

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting: **July 14, 2004**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 5/12/04 meeting - **John Gay 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 – **We are still waiting on PNF’s response for accepting the match as being met.**
 - B. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland – **Brian reported that the Krantz/ Marshall project is completed, Almanor still has piles to burn, and Edwards still has plies to be burned. He’s working to get 200 feet along Chandler road chipped. Bids are going out for the Hayes property.**

There is still \$20,000 left to spend, so the committee will get back together & make a recommendation on which other properties should be selected.
 - C. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Assessment & Strategy – John Sheehan- **Barry Callenberger & Zeke Lunder of Wildland Rx made a presentation of their project accomplishments to date. They presented draft project maps, inventory point photos and fire behavior assessments, and ideas for a prioritization system. They have provided a draft document, maps & CD of their information to date to John Sheehan. They plan to be done in July and will make a final presentation upon completion. Their information will be incorporated into the Community Fire Plan that PC FSFC is developing.**

- D. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – **Crews have begun working on the project following a winter break.**
- E. PC FSC. 02- 9 –NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
- F. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- **Nothing new to report.**
- G. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
- H. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Gay – **Crews have begun working on the project.**
- I. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **All of the homeowner consultations for participating landowners have been completed. Brian & Mike are beginning to work with participating landowners.**
- J. PC FSC 03 – 8 & 14 - Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan – **Request for assistance has been received from Whitehawk homeowners for HFR in their common areas. We’ll begin the assessment soon.**
- K. PC FSC 03 – 9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Pete Thill, has begun the THP process, but is in a holding pattern to see if RAC funds the project. (See item 6. B.)**
- L. PC FSC 03- 10 & 11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
- M. PCFSC 03 – 12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Outreach is continuing. 25 residences have participated so far.**
- N. PCFSC 03-15 - FSC Coordination –CY03 – John Sheehan- **Coordination activities continue. 3 RAC proposals were submitted on June 4. (Items 6 B., C., & D.). John Weddle staffed a booth at the Plumas County Picnic using our display and hose models and provided literature to interested residents. Work on enhancing the web site and development of the Community Fire Plan are the top work items for the next couple months. Jerry attended the State FSC meeting and a focus group meeting with BLM on Grant Funding in May.**
- O. PCFSC 03-16 – 50 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Brian Wayland, the retained RPF, has met with the landowner to begin developing prescriptions & a THP for the project.**
- P. PCFSC 03-17 - FSC Coordination CY04 – John Sheehan - **Work will begin on this when funding for PCFSC 03-15 - FSC Coordination is expended.**

- Q. PCFSC 04-1 HFR RAC Cycle 3 C Road – John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
- R. PCFSC 04-2 C Road HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **A Registered Professional Forester is expected to be selected in the next two weeks for this project. There were 2 proposals submitted for this contract.**
- S. PCFSC 04-3 Gold Mountain HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **A Registered Professional Forester is expected to be selected in the next two weeks for this project. There were 2 proposals submitted for this contract.**
- T. PCFSC 04-4 Canyon Dam HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report, pending RAC approval of a PNF proposal for this project.**
- U. PCFSC 04-5 Countywide GIS Phase II – John Sheehan – **Jim Graham reported that the County is continuing to send layers to Vestra for digitizing and expects to have all of the layers they planned for completed in the next 6-8 weeks. Dennis Miller is pursuing a contract for GPS units. Efforts are still underway to get the maps up on an internet system for public use.**
- V. PCFSC 04-6 County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Angie Dillingham passed out a “Draft” of the Long Valley Creek Rapid Assessment. She is looking for comments and input for the private land portions of the area. A date for the committee, who has been working on this as possible Stewardship Project, to get back together has been set.**
- W. PCFSC 04-7 Red Clover (Genesee) HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **A Registered Professional Forester is expected to be selected in the next two weeks for this project. There were 2 proposals submitted for this contract.**

6. Grants Submitted & Planned–

- A. 04 CA FSC – C Road HFR - John Sheehan - **Selected by USFS Region 5 for funding with a Community Protection Grant. No other word or communication received yet.**
- B. 04 RAC-01 – Graeagle HFR - John Sheehan – **A proposal for the RAC’s recommendation of funding to the Plumas NF was submitted on 6/4/04. The RAC will meet on 7/9 to make their recommendations.**
- C. 04 RAC-02– Gold Mountain HFR - John Sheehan– **A proposal for the RAC’s recommendation of funding to the Plumas NF was submitted on 6/4/04. The RAC will meet on 7/9 to make their recommendations.**
- D. 04 RAC-03 – Red Clover Ck. Estates (Genesee) - John Sheehan– **A proposal for the RAC’s recommendation of funding to the Plumas NF was submitted on 6/4/04. The RAC will meet on 7/9 to make their recommendations.**

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. – **Nothing new to report**
8. CDF Exemption for Fuelbreaks, HFR & THP extensions – Frank Stewart – **The Board of Forestry was meeting on this day to discuss this issue. If the Board acts today, it could become policy in 3-4 weeks. Mike De Lasaux handed out copies of the “Draft Emergency Exemption”. It appears it will be an emergency exemption for 120 days in hopes that a Senate Bill will make permanent rules for community HFR. It appears the exemption will exempt projects within 500 feet of houses, roads & ridges, from a THP, but require a RPF for the prescription and marking, requires slash cleanup in 45 days. Discussions are continuing with regards to trees size.**
9. Discussion of content of the Plumas County Community Wildland Fire Plan. – Jerry Hurley – **Progress continues, the core planning group has met twice and refined the plan’s outline. Josh Davies has a number of the map layers developed, and information presented today by Wildland Rx will be incorporated. The Core team will be meeting after the regular Council meeting to begin developing mitigation strategies. A presentation of progress was made to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 8. They expressed full support for our efforts.**

NEW BUSINESS

None

The meeting concluded at 12:25PM