

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Notes

**Meeting March 10, 2004 9:00 am.
Quincy Fire Department**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting: April 14, 2004
4. Review/Approve minutes from 2/11/04 meeting – **David Hawks made a motion to approve the notes, Jim Graham seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
 - A. PC FSC 01-1— Homeowner Consultation & Education-Mike De Lasaux – **Mike is still working with the PNF on qualifying in-kind contributions to the project.**
 - B. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland - **Brian reported progress on the Hayes property. The signs have been approved. It is estimated that there is \$17,000.00 left to work with.**
 - C. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan – **Training for the new system is complete. Plumas County IT plans to install the intranet server by 4/1/04.**
 - D. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley – **Work on the final report is occurring.**
 - E. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – John Sheehan- **Barry Callenberger & Zeke Lunder, of Wildland Rx, the project contractors were present to discuss the project. They have begun work and are working out some mapping issues with the USFS. They will be spending the rest of the week gathering photo points and validating fuel models.**
 - F. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Sue McCourt – **This project is complete. These funds have all been expended. The final report is being prepared.**

- G. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – **Nothing new to report.**
 - H. PC FSC. 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
 - I. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- **Mike & Jerry will begin working on a package to assist County Supervisor Pearson with the outreach.**
 - J. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Working with Cal Trans to see how much they will participate.**
 - K. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Gay – **Nothing new to report.**
 - L. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **A Public meeting to discuss the project is scheduled for 7PM on 3/25/04 at the Sloat Towne Hall.**
 - M. PC FSC 03 – 8 & 14 - Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan – **Word is pending on the 3 HFR projects submitted through the CA FSC Clearing house (C Road, Graeagle & Gold Mt.). Concept papers for two of the proposals (Graeagle & Gold Mtn) are also being prepared for RAC Cycle 4 funding, if they are not selected for funding through the CA FSC Clearinghouse. Additionally a concept paper for a 117 acre HFR project for the Red Clover Estates in Genesee is being prepared for RAC Cycle 4 funding.**
 - N. PC FSC 03 – 9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
 - O. PC FSC 03- 10 & 11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan – **The Council is working with the selected RPF. This project will probably not require a THP.**
 - P. PCFSC 03 – 12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Dick Kielhorn has put a request for bids out for the last of the current projects. He will work with Mike Condon on those properties that did not initially meet the proximity criteria. Properties will be placed on a map for PNF to make the final call. place them on a map and**
 - Q. PCFSC 03-15 - FSC Coordination –CY03 – John Sheehan- **Jerry Hurley continues to provide contract coordination services. Collection of GPS data and inputting the information is continuing to occur under this project in order to complete the desired work.**
 - R. PCFSC 03-16 – 50 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
 - S. PCFSC 03-17 - FSC Coordination CY04 – John Sheehan - **Nothing new to report.**
6. Grants Submitted & Planned–Sheehan/ De Lasaux/ Hurley
- A. 03-RAC-10 HFR RAC Cycle 3 C Road – John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**

- B. 04 BoS-1 C Road HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted to approve this project pending the 45 day public comment period.**
 - C. 04 BoS-2 Gold Mountain HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted to approve this project pending the 45 day public comment period.**
 - D. 04 BoS-3 Canyon Dam HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted to approve this project pending the 45 day public comment period.**
 - E. 04 BoS-4 Countywide GIS Phase II – John Sheehan – **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted to approve this project pending the 45 day public comment period.**
 - F. 04 BoS-7 County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan - **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted to approve this project pending the 45 day public comment period.**
 - G. 04 CA FSC – C Road HFR - Jerry Hurley - **Awaiting word**
 - H. 04 CA FSC – Gold Mountain HFR - Jerry Hurley - **Awaiting word**
 - I. 04 CA FSC – Graeagle HFR - Jerry Hurley - **Awaiting word**
7. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities - Project mapping integration involving US FS, CDF and Fire Safe Council - PNF’s fuel reduction out year program of work - John Gay. – **Nothing new to report.**
 8. CDF Exemption for Fuelbreaks, HFR & THP extensions – Frank Stewart – **Mike and Jerry met with Bill Snyder after last months meeting to discuss how to make fuel reduction on non-industrial private lands more streamlined. Bill asked for a White Paper on the issue of a THP exemption for HFR in the Wildland Urban Interface. Concerns were expressed by some that the paper should have gone through PC FSC review prior to being shared. Frank Stewart felt requiring a RPF was unnecessary.**

Mike shared a revised version after receiving comments from a number of folks. David hawks made a motion that a committee be formed to work through the issue and carry it forward to the Board of Supervisors Na CA FSC. John Sheehan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
 9. Progress on Expanding Communities at Risk – David Hawks/John Gay –**Map still needs to be presented to the Plumas County Board of Supervisors.**
 10. Almanor Basin Firewise Communities meeting planning – Jerry Hurley- **Invitations have been sent to targeted community, business and public agency persons in Indian Valley and the Almanor Basin. The workshop is scheduled for March 31, 2004 at the Peninsula Fire Station.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. PC FSC 2004 Goals – Mike De Lasaux – **Following discussion the PC FSC 2004 Annual Goals are:**
 - **Develop and Implement a Countywide Community Wildland Fire Plan with community based planning,**

- **Increase public knowledge and awareness of the wildland fire hazard and efforts they can make to reduce their threat**
 - **Develop more community-based involvement,**
 - **Implement community hazardous fuel reduction projects,**
 - **Continue to pursue grant funds,**
2. **Butte County FSC Defensible Space Model Brochures – David Hawks – David passed around brochures for homeowners that are being developed in Butte County. They are fuel type specific (Grass, Brush & Timber).**
 3. **Plumas County Portion of Butte RU Fire Plan – Jerry Hurley – Jerry asked for guidance on how much more time to spend working on Plumas County’s portion of the Butte RU Fire Plan. David Hawks is asking for more specificity by community. Jerry handed out information obtained, at the Wildland Fire 204 Conference, on Community Wildland Fire Plans. Jerry will begin working on this effort, rather than spend any more time on our County portion of the Butte RU fire Plan.**
 4. **Hazardous Fuel Reduction assistance available – Frank Stewart – Frank discussed the decline in federal funding assistance to treat hazardous fuels around communities. He pointed out that Colorado gets three times what California gets and asked that the Council send a letter to the House Resource Committee addressing the issue. John Sheehan cautions against lobbying with regards to our 501 c.3. status. Mike and John volunteered to develop an educational & informational letter addressing the issue of declining funds while there is an increase in public awareness and interest in treating fuels, the cost and difficulty in obtaining funds.**

Meeting Concluded at 1200PM