

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Notes

Meeting September 10, 2003, 9:00 am.
Quincy Fire Department

OLD BUSINESS

1. Opening/Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting: **October 8, 2003**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 8/13/03 meeting – **Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the notes with corrections. Mike De Lasaux 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 – **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 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland
 1. Project update – **20 Prospectuses mailed. 3 Received back to date. Brian is in contact with contractors to see how to increase interest.**
 2. Support letter for Assemblyman Firebaugh’s bill to streamline HFR efforts – **Brian presented a draft letter addressing how to streamline HFR projects on private lands. John Sheehan made a motion to send the letter to the working group on incentives for fuel reduction on private lands. Richard Cox seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
 - C. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan – **Vestra is working on the maps. The necessary hardware & software have arrived at the County offices.**
 - D. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley – **About 10 % homeowner participation. Evacuation Plans & maps will be going out mid September to the targeted communities. GPS is accomplished in about 75% of the County.**

- E. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – John Sheehan – **Still need to meet with the PNF to finalize the prospectus. We will also request a contract extension from BLM. Hawks, Gay & Hurley will work on expanding the Federal List of Communities at Risk in the County.**
- F. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Sue McCourt – **Sue brought a model built by Dave Shaw, a retired FS employee, of a “Good” and “Bad” house for use at public events, along with our display.**

The ¼ page PSA’s will run in the County newspaper until the end of September. Ray will also post them on our website. Sue also discussed the lack of good media packages in this area.

Sue also reported on the number of “Wildfire” Preventing Home Ignitions videos checked out at local video outlets.

Mike sent a letter to Jim Pickering, BLM, and his Director, thanking him for the final PC FSC display.

- G. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – **The Categorical Exclusion was signed at the end of August and the work is expected to start this month. Jerry Hurley will set up points for photos and fire behavior information, for project monitoring, as part of the project contract with the FS.**
- H. PC FSC. 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Toppers was authorized to begin chipping the Cross property on C Road. Work should begin this week**
- I. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- **Jan Stine was recommended as the RPF to be hired to develop the prescriptions for this project. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the recommendation. Frank Stewart seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote. (One motion was made for items I., J., L., M., N., & O.)**
- J. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Dan Howell, pending negotiations with John Sheehan, was recommended as the RPF to be hired for this project. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the recommendation. Frank Stewart seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote. (One motion was made for items I., J., L., M., N., & O.)**
- K. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Sheehan – **The Categorical Exclusion was signed at the end of August and the work is expected to start this month. Jerry Hurley will set up points for photos and fire behavior information, as part of the project contract with the FS**
- L. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Brian Wayland was recommended as the RPF to be hired for this project. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the recommendation to award this project to Brian Wayland. Frank Stewart seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote. (One motion was made for items I., J., L., M., N., & O.)**

The PNF still needs a letter from us on how we plan to deal with income from materials harvested. John Sheehan will develop and send it in.

- M. PC FSC 03 – 8 & 14 - Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan – **Brian Wayland was recommended as the RPF to be hired for this project. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the recommendation. Frank Stewart seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote. (One motion was made for items I., J., L., M., N., & O.)**

An exception to the RPF for this project was made for the Gold Mountain HFR project, as that project is on Graeagle Land & water lands and they have their own company forester, Pete Thill, who will be used.

- N. PC FSC 03 – 9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Pete Thill was recommended as the RPF to be hired for this project. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the recommendation. Frank Stewart seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote. (One motion was made for items I., J., L., M., N., & O.)**
- O. PC FSC 03- 10 & 11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan – **Dan Howell, pending negotiations with John Sheehan, was recommended as the RPF to be hired for this project. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the recommendation. Frank Stewart seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote. (One motion was made for items I., J., L., M., N., & O.)**
- P. PCFSC 03 – 12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **A letter was received from the Forest Supervisor approving the project and entering into a contract with the Council. Outreach efforts and press r releases will be occurring by Dick Kielhorn, project coordiantor. Dick already has 75 houses to consider. This effort will also be pushed at the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Coop’s annual picnic.**
- Q. PCFSC 03-15 - FSC Coordination –CY03 – John Sheehan- **Final notification of award was received from The Sacramento Regional Foundation. This will compliment other Grants from the USFS and Board of Supervisors for countywide project planning, education and Council coordination.**
- R. PCFSC 03-16 – 50 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **A letter was received from the Forest Supervisor approving the project and entering into a contract with the Council. John will develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF). The RPF will help develop and manage the project.**

6. Grants Submitted & Planned–Sheehan/ De Lasaux/ Hurley

- A. 03 SRF-3 - FSC Coordination CY04 – John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report**
- B. 03-RAC-10 HFR RAC Cycle 3 C Road – John Sheehan – **Jerry Hurley is working on the RAC proposal. Brian Wayland will help develop the timber cost, values and economics of the project. Proposals are due 9/30/03.**

C. 03-RAC-11 HFR RAC Cycle 3 Gold Mountain – John Sheehan - **Jerry Hurley is working on the RAC proposal. Pete Thill will help develop the timber cost, values and economics of the project. Proposals are due 9/30/03.**

7. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities - Project mapping integration involving USFS, CDF and Fire Safe Council - John Gay. – **Frank Stewart, Brian West, John Sheehan, Mike De Lasaux & Jerry Hurley will meet with the PNF folks on refining the maps of planned and accomplished HFR projects for all lands in the County.**
8. Board Member Replacement Nominations and Elections – Mike De Lasaux – **The committee recommended Jim Hamblin to be on the Board and replace Bruce Livingston. Mike De Lasaux made a motion that Jim Hamblin be a Board member to fill the vacancy left by Bruce Livingston. Chuck Thayer seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
9. Approve Project Addendums with Plumas Corp – John Sheehan - **A list of project addendums was passed out between the Council and Plumas Corporation. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the addendums. Chuck Thayer seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
10. PC FSC comments on the Sierra Nevada Framework – Frank Stewart - **Comments on the Framework are due Friday 9/12. Frank presented a draft letter of support for the FSC to consider using. Some discussion ensued. John Sheehan made a motion to approve the draft letter Frank had prepared, with modifications discussed, then have Mike sign and forward it. Richard Cox seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
11. PNF’s fuel reduction out year program of work
 - a. Process & Strategy - Louann Charbonnier - **Louann was off on a fire assignment.**
 - b. All land ownership HFR mapping project – Frank Stewart - **Refer to Item #7**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Guiding Principals for cost sharing in light of our response to USFS in May – DeLasaux/Sheehan – **No Action Taken**
2. Methods to insure PC FSC fuel treatment standards met on timber harvested lands adjacent to communities – De Lasaux/Sheehan – **No action taken**

Meeting Concluded at 10:50 AM