

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes **Meeting April 14, 2004 9:00 am.** **Quincy Fire Department**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting: **May 12, 2004**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 3/10/04 meeting - **John Sheehan 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 01-1— Homeowner Consultation & Education-Mike De Lasaux – **Nothing new to report.**
 - B. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland - **Brian reported progress on the Hayes property. Burning planned on Wendell & Edwards. Expect to log Almanor West in 2 weeks. Signs should be up soon. Brian estimates that there sre funds still left to work on other properties.**
 - C. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan – **Project is complete and will be dropped from the agendas.**
 - D. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley – **Project is complete and will be dropped from the agenda.**
 - E. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Assessment & Strategy – John Sheehan - **Wildland Rx expects to have a draft report by the end of April, but not all the communities will be included due to snow.**
 - F. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Sue McCourt – **Project is complete and funds expended. Final report to be prepared.**
 - G. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – **Nothing new to report.**

- H. PC FSC. 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
- I. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- **Nothing new to report.**
- J. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Dan Howell was present and is working with Cal Trans & property owners on the project acres & treatments.**
- K. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Gay - **Nothing new to report.**
- L. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **A community meeting was held on 3/25/04 to get participating property owners together. While it was well attended, many of the landowners who initially signed up were not present. Mike & Brian will send out letters to interested landowners. Brian is beginning to assess project acres and treatments.**
- M. PC FSC 03 – 8 & 14 - Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan – **Work continues. Brian Wayland conducted volume and value estimates for the Red Clover Genesee HFR project. California FSC has notified us that the C Road HFR project was selected for funding by the USFS with Community Protection Funds. The Title III projects that were pending public comment (Agenda Items 6. B.-G.) have been approved by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors. Three Concept papers have been submitted to the RAC for HFR. (Agenda Items 6. K-M).**
- N. PC FSC 03 – 9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan - **Nothing new to report.**
- O. PC FSC 03- 10 & 11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan - **Dan Howell was present and is working on the project treatments with the CSD.**
- P. PCFSC 03 – 12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **3 Projects completed, 12 more have just been awarded to contractors and 10-12 more will be going out to bid. One of the projects (Forbes) will be visited during the afternoon field trip.**
- Q. PCFSC 03-15 - FSC Coordination –CY03 – John Sheehan- **Coordination activities continue with agendas, notes, and press releases being provided monthly. Jerry & Mike attended the State FSC meeting in March to showcase some of our activities. Jerry has begun work on a County Wildland Fire Plan. A Firewise workshop was conducted on 3/31/04 for Almanor Basin and Indian Valley residents.**
- R. PCFSC 03-16 – 50 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
- S. PCFSC 03-17 - FSC Coordination CY04 – John Sheehan- **Nothing to report as the CY 03 coordination project will be completed before beginning to expend these funds.**

6. Grants Submitted & Planned–Sheehan/ De Lasaux/ Hurley
 - A. 03-RAC-10 HFR RAC Cycle 3 C Road – John Sheehan – **A contract for this project from the Plumas NF has been signed. Awaiting needed match from the USFS for Community Protection funds which we were successful in being selected through the CA FSC Clearinghouse process.**
 - B. 04 BoS-1 C Road HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Approved for funding by the board of Supervisors on 4/12/04.**
 - C. 04 BoS-2 Gold Mountain HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Approved for funding by the board of Supervisors on 4/12/04.**
 - D. 04 BoS-3 Canyon Dam HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Approved for funding by the board of Supervisors on 4/12/04.**
 - E. 04 BoS-4 Countywide GIS Phase II – John Sheehan – **Approved for funding by the board of Supervisors on 4/12/04.**
 - F. 04 BoS-7 County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan - **Approved for funding by the board of Supervisors on 4/12/04.**
 - G. 04 BoS-8 Red Clover (Genesee) HFR Planning – John Sheehan - **Approved for funding by the board of Supervisors on 4/12/04.**
 - H. 04 CA FSC – C Road HFR - Jerry Hurley – **Selected by USFS Region 5 for funding with a Community Protection Grant.**
 - I. 04 CA FSC – Gold Mountain HFR - Jerry Hurley – **Not selected at this time.**
 - J. 04 CA FSC – Graeagle HFR - Jerry Hurley - **Not selected at this time.**
 - K. 04 RAC-01 – Graeagle HFR - Jerry Hurley – **Concept paper submitted to RAC for Cycle 4 funding on 3/19/04.**
 - L. 04 RAC-02– Gold Mountain HFR - Jerry Hurley - **Concept paper submitted to RAC for Cycle 4 funding on 3/19/04.**
 - M. 04 RAC-03 – Red Clover Ck. Estates (Genesee) - Jerry Hurley - **Concept paper submitted to RAC for Cycle 4 funding on 3/19/04.**
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. – **Robin Vora, Acting District Ranger on Mt. Hough RD, discussed the program of work for the Mt. Hough watershed assessment. This watershed includes the Empire & Grizzly DFPZ’s. The FSC will co-sponsor open houses with the Mt. Hough RD personnel in Taylorsville on 4/19 and Quincy on 4/21.**
8. CDF Exemption for Fuelbreaks, HFR & THP extensions – Frank Stewart – **Frank & Mike attended the Board of Forestry (BoF) meeting on 4/6. The BoF has assigned consideration of an exemption to the Forest Practices committee. They are looking a wide spectrum of alternatives to streamline the process. Ranges include canopy opening to setting a diameter**

limit; and RPF signing off exemptions to a mini THP. The BoF is looking into a special May meeting in N. California to take public input on this issue. Frank encouraged members to continue to put pressure on the BoF.

9. **Progress on Expanding Communities at Risk – David Hawks/John Gay – The revised PC FSC “Communities at Risk” map was presented to the PC Board of Supervisors on 4/12/04. They voted to approve the map and additional communities.**
10. **Almanor Basin Firewise Communities meeting report– Jerry Hurley – Jerry reported on the success of the workshop. An article describing the workshop is being carried this week in the Chester Progressive.**
11. **Discussion of content of the Plumas County Community Wildland Fire Plan. – Jerry Hurley – Handouts of a proposed outline and excerpts from a handbook on guiding the development of a community fire plan were provided. Efforts will continue forward. Jerry will be soliciting membership for the core group, the first step recommended in the guide. He will solicit representation from Council members, the County Board of Supervisors, Fire Chiefs, and Planning; CDF, USFS and industrial land owners.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Visit PC FSC Sponsored projects – Field Trip after Lunch – 1pm – Mike De Lasaux – The field trip visited an elderly/disable defensible space project, and 2 completed and 1 planned HFR demonstration project sites.**

The business meeting concluded at 11:30AM and the Field Trip concluded at 4:00 PM