

**Coeur d'Alene Resource Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2007**

**Myrtle, Idaho
McKay Bend Campground**

RAC Members in Attendance:

Category 1: Cliff Osborne
Ron Hood
John Barker

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

Category 3: JR Van Tassel
Susie Borowicz
Jim Kingery

BLM Staff in Attendance:

Jenifer Arnold – Acting District Manager
Lisa Wagner – RAC Coordinator
Brian White – Coeur d'Alene FO Outdoor Recreation Planner
Joe O'Neill – Cottonwood FO Outdoor Recreation Planner
Michael Ball – Cottonwood FO Park Ranger

FS Staff in Attendance:

Joni Packard (Northern Region)

Public Attendees:

Hank Miller – Salmon River Working Group Member
Jeff Sayer – Senator Craig's Staff, Lewiston Office

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Acting District Manager Jenifer Arnold welcomed the council and gave an update of events in the Coeur d'Alene District.

Meeting was turned over to Chairman Jerry Shriner.

Chairman Shriner asked for acceptance of April 3, 2007, meeting minutes (Handout #1).

Susie Borowicz motioned to accept minutes
Motion Seconded - John Barker
All in favor – Minutes accepted

Salmon River Working Group (Subcommittee)

Doug Boggan, John Barker, Susie Borowicz and Jim Kingery made up the RAC subcommittee that participated on the Salmon River Working Group which met in June. Jim was unable to make the June meeting and Doug was unable to make this meeting. John and Susie shared details of the meeting with help from Hank Miller who was also a participant in the Salmon River Working Group meeting. The group went through the recommendation (Handout #2 & #3) and explained each line item. Part of the discussion was the fires season that occurred after the subcommittee meeting that caused a reduction of fees collected. At the June meeting the subcommittee prioritized a list of projects totaling \$825K. The fire season caused portions of the river to be closed which reduced the fees collected on the river. It was acknowledged the Salmon River Working Group will need to meet again to revise the approved projects. After much discussion Tom made a motion to approve the prioritized list at \$825K recognizing the expected funding will be reduced due to the fire season and river closures. The Salmon River Working Group will meet again to reprioritize the list. The subcommittee will bring the new recommendation before the RAC for a revised recommendation. The BLM Designated Federal Official will send a letter to the Salmon-Challis National Forest recommending the above.

Tom Crimmins motioned to recommend the prioritized list.
Motion Seconded – Cliff Osborne
All in favor – Recommend Prioritized List

Blue Creek Bay (Brian White)

Coeur d'Alene Field Office Outdoor Recreation Planner Brian White gave a program overview (Handout #4) of the recreation program. He also briefed the group on the current planning effort for the Blue Creek Bay public lands.

LUNCH BREAK

Public Comment Period – No public comments, meeting continued.

Chairman Shriner motioned to adjourn meeting.
Motion Seconded - Linda Bonser-Rider
All in favor – Full RAC adjourned

**FULL RAC MEETING ADJOURNED – RECREATION RAC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
OPEN**

Mineral Ridge Fee Proposal (Brian White)

Coeur d’Alene Field Office Outdoor Recreation Planner Brian White presented the Mineral Ridge Public Boat Launch fee proposal to the Recreation Subcommittee. He previously presented this proposal at the December 6, 2006, RAC meeting and received support, but this was prior to the formation of the Recreation Subcommittee. Therefore, he made a second presentation to get the approval from the newly formed subcommittee. He gave everyone a copy of the Business Plan (Handout #5) as well as a copy of the Federal Register Notice that was published on July 13, 2007, “Notice of Intent to Collect Fees on Public Land in Kootenai County, ID, Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act” (Handout #6) which must be published six months before collecting fees. Brian proposed a fee of \$4.00 per day for parking and/or boat launching. An annual pass would also be available for \$30 which is also valid at the Blackwell Island Recreation Site.

The group voiced concerns about parking during the Eagle Watch, which is an event the BLM hosts every year the week between Christmas and New Year’s. Brian explained the fee would be waved during that week. A suggestion was made for a sandwich board to be posted advertising “Free Parking”, and a News Release be sent to the newspapers to make sure the message gets out.

Tom Crimmins motioned to recommended fee’s proposed.

Motion Seconded – JR Van Tassel

All in favor – proposed fees will be recommended to full RAC

Review of Minor Fee Increases (Joni Packard)

Joni Packard from the Forest Service (Region 1) presented a proposal to the Recreation Subcommittee to reduce the workload of fee proposals that would be coming from the Forest Service (Handout #7, #8, #9, #10). She recommended proposed fee increases due to inflation be packaged and presented as one, while other fee change proposals continue to be presented individually.

After much discussion, the subcommittee was not comfortable with the proposal. The subcommittee felt they are just getting into the fee proposal workload and don’t have a feel for whether the workload will be too much or not. At this time the subcommittee wants to be presented each fee proposal individually.

The Recreation Subcommittee requested proposal information is sent to the subcommittee before the meeting. This will allow time to review information and be prepared to ask questions.

The Recreation Subcommittee agreed to not accept the proposal from Joni Packard.

John Barker motioned to adjourn Recreation Subcommittee meeting.

Motioned Seconded – Ron Hood

All in favor – meeting adjourned

**RECREATION RAC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED –FULL RAC MEETING
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Bill Barteaux motioned to approve Mineral Ridge Boat Launch proposed fees.

Motion Seconded – JR Van Tassel

All in favor – Proposed fee's accepted.

No action was taken on proposal from Joni Packard.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 4, in Wallace, ID

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30pm.

Minutes recorded by: Lisa Wagner, RAC Coordinator

Minutes approved by: _____/s/ Jerry Shriner

Date: December 4, 2007

Handouts:

1. Minutes from 09/10/07 meeting
2. Salmon River Working Group Meeting Notes
3. Salmon River Recreation Fee Project List/Summary Sheet
4. Coeur d'Alene Field Office Recreation Program Overview
5. Mineral Ridge Public Boat Launch Fee Business Plan
6. Federal Register Notice – Notice of Intent to Collect Fees....
7. BLM RAC Proposal – Minor Fee Increases Using CPI Index w/o Further RAC Review
8. FS R1 Cabin and Lookout Price Tool
9. FS Recreation Site Database Template
10. Western MT BLM RAC Percentage Increase Chart