Home Ignition Zone Educational Consultation Workshop in the Spring for Mohawk Valley and any other interested communities or fire departments.**

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals.
 - A. PC FSC HFR Competitive Grant - Sierra Nevada Conservancy – John Sheehan – **We have heard that we will not be chosen as a grantee for this request.**
 - B. PC FSC Coordination – PC BoS title III - John Sheehan – **Funding decision expected in late March.**
 - C. PC FSC HFR Project Development – PC BoS title III - John Sheehan – **Funding decision expected in late March.**
 - D. PC FSC Coordination – CA FSC- NFP /SNC - John Sheehan – **Funding decision expected in late March.**
 - E. PC FSC Public Education Defensible Space– CA FSC- NFP - John Sheehan – **Funding decision expected in late March.**
 - F. PC FSC HFR- Gold Mtn.2008 Mastication – John Sheehan – **Funding decision expected in late March.**
8. 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 – Allan Setzer – **Almanor RD Silviculturalist, John Zerlingo, presented five fuel reduction projects the District is working on, and a review of a recent court decision requiring the US Forest Service to collaborate on their projects.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – **Jim Graham - The Plumas County Emergency Services Feasibility Study Group is preparing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for County Fire Improvement Standards. Some of these proposed standards will include recommendations in the PC FSC Community Wildfire Protection Plan.**
10. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report.**
11. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Jason Moghaddas - **Nothing New to Report.**
12. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report.**
13. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report.**
14. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activity. – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. Almanor Basin – **Dale Knutsen & Keith Crummmer are developing Forest Ecology course at FRC for the spring semester. It will include some Firewise/Fire Safe information. There is also interest some in, Prepare, Stand & Defend, the New Zealand model of protecting private structures in wildfires**
 - B. Gold Mountain – **GM FSC members have completed 50 residential defensible consultations in their community. Their chipping program is expected to have a large increase in activity after the snow leaves.**

- C. Mohawk Valley Ranch – **The Valley Ranch HOA (Clio) is considering having a Fire Safe Committee for their community and/or joining with Graeagle FPD to create a in a larger area council.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Directors Elections- Board to complete selection of Officers - Ed Harrison. – **Ed Harrison nominated Mike Callaghan and Jay Skutt as board Members to replace vacancies. Jerry Hurley seconded and the two were elected by a unanimous vote of members in attendance. Selection of Officers will occur at the April meeting.**
2. Review & Set 2008 Goals – Ed Harrison – **Deferred until the April meeting**