

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday September 8, 2005 9:00 am.
*Feather River Grange Hall
55 W. Main Street
Quincy, Ca.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Jim Graham
2. Review Agenda – Jim Graham
3. Next meeting: **October 13, 2005**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 8/11/05 meeting – **Jim Hamblin made a motion to approve the notes with the identified change. John Gay, seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote**
5. Public Comment - **None**
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- **Nothing New to Report.**
 - C. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – The project’s Registered Professional Forester (RPF) **is working to find property lines and working with the Mt. Hough District Ranger on this.**
 - D. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Acres need to be adjusted to 160, John will send a letter. FSC is awaiting a Decision Memo from Beckwourth district Ranger. Rob McWhorter, Acting Forest Supervisor, said that projects on private lands that only require a decision to allow federal public funds to be spend do not fall under the recent court decision on Categorical Exclusions, and that these projects can continue to move forward. Once a Decision Memo is issued, the RPF will begin negotiations with a timber operator.**

- E. PC FSC 03–9 & 04-9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **The Timber Harvest Plan (THP) has been approved by CDF and harvesting has begun on the project.**
- F. PCFSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **58 properties completed to date, 5 are currently under contract, and 7 more out to bid. Four have been completed by other means.**
- G. PCFSC 03-16 – 100 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Harvested forest products have generated additional revenues. A walk around with the RPF, FSC, USFS & CDF is needed to determine how much more work can be accomplished.**
- H. PCFSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – John Sheehan – **Awaiting a Decision Memo from the Beckwourth District Ranger. Then RPF will begin negotiations with a timber operator working in the area.**
- I. PCFSC 04-3 & 10 - Gold Mountain HFR – John Sheehan – **The RPF has begun preparation of the THP.**
- J. PCFSC 04-4 & 12 Canyon Dam HFR Planning– John Sheehan – **The Project is in the 45 day public comment period.**
- K. PCFSC 04-6 County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- L. PCFSC 04-7 & 11 - Red Clover (Genesee) HFR– John Sheehan – **Awaiting a Decision Memo from the Mt. Hough District Ranger. 70 acres on line with landowner agreements.**
- 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 efforts are continuing with three more communities for future HFR projects.**
- N. PCFSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR – John Sheehan – **John will be developing a prospectus to solicit for a project RPF. As agreed to at the May 2005 meeting, Prospectus for HFR contracts will include milestones to better maintain project completion schedules.**
- O. PCFSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR Planning– John Sheehan – **John will be developing a prospectus to solicit for a project RPF. As agreed to at the May 2005 meeting, Prospectus for HFR contracts will include milestones to better maintain project completion schedules.**
- P. PCFSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR – John Sheehan – **John will be developing a prospectus to solicit for a project RPF. As agreed to at the May 2005 meeting, Prospectus for HFR contracts will include milestones to better maintain project completion schedules.**
- Q. PCFSC 05-5 Mohawk Vista HFR – John Sheehan - **Nothing New to Report.**

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 – Mapping assignments were agreed to so that maps to support the PC FSC Community Fire Plan could be created. **Mapping assignments were agreed to between the FSC, PNF & County, so that maps that support the PC FSC Community Fire Plan would be finalized. It was also agreed that Mike De Lasaux, Dennis Miller & Jim Crane, would get together to coordinate on how to best create the 2 additional maps (The "Gap" map and a unified map of HFR planned & accomplished) which come from different data types. They would also decide how to best get the information into the County system to make future interactive maps available on the internet (PC FSC Title III funded project).**
8. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildland Fire Plan.– Jim Graham - **Members interested in implementing the Community Wildfire Protection Plan met prior to the meeting. Interested Council members are encouraged to participate.**
Three areas currently being worked on are:
 - 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.**
9. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report.**
10. Future HFR projects (La Porte, Iron Horse, Little Grass Valley) – John Sheehan – **John met with members of the communities & Feather River Ranger District (FRRD) at a public scoping meeting to discuss the projects. FRRD has agreed to take on the development of a Title II and Title III hazardous Fuel Reduction (HFR) project on the public lands adjacent to La Porte Pines (the old ski hill). Members of the Council will meet with community members and a representative of Soper-Wheeler to further discuss a HFR project in the Little Grass Valley area.**
11. Red Flag Program – Lisa Davis – **John Gay reported that the Plumas NF intends to fund this program, but they are looking for places to fly the flags.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion with Insurance Company Representatives on wildfire mitigation – Mike De Lasaux – **Will carry over to the October agenda.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15AM