

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday May 8, 2008 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Brian West, Chair (08)

Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair (10)

Ed Harrison, Secretary (08)

Jim Graham, Treasurer (09)

Andy Anderson (09)

Jim Hamblin (09)

Frank Stewart (08)

Dale Meese (08)

Allan Setzer (09)

Jay Skutt (10)

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 –**June 12, 2008**
4. Review/Approve minutes from March 13, 2007 meeting – Brian West- **Ed Harrison made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Jim Hamblin seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West - **None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets)
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Project is awarded, logging pending completion of Moonlight Salvage**
 - C. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - D. PC FSC 05-3, 7, & 07-8 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – **Bids close on Friday. Hopefully contractors will come in below our projected funding.**
 - E. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – **Piles are burned. Awaiting word from SNC (Agenda 7.G) on additional funding to treat about 9 more acres.**

- F. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - **Working on financing a RPF and assessing the project economics with market and grants.**
- G. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres – **Contractor has begun working and is expected to finish mastication by the end of the month.**
- H. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - **Nothing New to Report.**
- I. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres – **Nothing New to Report.**
- J. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – **RPF has begun contacting landowners, assessing project treatments, and project economics.**
- K. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – **RPF working with landowners to firm up forest product values or cash in-kind needs, so there are sufficient funds to move forward.**
- L. PC FSC 07-4 - PC FSC Council Coordination – **Work continues with conducting a Home Ignition Zone workshop, presentations at homeowner association meetings, purchasing materials for community meetings, creating a Fire Safe Tabloid in the County paper, website updates, sharing of firesafe information, writing grant proposals to seek additional funds, and assisting in other existing grant activities.**
- M. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – **RPF is working with the C Road CSD on obtaining landowner permissions and concurrence on property boundaries within the easement, to avoid trespasses.**
- N. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – **Bids are closed. A meeting is planned following the FSC meeting to discuss final details with the selected contractor.**
- O. PC FSC 07-7 - C Road HFR – 40 acres – **Contractor has completed the 17 acres of hand piling and will begin mastication after completing Massack.**
- P. PC FSC 07-9 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Awaiting a signed contract from the Plumas NF.**
- Q. PC FSC 07-10 County Educational Workshops – SNC – **Completed a Home Ignition Zone Educational Consultation Workshop on May 6, 2008 for Mohawk Valley, other interested communities, and fire departments, with 22 participants. Three communities have asked for PC FSC presentation on how to protect homes and property from wildfire. A small group is developing a Fire Safe Tabloid to come out in the newspaper at the end of June.**

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals.

- A. PC FSC Coordination – PC BoS title III – **Board of Supervisors approved funding for this project and funds are expected to be available in May.**
- B. PC FSC HFR Project Development – PC BoS Title III - John Sheehan – **Board of Supervisors approved funding for this project and expects funds to be available in May.**
- C. PC FSC HFR- Gold Mtn.2008 Mastication - **Project was accepted for funding by the US FS. Awaiting a contract with PNF.**

- D. PC FSC HFR Planning – SNC – **Expect a decision in June**
- E. PC FSC Grizzly Ck HFR – SNC – **Expect a decision in June**

- 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 – **Nothing New to Report**
- 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. The group hopes to have a workshop with the Board on this. Some of these proposed standards will include recommendations in the PC FSC Community Wildfire Protection Plan.**
- 10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **Nothing New to Report**
- 11. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report**
- 12. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report**
- 13. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activity. – Jerry Hurley
Almanor Basin is making plans for the 4th of July activities & a Fire Safe Booth. Gold Mountain met with the Beckwourth District to see if there is potential for them to treat adjacent public lands on the south and east of the subdivision. They have approved NEPA, and the project would need funds. Discussions have begun to explore those opportunities.
Graeagle Fire Protection District and Valley Ranch are exploring the feasibility of forming a council.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. "Geographic Content of Fire Safe Education Materials", presentation of her CSU Master’s Project by Callie Jane Burch, Executive Director of the Butte County Fire Safe Council. - **Callie discussed her Master’s project which was an analysis of locally produced fire safe education materials from thirty-six fire safe councils in thirty-two northern California counties and the extent to which they make use of geographic themes to convey information about fire safety to residents. The materials fire safe councils use for their various educational programs, projects and activities to promote fire safety, prevention and preparedness in their communities are quite disparate, and there is no single model that councils use to bring vital information about fire safety together. The purpose of this project was to summarize the educational material using the five themes of geography as an organizational framework for highlighting distinct forms of local geographic knowledge for fire safe education. The project found that there is a great diversity in the topics and methods fire safe council education materials addressed. The project identifies four best recommendations resulting from the geographic content analysis, as well as information from the background and literature review of the project: (a) utilize the fifty-six education topic generated from the project for innovative ideas and approaches to fire safety; (b) clearly identify the target audience; (c) utilize local, geographical knowledge; (d) produce education materials with personal contact, whenever possible. This project can serve as a resource for nascent and established fire safe councils, all of which face the challenge of educating the local community about fire safety.**
- 2. Hazardous Fuel Reduction Cost Share – John Sheehan – **Deferred until next meeting**

3. Meeting Time Change Request-Beckwourth FD – Jerry Hurley - **After discussion, there was no desire by the member’s present to change the meeting from 9AM to 10AM. All felt it would further interrupt the day and possibly extend some of the longer meetings past noon. There was no motion made to change the times of the meeting.**
4. Review and set 2008 Council Goals – Brian West – **Jay Skutt made a motion to amend the 2007 Goals to our 2008 Goals. Claude Sanders seconded, and after discussion the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**