

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday December 14, 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- John Sheehan
2. Review Agenda – John Sheehan
3. Next meeting – **January 11, 2007**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 11/09/06 meeting – John Sheehan –**David Hockday made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Steve Windward seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - John Sheehan - **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 – **Most of the burning completed. Contractor generated additional piles to be burnt. Contractor’s piles escaped, due to no patrols on a weekend, PNF resources had to take action to control the escape. Contractor will be billed for suppression cost. Fortunately no resource damage occurred.**

- A. PC FSC 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR - 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Harvesting is finishing up on last mechanical thinning parcel. Depending on product revenues will determine how much additional mastication or hand treatment will occur on 2 other small parcels.**
- B. PC FSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- C. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – John Sheehan – **Request for proposals for hand thinning, piling & burning , and mastication are out for solicitation. Four contractors showed up on the pre-bid trip. 30 acres of mechanical thinning remains to be completed. Due to overextension of the LTO, a contract extension may be necessary.**
- D. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- E. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- F. PC FSC 06-7 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **PC FSC made a presentation to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy of the need for them to consider funding fuel reduction projects in the Sierra’s, through the CA FSC, with Prop 84 funds. PC FSC is collaborating with the Mt. Hough RD and holding a public scoping meeting on 12/14/06 for the Keddie project which surrounds Indian Valley. Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities.**
- G. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Request for proposals for mechanical thinning, and mastication are out for bid. Three contractors showed up on the pre-bid trip on 12/13/06.**
- H. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Project lay out is complete, trees are marked, & property lines located. RPF is negotiating with some landowners for landings. NEPA is being prepared for the USFS.**
- I. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Project lay out is complete, property lines located and a sample mark completed.**
- J. PC FSC 06-1 & 8 – West Almanor Community Club HFR – 11 acres -John Sheehan – **Project lay out is complete, trees are marked, & property lines located. RPF will be putting out a prospectus to request bids for mechanical thinning in the next week.**
- K. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Project lay out will begin after Massack is laid out and marked. PC FSC doe not yet have a contract with PNF on this project yet.**

- L. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Project lay out and tree marking has started and property lines are located**
- M. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Nothing New to Report.**
- N. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres -John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**

- 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 – **PC FSC is collaborating with the Mt. Hough RD and holding a public scoping meeting on 12/14/06 for the Keddie project which surrounds Indian Valley.**
- 8. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham – **PC Board of Supervisors will vote on passing of the Driveway & shake roof ordinance revisions on 12/19/06. There has been some concerns raised by developers and engineers that this revision may create a burden to some property owners. Emergency services personnel reported of difficulty in getting to existing residences due to excessive slopes & no turnarounds, because of the current ordinance.**

Jeff Harter, CDF, discussed the revised hazard mapping project that CDF is working on. This ranking is expected to be an improvement over prior efforts. This hazard ranking process will occur over the next year with opportunities for input from counties and fire departments. In 2008 any new residential construction in a high hazard zone will to conform to more stringent fire safe building regulations.

- 9. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **HF QLG forests have released their revised program of work.**
- 10. PC FSC Board Nominating Committee Report– Ed Harrison – **Deferred till next month due to a meeting room scheduling conflict.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Presentation of Plumas County’s Internet mapping system – Dennis Miller – **Deferred till next month due to a meeting room scheduling conflict.**
- 2. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Jason Moghaddas - **Deferred due to a meeting room scheduling conflict.**
- 3. PC FSC Registering for CA Climate Action Registry – John Sheehan- **John made a motion that PC FSC sign up as a participant in the CA Climate Action Registry. The motion was seconded by Claude Sanders. In discussion john expressed a hope of being able to generate revenues from council projects. There are still a lot of unknowns. The motion carried with a majority vote and one no vote.**

4. **Secure Rural Schools Funding -Frank Stewart – The reauthorization bill was not signed by the 109th Congress before their recess. It is not known if the 110th Congress will take the measure back up or not.. This will have a severe impact on Plumas County Schools. These funds accounted for about 63% of PC FSC’s funding. This issue will be carried over to the January meeting.**
5. **CA FSC Issues –Frank Stewart- Frank & Jerry are members of a CA FSC legislative committee. Currently the committee is working to seek a bill for the State to provide funding for County or Regional Fire Safe Council administration, and fuel reduction projects. CA FSC is looking for letters of support from local councils. This issue will be carried over to the January meeting.**
6. **Board of Forestry Fire Prevention Exemption – Mike De Lasaux - Deferred till next month due to a meeting room scheduling conflict.**