

**Coeur d'Alene Resource Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2008**

**Moscow, Idaho
Idaho Dept of Labor and Commerce, Career Center Office**

RAC Members in Attendance:

Category 1: David Brummer
Ron Hood

Category 2: William Barteaux
Tom Crimmins
Linda Bonser-Rider
Kimberly Brown
Jerry Shriner

Category 3: Randy Doman
Jim Kingery

BLM Staff in Attendance:

Gary Cooper – District Manager
Lisa Wagner – RAC Coordinator
Dean Huibregtse – Rangeland Mgmt Specialist

FS Staff in Attendance:

Joni Packard (Northern Region)
Kent Wellner (Idaho Panhandle NF)
Brenda Yankoviak (Clearwater NF)
Molly Puchlerz (Clearwater NF)
Don Curnutt (Clearwater NF)

Other Attendees:

Mitch Silvers from Senator Crapo's Lewiston office.

Note to readers: A copy of each attachment listed in the text of, or at the end of these minutes, is on file with the official copy of minutes in the BLM Coeur d'Alene Office. Persons desiring to view attachments should contact Lisa Wagner at (208) 769-5014.

The meeting began at 10:15 a.m.

District Manager Gary Cooper welcomed everyone. Gary then turned the meeting over to Chairman Jerry Shriner.

Meeting Minutes from the last RAC meeting were approved and signed before this meeting via email. (Handout #2) Chairman Shriner asked if a quorum was present. The council was two short of having a quorum. The RAC Coordinator attempted to get members on the phone with no luck. Council agreed to continue with meeting.

Forest Service Recreation Fee Proposals (Joni Packard)

Joni introduced the Forest Service employees who would be presenting three different recreation fee proposals. All RAC members received all three proposals for their review prior to today's meeting. It was noted the RAC was very pleased to have time to review proposals beforehand.

Kent Wellner, Idaho Panhandle National Forest presented a fee increase to \$60/night for Avery Cabin and Shoshone Cabin. Kim Brown asked if historical signage would be added to site. Kent said the Archeologist is working on it. (Handout #3 and #4)

Brenda Yankoviak, Clearwater National Forest accompanied by Molly Puchlerz and Don Curnutt also from the Clearwater NF presented a new fee proposal for Gold Meadow Cabin. (Handout #5) Kim Brown asked if historic information on the cabin and Gold Meadows, itself, would be shared at the site. Brenda said the Forest Service planned to do that.

At the end of the fee proposals the RAC discussed all three proposals. Those present agreed to recommend the two fee increases and one new fee. Since a quorum was not present the council agreed to record a vote of those present and asked the RAC Coordinator to contact the two members who planned to make meeting, but had last minute conflicts, to get their vote. Majority ruled, but quorum was needed. The RAC Coordinator contacted Alan Harper (Category 1) and Aaron Miles (Category 3) and after explaining circumstances received votes to recommend the fee proposals. It should be noted all three proposals were presented during the December meeting. The Avery and Shoshone Cabins were presented as a heads up for a future meeting after public coordination was completed and the Gold Meadow was presented, but lacked enough information for recommendation at the time.

LUNCH BREAK

Public Comment Period

None

Cottonwood Field Office Update (Dean Huibregtse)

Dean Huibregtse gave a brief update on the status of the following Cottonwood Projects:

- Cottonwood FO Resource Management Plan. (Handout #6)
- Cottonwood FO Buffalo Gulch Mine Proposal. (Handout #7)

- Pink House Boat Ramp is complete except for a few minor items.
- Harpers Bend Boat Launch site is in final stages of completion.
- Hammer Creek building renovations are in progress including installing siding and reroofing.
- Chimney wildfire salvage is a third complete. Salvage expected to be completed this fall and reforestation efforts are slated for spring 2009.
- Eastside project near Elk City is being formulated.
- Whiskey South II Environmental Impact Statement in progress.
- Bally Mountain Environmental Assessment is in progress.

Coeur d'Alene Field Office Update (Gary Cooper)

Gary provided a brief update on what has been happening in the Coeur d'Alene and Cottonwood Field Offices (FO).

- Coeur d'Alene FO Rx Burns (Handout #8)
- Coeur d'Alene FO Blue Creek Bay Recreation Project Plan (Handout #9)

Next Meeting

March 17, 2009 in Moscow, Idaho

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by: Lisa Wagner, RAC Coordinator

Minutes approved by: Jerry Shriner

Date: 12/07/08

Handouts:

1. Agenda
2. May 6, RAC Meeting Minutes
3. Avery Cabin Recreation Fee Proposal
4. Shoshone Cabin Recreation Fee Proposal
5. Gold Meadow Cabin Recreation Fee Proposal
6. Cottonwood RMP Project Timeline
7. Cottonwood FO Buffalo Gulch Mine Proposal Briefing Paper
8. CDA FO Fall Rx Burn Briefing Paper
9. CDA FO Blue Creek Bay Recreation Project Briefing Paper