Meeting Notes
Thursday October 11, 2007 - 9:00 am.
Plumas County
Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

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

OLD BUSINESS
1. Welcome & Introductions- Brian West

2. Review Agenda – Brian West

3. Next meeting – November 8, 2007

4. Review/Approve minutes from September 13, 2007 meeting – Brian West – Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Carl McDonald seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Public Comment - Brian West – Phil Noia informed the Council that PG& E would be removing 200 hazard trees along their lines in the Moonlight Fire.

6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets)

   B. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 126 acres – John Sheehan – RAC recommended funding an additional 40 acres for mastication.


E. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR - 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Harvesting & mastication is completed. CDF has signed off the completed work.**

F. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR - 30 acres – John Sheehan – **RAC recommended additional funding for this project.**

G. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR - 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Harvesting is completed except for a property owner who wants to opt out of the contract. Negotiations are ongoing to complete the project.**

H. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Based on recent bids for other projects, there is an expectation that this one will need additional fund. Efforts to find additional funds are ongoing.**


K. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **Mastication is expected to begin in the next couple weeks.**

L. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR - 200 acres – John Sheehan – **A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester to manage this project is currently open**

M. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **A successful public outreach meeting was conducted Tuesday, 10/9/07. There are a number of interested landowners for this project. A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester to manage this project is currently open**

N. PC FSC 07-4 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Grant written efforts continue with the submission of 7 grants to the RAC, one to CDF and one to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. The RAC funded 3 of our projects. A HFR Block Grant is also being worked on and due in November.**

O. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester to manage this project is currently open**

P. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan - **A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester to manage this project is currently open**

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals.
   A. Returning to RAC for assistance in covering under funded projects (Eastern Plumas, Massack, and Greenhorn) – RAC – John Sheehan – **RAC recommended fully funding of this project to the Plumas NF.**
B. Elderly Disabled Defensible Space – 75 – RAC – John Sheehan – **RAC recommended funding of this project for only one year (about half of the request)** to the Plumas NF.

C. Gold Mountain Hazardous Fuel Reduction – RAC – 100-200 acres – John Sheehan – **Not recommended by RAC. Funding will be sought from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy**

D. Lake Almanor County Club Hazardous Fuel Reduction – 10 acres – RAC – John Sheehan - **Not recommended by RAC. Funding will be sought from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.**

E. Eastern Plumas HFR & I&E Workshops – CDF Western States WUI – John Sheehan – **Not funded thorough the Western States WUI process. Funding will be sought from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy**

F. PC FSC Information & Educational– Sierra Nevada Conservancy – John Sheehan – **Project submitted & awaiting feedback**

G. PC FSC HFR Block Grant - Sierra Nevada Conservancy – John Sheehan – **Proposal is due 11/15/07.**

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 – **Most of the proposed Diamond project was burned up in the Moonlight Fire. Courts have not allowed recent requests for injunctions and upheld decisions of FS when appealed.**

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jerry Hurley – **A County Feasibility Study Group, assigned by the Board of Supervisors is working on issues specific tot fire protection. A number of the County’s CWPP mitigation measures may be incorporated into the group’s recommendations for not continuing to add to the fire protection problem.**

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.**

NEW BUSINESS
1. Local Fire Safe Council Activities. – Jerry Hurley – **It was proposed that this become a standing agenda item for information sharing on what local FSC’s are doing. There are currently two, Almanor Basin Fire Safe Council & Gold Mountain Fire Safe Committee.**

   The Almanor Basin is exploring ways to further market to the population centers of the sate, the long term impact from wildfires, such as the recent Moonlight & Wheeler fires. A group will be putting together talking points and then seek out a ways to get it into the larger media market.
Gold Mountain is continuing with a dooryard chipping program for green waste generated in property cleanup. Their committee members are also conducting defensible space consultation to educated homeowners.

The meeting concluded at 10:50