



PLUMAS COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2015 – 1:00 PM

Plumas County Courthouse
Board of Supervisors Boardroom
Room 308, 520 Main Street, Quincy, California

1. Call to Order at 1:00 PM and Roll Call

Roll Call.

Present: Bob Perreault, Chair, Randy Wilson, Vice Chair, Supervisor Sherrie Thrall, Supervisor Terry Swofford, John Sheehan, Bill Wickman.

Absent: Vacancy.

A request is made by the Chair to add an item pertaining to the Lost Sierra Endurance Run and its cancelation. Motion to add agenda item 10-A-3 was made by Supervisor Terry Swofford, Seconded by Supervisor Sherrie Thrall. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Public Comment Opportunity

A. Mike DeLasaux with PC Fire Safe Council introduces the PCCC to the Collaborative Forest Landscape Project. The Project will be on the agenda for the Next PCCC Meeting.

3. Review and Acceptance of Agenda by the PCCC

Motion to approve the January 8, 2015 agenda by John Sheehan, Seconded by Randy Wilson, Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously 6-0

4. Approval of PCCC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2014 as amended by Bill Wickman, Seconded by Randy Wilson, Vice Chair. Motion passed 5-0, 1 abstention.

5. Discussion of “Coordination” Procedures

Bob Perreault stated the history associated with this agenda item by commenting on 2 different projects, the OHV Trail Project in conjunction with the Beckwourth-Genesee Highway Project, and the Lake Davis Feasibility Study.

OHV Trail Project: on December 4, 2014, at a meeting scheduled before the PCCC meeting, PNF staff requested Plumas County officials to “coordinate” on the project by reviewing and commenting on project alternates before a revised scoping document was issued to the general public. Public Works agreed to prepare and submit comments by the end of December. That effort was completed by Public Works. However, on Dec 4th, there was some confusion as to the applicability of NEPA requirements, if any, in regard to the involvement of a non-County stakeholder. It was agreed that a discussion on procedures should be agendized on the January 2015 agenda.

Lake Davis Feasibility Study: At the Dec 4th PCCC Meeting, a PCCC subcommittee was created to enable PCCC review and input of the revised Lake Davis Study, upon completion by PNF staff, because the State had a submittal deadline in December, but the subsequent PCCC meeting was not scheduled until Jan 8, 2015. The subcommittee members informed the PCCC that no definitive review comments had been prepared. Discussion also focused on NEPA/CEQA procedures. It was agreed that NEPA and CEQA requirements were not invoked until a project had a specific “Project Description” adopted.

There was also discussion about use of the subcommittee approach, which resulted in a consensus that a subcommittee should be used when necessary and that, routinely, “coordination” was best achieved at a PCCC meeting.

This agenda item concluded with an understanding by PCCC that a copy of the Lake Davis Feasibility Study that was already submitted to the State would be submitted to the PCCC for review and comment at its February 2015 meeting.

6.  **Travel Management Rule – Subpart A**

- A.  Plumas National Forest – There is no change to the project status
- B.  Lassen National Forest – There is no change to the project status
- C.  Tahoe National Forest – Comments by District Ranger Quentin Youngblood. No roads within the portion of Tahoe National Forest located within Plumas County will be closed as part of Subpart A.

7.  **Travel Management Rule (Subpart C Amendment) and 5-Forests OSV Settlement Agreement**

- A.  Report from County staff that the Board of Supervisors sent a December 16, 2014 letter of comments on this matter to Randy Moore, USFS Regional Forester.
- B. Updates, if any, by National Forest staffs –
 - 1)  Plumas National Forest – There is no change to the project status
 - 2)  Lassen National Forest – expects proposed action to be out to the public next week. Council is unhappy with current level of coordination with proposed action. Council requests that the public release be delayed until after the Council has had a chance to review the Draft document. District Ranger Kathleen Nelson states that she will bring the request back to Davis Hayes and Chris O’Brien
 - 3)  Tahoe National Forest - Comments by District Ranger Quentin Youngblood. A workshop to discuss the Subpart C Amendment for the Tahoe National Forest is planned to be scheduled for late February.

8.  **Proposed Rule by US Fish and Wildlife Service: Threatened Species Status for West Coast Distinct Population Segment of Fisher**

The Board of Supervisors submitted a letter of comments to the US Fish & Wildlife services.

9.  **Settlement Agreement on the 2004 Sierra Nevada Framework Litigation**

PNF Deputy Forest Supervisor Jenny Wilson states that she is unaware of the background associated with this agenda item. She stated that a PNF staff person will brief the PCCC at their next meeting.

10.  **Updates: Projects/Events within National Forests – Reports by Various NF Staff and County Staff**

A.  **Plumas National Forest**

- 1)  Lake Davis Off Highway Vehicle & Over Snow Vehicle Opportunities – Feasibility Report 2014 comments were made earlier in the meeting under Item 5.
- 2)  OHV Trail Project near the Beckwourth-Genesee Road – Plumas County staff to prepare a letter of support and submit letter to Region 5, requesting that the USFS budget for the OHV project be increased with additional funds to enable the PNF to complete NEPA.
- 3)  Lost Sierra Endurance Run – The event sponsor, Sierra Butte Trail Stewardship, has issued a news release that the event is no cancelled due to new, additional application fees associated with the yellow legged frog and the need for the PNF to consult with the USFWS. Lengthy discussion ensued on the details of the fee calculation. PNF staff also stated that they would welcome the complaints to be documented and submitted to Region 5. Discussion concluded with an understanding that PNF staff would make a presentation to PCCC at its Feb 2015 meeting on the "Shared Costs" process of the USFS.
- 4)  Other Project Reports – District Ranger Mike Donald updated the council on current and upcoming projects.

B.  **Lassen National Forest – Project Reports from LNF staff.**

C.  **Tahoe National Forest – Project Reports from TNF staff.**

11.  **California "Green Sticker" Funding Program for 2015**

Bob Perreault reported that, initially, Public Works and Facilities Services concluded that the Plumas County departments would not be submitting new applications for additional projects. Thereafter, the concept of improvements to the existing 4-Corners Project was identified as being on interest to 2 stakeholder groups. Accordingly, a meeting of SAC, Sierra Buttes, PNF and Public Works staffs is scheduled for later this month to explore possible teamwork, Public Works will be sending Mark Crews to the State Grants Workshop in Sacramento.

12.  **Moonlight Fire Settlement with SPI**

PNF Deputy Forest Supervisor Jenny Wilson of the PNF will schedule a staff presentation to the PCCC at its Feb 2015 meeting.

13.  Meetings and Activities

Bob Perreault stated that the Sierra Dialog meetings will be starting up again in February.

14.  Confirm Date for Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next PCCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 1:00pm.

15.  Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:15pm.



Bob Perreault Chair, PCCC