

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday November 10, 2005 9:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Jim Graham
2. Review Agenda – Jim Graham
3. Next meeting: **December 8, 2005**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 10/13/05 meeting – **Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the notes with no changes change. Jay Skutt, seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote**
5. Public Comment - **Members requested using the larger room and setting tables in a more circular fashion.**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
 - A. PC FSC. 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- **Susie Kocher PC Visitor Bureau) has begun working to assist with the Fire Safe Council outreach and education in Mohawk Vista and Delleker. The goal is to recruit landowners to participate in the community assistance for fuel reduction. The due date for grant applications is February so we don't have a great deal of time.**
 - C. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Project will have a change in leadership. A request for project extension is being sent to the Plumas Forest Supervisor.**
 - D. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **A request for project extension is being sent to the Plumas Forest Supervisor. Mastication to begin in next couple weeks.**

- E. PC FSC 03–9 & 04-9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Timber Harvest Plan approved by CDF. Harvesting underway in the project area. NEPA Decision to be made prior to implementing the 2nd phase.**
 - F. PCFSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **The project goal of 75 residences has been achieved.**
 - G. PCFSC 03-16 – 100 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - H. PCFSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – John Sheehan – **Awaiting NEPA Decision. Expect to begin operations the first of December.**
 - I. PCFSC 04-3 & 10 - Gold Mountain HFR – John Sheehan – **RPF is developing the THP using the recently passed Forest Fire Prevention Exemption, 2005 (AB 2420, LA MALFA)**
 - J. PCFSC 04-4 & 12 Canyon Dam HFR Planning– John Sheehan – **Mt Hough RD planning to re-scope the project with a new proposed action and purpose & need, to due to information obtained from the specialist surveys.**
 - K. PCFSC 04-6 County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - L. PCFSC 04-7 & 11 - Red Clover (Genesee) HFR– John Sheehan – **An additional property has been added. Project is up to 72 acres. Prospectus expected due out >11/15/05.**
 - M. PCFSC 05-1 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Work continues in PC FSC Coordination with Title III funds for this project. Ray Nichol is updating our website and grant writing efforts have started.**
 - N. PCFSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR – John Sheehan –**Proposals for RPF services have been received and are being evaluated. Expect to make awards by early December.**
 - O. PCFSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR Planning– John Sheehan – **Proposals for RPF services have been received and are being evaluated. Expect to make awards by early December.**
 - P. PCFSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR – John Sheehan – **Proposals for RPF services have been received and are being evaluated. Expect to make awards by early December.**
 - Q. PCFSC 05-5 Mohawk Vista HFR – John Sheehan - **Susie Kocher PC Visitor Bureau) has begun working to assist with the Fire Safe Council outreach and education in Mohawk Vista and Delleker. The goal is to recruit landowners to participate in the community assistance for fuel reduction. The due date for grant applications is February so we don't have a great deal of time.**
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 – **John Gay handed out a series of maps including PNF Planned and accomplished fuel reduction projects. Progress continues towards the mapping project goal.**

8. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildland Fire Plan.– Jim Graham - **Implementation efforts continue on the three identified areas for focus at this time:**
 - 1) **Creating a display and information material in the County Planning & Building Services department to increase Firewise awareness of homeowners, builders, & developers.**
 - 2) **Begin researching and developing a process to improve hazardous fuel reduction in future subdivisions.**
 - 3) **Explore the best way to incorporate fire protection into future developments.**

PC FSC has been requested to make a presentation of the Fire Plan to the Planning Commission on 11/21/05.

9. Committees report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart- **Now that additional maps have been developed, the group needs to work with PNF/LNF to identify acres to treat. Also need to provide more public education on the fire/fuel problem.**
10. Future HFR projects (La Porte, Little Grass Valley) – John Sheehan- **Public meetings are being planned, and drafts of grant proposals are being developed for three proposed HFR projects. They include: Little Grass Valley, La Porte Pines, & Eastern Plumas County areas (Mohawk Vista, C-Road & Portola/Delleker).**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nomination of Directors - Jim Graham - **Per PC FSC By-Laws - The Chairperson will appoint, at the November meeting, a Nominating Committee consisting of two Members, and two Directors. Jim asked that Mike De Lasaux, John Gay, Carl McDonald & Dick Kielhorn be the Nominating Committee for Board Changes and to report back next month with recommendations.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45AM