

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Notes

Meeting July 9, 2003, 9:00 am.
Quincy Fire Department

OLD BUSINESS

1. Opening/Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Next meeting: August 13, 2003
3. Review/Approve minutes from 6/11/03 meeting **John Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Gay seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
4. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
 - A. PC FSC 01-1— Homeowner Consultation & Education-Mike De Lasaux **Project is complete. Mike presented an example of GPS data collected on maps that Josh Davies had put together. Mike is finalizing the project report including the financial summary. Mike will make a presentation of the consultation summary data at the next meeting.**
 - B. PC FSC 01-2– Fire Safe Council Coordination –Jerry Hurley **This project is complete. Jerry has drafted the final report. Mike will finalize the project report including the financial summary, for submission to Sacramento Regional Foundation.**
 - C. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland **NEPA is complete for all the parcels selected to date. Contracts have been approved by County Counsel for landowner and timber operators. Brian expects to have all the necessary signatures this coming week. Of the current 5 selected projects, 2 will be mechanical and 3 will be hand operations.**

The committee who selected the initial parcels will get together to find more parcels, as there should be project monies still available.

The Plumas NF approached the Council to see if we have a project for \$50,000 with funding from Community Protection Program grant monies. John Sheehan agreed to write the application, which is due by 7/10/03, if a viable project could be identified. Richard Cox made a motion that the HFR Demonstration parcel selection committee, plus Jerry & John Sheehan, review the list of demonstration project applicants to see if there are any viable projects for the money. John Sheehan seconded, and the

motion was carried by a unanimous vote. John Sheehan agreed to write the application, which is due by 7/10/03, if a viable project could be identified.

Frank Stewart told the group that Assemblyman Firebaugh is working on a bill to streamline hazardous fuel reduction projects, reduce regulations and provide a fuel reduction tax credit. Brian Wayland was asked to put together a letter addressing these issues as they relate to treating HFR on private lands. He will report back next meeting.

- D. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan John McMorrow sent the contract to VESTRA on 7/8/03. Work is expected to begin soon.**
- E. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley Progress is continuing with varying levels of success by community. Jerry will be working with the departments and Feather Publishing to print & mail Evacuation Plans.**
- F. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – John Sheehan John hopes to get the Request for Proposals out by the end of the month. He will be working with Mike on the project.**
- G. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Sue McCourt Sue was absent. Mike De Lasaux reported that she was aware of 15 stores in the County carrying the video for free loans. The Council will continue to promote the videos & make sure that all video outlets in the County have one. She is also beginning to develop ¼ page adds for the Feather Publishing papers. Each week will feature a different Firewise message.**
- H. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay The project is on track to have a completed decision by the end of summer, so work can start in the fall. The FS would like to conduct a public meeting in conjunction with the FSC on this project. John Sheehan & Jerry Hurley will be working with Beckwourth District personnel to coordinate this.**
- I. PC FSC. 02- 9 –NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan Ron Cross from C Road made a request of the Council for \$5,600 to chip material he had collected on his property in lieu of burning it. He had a bid from one company. Discussion ensued on the best use of the funds. Whether to put towards individual projects or hold for use with other HFR projects, that could have the material chipped in lieu of burning it.**

Jim Graham made a motion to allow use of these grant funds for this C Road project and not to exceed the original bid and to look for other bidders and to let John Sheehan evaluate and pay and the Council would cover the lowest bidder. Ray Nichol seconded and the motion carried by a majority with Richard Cox abstaining.

- J. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan Outreach will begin soon. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be going out on 7/15/03. The RPF will help develop the project and a project outreach coordinator will be used to make the contacts. That hiring add went out a couple months ago. Selection of the outreach coordinator is pending.**

- K. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan **A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be going out on 7/15/03. The RPF will help develop and manage the project.**
- L. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Sheehan **The project is on track to have a completed decision by the end of summer, so work can start in the fall.**
- M. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan **A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be going out on 7/15/03. The RPF will help develop and manage the project.**
- N. PC FSC 03 - 8 Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan **A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be going out on 7/15/03. The RPF will help develop and manage the project. Jerry has been working on this project to develop the C Road & Gold Mountain RAC proposals.**
- O. PC FSC 03 - 9 Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan **A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be going out on 7/15/03. The RPF will help develop and manage the project.**
- P. PC FSC 03- 10 & 11 Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan **A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be going out on 7/15/03. The RPF will help develop and manage the project.**
- Q. PCFSC 03 – 12 & 13 Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan **Dick Kielhorn has begun working on the criteria and developing the program. So far there are 40 applicants. The Plumas NF Forest Supervisor has not signed off on the project yet, pending more information and clarity on criteria for the application of funds.**

5. Grants Submitted & Planned–Sheehan/ De Lasaux/ Hurley/ Bishop

- A. 03 FS-2 - FSC Project Development – FS EAP CY03 **Received word on 7/6/03 that Sacramento Regional Foundation is funding the project.**
- B. 03 SRF-2 – Fire Safe IRA **Received word on 7/6/03 that Sacramento Regional Foundation is not funding the project.**
- C. 03 SRF-3 - FSC Coordination CY04 No word yet from Sacramento Regional Foundation
- D. HFR RAC Cycle 3 (C Rd & Gold Mtn) – John Sheehan **Applications are being prepared and will be submitted on 7/10/03. John Sheehan made a motion to up the C Road acres to 150, as another landowner with about 20 acres was identified. (This would allow additional landowners to be contacted and incorporated into the project.) Jim Graham seconded and the motion carried by a majority with Richard Cox abstaining.**

- 6. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities.
Project mapping integration involving US FS, CDF and Fire Safe Council.

- John Gay **Louann Cahrbonnier reported that the project map is close to completion.**

Discussions also ensued on the PNF coming to the FSC and have one strategy to help identify out-year fuel reduction projects around communities.

Frank Stewart also stated that the California FSC is asking each local council to develop at least one HFR project that blends public and private lands.

7. **Plumas County Fair & Picnic – Bruce Livingston The display will be set up along with the PNF at the lookout, but will not be staffed. Dick Kielhorn will be present on senior citizens day to promote the elderly/disabled defensible space project**
8. **Update on PRC 4291 authority for USFS personnel from Plumas County Sheriff – Bruce Livingston Louann Charbonnier reported that USFS fire prevention personnel have had training to write citations for illegal burning, but no written word has been received yet. USFS & CDF personnel will continue to follow-up.**

Richard Cox made a motion that Andy Anderson contact Sheriff Bergstrand asking if he is going to issue the authority to PNF personnel. Jim Graham seconded and the motion carried by a majority with David Hawks abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Board Elections – Mike De Lasaux A recommending committee was established to seek candidates for the next 2 year term to replace those whose one year term expired. Committee members are board members Chuck Thayer and David Hawks, and members at large Jim Krantz and Ray Nichol. They will report back at the next meeting.**
2. **Review Guiding Principals for cost sharing in light of our response to USFS in May – DeLasaux/Sheehan No action taken**
3. **Methods to insure PC FSC fuel treatment standards met on timber harvested lands adjacent to communities – De Lasaux/Sheehan No action taken**
4. **Approve Project Addendums with Plumas Corp – John Sheehan Per the Council’s fiscal sponsor agreement with Plumas Corporation, each project that they manage requires a specific project addendum. John will develop and share the next meeting and provide to Richard Cox, Council Treasurer.**
5. **FSC’s Comments of the Sierra Nevada Framework – Frank Stewart Frank reminded council members that comments on the SNF are due by 9/12/03. Frank will provide a draft text at the next meeting for the PC FSC to send**

Frank also reminded the group that the USFS is seeking comments on stewardship contracts by 7/28/03. For more information check the USFS website.

The meeting concluded at 11:25 AM