

MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Meeting of the Plumas County Coordinating Council is called to order by Chairman Bob Perreault with roll call at 1:03 PM in the Conference Room of the Plumas County Planning Department (555 West Main Street, Quincy, California).

1. **Roll Call** is conducted by Bob Perreault: In attendance are: Sherrie Thrall, County Supervisor District 3; Jeff Ingle, County Supervisor District 5; Randy Wilson, Planning Director; John Sheehan, member. A quorum is present.

Others in Attendance: Russell Nickerson, District Ranger LNF; Daniel Lovato, Forest Supervisor; Quentin Youngblood, Lead Liaison; Diane Uchytel, SAC; Tracy Ball; Mandy Beatty; Todd Johns, PCSO; Joe Blackwell; Leah Wills; Amanda Higgins, Recording Secretary.

2. **Public Comment Opportunity**

No comments

3. **Review and Acceptance of the November 1, 2018 Agenda by the PCCC**
Motion is made by County Supervisor District 3 Sherrie Thrall, seconded by John Sheehan, to approve the Agenda. Roll call vote, motion passes 5-0.

4. **Approval of PCCC Meeting (Draft) Minutes from March 15, 2018**
Motion is made by Randy Wilson, seconded by County Supervisor District 5 Jeff Ingle to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting. Roll call vote, motion passes 5-0.

Approval of PCCC Meeting (Draft) Minutes from August 16, 2018
Motion is made by John Sheehan, seconded by Randy Wilson to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting. Roll call vote, motion passes 5-0.

5. **Status Reports from National Forest staffs pertaining to “2019 Plan of Work”**
Bob Perreault explained that he listed the “2019 Plan of Work” as a topic that could be discussed and further understand how the “Plan of Work” operates within each of the National Forests.

A. Plumas National Forest

Daniel Lovato explained that the National Forest refers to a “Program of Work”. PNF looks at the priority of the work that needs to be done and bases their “Program of Work” on their capacity to complete it. Daniel stated that their “Program of Work” for 2019 will be working towards accomplishing a higher target

output as well as hazardous fuel removal. Daniel stated that their other work includes recreation, minerals, and working with PG&E for powerline replacements. John Sheehan asked Daniel if PNF had an idea of the percentage of funds coming from the State, CDF, and local resources like the Fire Safe Council towards the hazardous fuels objectives.

Daniel explained that as a part of partnering with the Fire Safe Council, PNF received about 1.4 million dollars of grant money to work on both private and local land restoration.

John asked Daniel if there has been any movement on the OHV replacement project for the Beckwourth-Genessee Road area.

Daniel explained that nothing has changed from last year.

Bob Perreault stated that the funds spent on that project were judged appropriate and that most of the funds were for construction that did not occur and the unexpended funds would no longer be appropriated.

Bob asked the National Forests if their "Program of Work" was a constant evolving set of circumstances, or was it adopted with specificity once or twice a year.

Daniel explained that PNF adjusts their "Program of Work" bi-monthly when PNF meets as a leadership team.

B. Lassen National Forest

Russel Nickerson explained that LNF has completed their "Program of Work" for 2019. The LNF received CCI (California Climate Investments grant funding from Almanor around 3.4 billion dollars through the Sierra Institute and the South Lassen Watershed Collaborative Group.

Russel stated the two NEPA projects that LNF will be working on with the grant funds are the West Shore of Lake Almanor and the Minnie Roberts Creek area. LNF will be partnering with Collins Pines on 2 hazardous fuels projects.

Russel stated LNF are working with Chester Parks and Recreation to look at trails going around Lake Almanor. Chester Parks and Recreation have held 2 public meetings last week in Westwood and Chester.

Russel explained that LNF has been working on mostly salvage, NEPA projects and the Whaleback fire near Eagle Lake.

Bob confirmed with Russel and Daniel if March was a good time for the National Forests to coordinate with the Council to identify their "Plan of Work".

C. Tahoe National Forest

Quentin Youngblood explained that one project that TNF has been working on for a few years is the watershed restoration efforts in the Carmen Valley area. TNF was awarded in partnership with the Sierra Valley RCD a grant to treat 150 acres. Quentin stated that the RCD is going to issue RFP's in the Spring of 2019. TNF

offered an award of 5.5 million board sale to SPI that focused on forest health. Quentin explained that TNF OSV EIS will be finalized in January 2019, maintaining the trail system around the Gold Lake Area.

Quentin explained that TNF proposed that OSV are authorized above 5000 feet and prohibited below 5000 feet. There is not a minimum snow depth for OSV use and no buffer has been proposed along the PCT.

Randy Wilson requested a clarification on the OSV green stickers, and if they are required in California.

Quentin confirmed that you need a green sticker to use OSV in California.

Todd Johns stated that California recognizes OSV registration from other states.

If the OSV user is from a state that doesn't require a registration, then they would have to get an out of state registration to use OSV in California.

6. Topics for Presentation/Discussion by Various County Staff, Various National Forest Staff, Other agencies, Groups or Individuals

A. Randy Wilson, Plumas County Planning Director

Randy introduced Leah Wills who is working with Leslie Edlund, the lead person on the James Lee School project. Leah explained that numerous parties are working together to clean up the site. The parties were hoping to keep some of the historic value but the property has been vandalized with broken windows, graffiti and garbage.

Leah stated they are looking at numerous grant opportunities to accomplish the repurposing of the site.

Leah explained they will need support from the Coordinating Council for grant applications.

Motion is made by John Sheehan that the Coordinating Council Chair provide a general support letter specific to the grants for the James Lee School project.

Modified motion is made by John Sheehan, seconded by Sherrie Thrall to authorize the Chair to write a letter in support of the grant application. Motion passes 5-0.

B. Plumas NF Staff

Bob Perreault recognized that PNF had issued a News Release that Butte and Plumas RAC project applications are available.

Daniel explained that there are some funds available for grant applications.

Sherrie Thrall requested clarification on the RAC funding application process and that the RAC funding is tied to the County not the National Forest.

Daniel Lovato confirmed the clarification.

7. Status Reports on Active Projects or Events by Various County Staff or Various National Forest Staff

- A. Bob Perreault asked Daniel Lovato to discuss the News Release for PNF OSV use. Plumas will be hosting two open house meetings in the future to communicate with many users. PNF OSV use is authorized at 3500 feet elevation. Joe Blackwell expressed a concern that the OSV map closures are difficult to see. Randy Wilson commented that the EIS (Employee Information System) detail is difficult to read. Daniel confirmed that he would work on resolving the current mapping associated with the draft OSV document.
- B. Bob presented a status report on the 4-Corners OHV Project, including acknowledgement of all the construction work performed by Joe Blackwell's maintenance crew. Joe is waiting for delivery of concrete picnic tables, and a fire ring to be constructed. Bob reported that the project was completed on budget.

8. Meetings and Activities


PNF is hosting 2 meetings for communicating to the OSV users, one around November 28, 2018 or November 29, 2018, and one on Saturday December 2, 2018. Daniel Lovato reported that the PNF headquarters on Lawrence Street and Mt Hough District will be open for selling maps and permits. The Greenville PNF visitor center will remain open 3 days per week. Bob Perreault reported that the next cycle of green sticker applications open in January and are due in April. John Sheehan discussed updating the Fire Safe Map with Title 23 funds. Supervisor Thrall discussed the need to review the documents that formed the Coordinating Council and to identify the specific representatives that need to be recruited.

9. Next PCCC Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2019 at 1:00PM, same location.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:10PM


Robert A. Perreault Jr.
Chair, PCCC

Date: MARCH 4, 2019

Attachments: Plumas County Coordinating Council Rules
News Release: Butte & Plumas RAC project applications available
News Release: Plumas NF Over-snow Vehicle Use
Four Corners OHV Track Map