

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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MEETING NOTES

**Meeting October 13, 2004 9:00 am.
Quincy Fire Department**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mike De Lasaux - **USFS AWARD - Jim Peña, Forest Supervisor, PNF presented the PCFSC with a National Community Assistance Leadership Award for 2003-2004, from the Chief of the USFS. The Citation read: For outstanding accomplishments through their exceptional leadership, vision, & perseverance in working collaboratively to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildland fire in Plumas County, California. Signed by Dale Bosworth, USDA Forest Service Chief**
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting: **November 10, 2004**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 9/8/04 meeting – **Jim Hamblin 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 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland – **John Sheehan reported we are waiting for burning weather to complete a number of the projects. Our contract has been extended with PNF.**
 - B. PC FSC 02- 5 - HFR Assessment & Strategy – John Sheehan- **John handed out copies of the 3rd Draft of the report by Wildland Rx. The outputs were discussed by John, Mike & Jerry. Council members were asked to review the package over the next month and be prepared to vote on accepting it at the November meeting. Jerry will also provide an updated table of treatments by community after working with the contractor on refinement. The table will also become part of the Community Fire Plan.**
 - C. PC FSC 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - D. PC FSC 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**

- E. PC FSC 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- **Nothing New to Report.**
- F. PC FSC 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- G. PC FSC 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Gay – **Nothing New to Report.**
- H. PC FSC 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **CEQA field work has been completed for 160 acres.**
- I. PC FSC 03–8 & 14 - Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- J. PC FSC 03–9 & 04-9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- K. PC FSC 03-10 & 11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan – **A bid of \$21,000 was received and there were only \$12,000 in RAC funds for the project. Mike & John will work with the RPF to explore alternatives, and report back next month**
- L. PCFSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Dick continues program outreach. He and John met with Plumas County Health Department to explore outreach options. SO far there are no new clients. Dick will use paper and radio adds to attempt to find citizens in need of this service.**
- M. PCFSC 03-16 – 50 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Plots have been established and pre harvest information collected for the fire behavior monitoring portion. CEQA is complete and the District Ranger said she would sign the Decision Memo following the meeting. Brian was awaiting word back from CDF on the Emergency Exemption, but expect no obstacles and hopes to begin operation in mid October.**
- N. PCFSC 03-17 - FSC Coordination CY04 – John Sheehan - **Nothing New to Report.**
- O. PCFSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- P. PCFSC 04-3 & 10 - Gold Mountain HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- Q. PCFSC 04-4 & 12 Canyon Dam HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Project design has been completed. The project leader is awaiting specialist input. It is expected the Categorical Exclusion won't be completed until spring, so that the botanist may complete their surveys.**
- R. PCFSC 04-5 Countywide GIS Phase II – John Sheehan – **Additional maps have been provided by the contractor. GPS units will be procured and Dennis is still working to get the maps on to an internet server and maintain system security.**
- S. PCFSC 04-6 County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**

T. PCFSC 04-7 & 11 - Red Clover (Genesee) HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**

6. Grants Pending – John Sheehan – **An application was submitted to CDF for Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) funds for the 120 acre Whitehawk HFR project.**
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. – **Discussion on a lawsuit filed by four organizations against the Forest Service’s plan to harvest in the Meadow Valley area. There will be further discussion on this at the next meeting.**
8. Discussion of content of the Plumas County Community Wildland Fire Plan – Jerry Hurley – **The core planning team met refined the recommendations and is proposing to move the plan forward following proof editing. An employee of the County Planning Department will provide this service. It is hoped to have a final draft available to Council members prior to the November Meeting.**
9. Fire Pre-Planning – Chuck Thayer - **Nothing New to Report.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Safe Play – Leann Taylor - **USFS, proposed that the Plumas NF and PC FSC co-sponsor a play titled “On Fire”, about conflict and conflagration in America’s wildlands. Mike De Lasaux made a motion to co-sponsor the play with PNF. Frank Stewart seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote**
2. Legislative Update - Frank Stewart – **Frank gave an overview of the CS FSC’s representatives’ trip to Washington DC to meet with representatives on the need to continue funding of the NFP, local Fire Safe Councils, and key projects.**
3. NRCS Meadow Valley Project – Dan Martynn – **Dan discussed a project in Meadow Valley. NRCS is working with this landowner and is looking for additional in-kind funds to reduce the landowners cost.**
4. Prop 40 – CDF – Mary Huggins – **Mary discussed her new role as the Prop 40 Coordinator for most of Plumas County. These funds are targeted for reducing hazardous fuels. She expects to be working more closely with the Council on outreach and development of projects aimed at reducing fuel loads by thinning and burning.**

The Meeting Adjourned @ 1130