

Coeur d'Alene Resource Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2007

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

RAC Members in Attendance:

Category 1: Doug Boggan.
Ron Hood
John Barker

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

Category 3: JR Van Tassel
Susie Borowicz
Jim Kingery
Aaron Miles

BLM Staff in Attendance:

Lew Brown – District Manager
Stephanie Snook – RAC Coordinator
Lisa Wagner – RAC Coordinator
Joe O'Neill - Outdoor Recreation Planner
Michael Ball – Park Ranger

FS Staff in Attendance:

Joni Packard (Northern Region)
Kent Wellner (Idaho Panhandle NF)
Diana Jones (Clearwater NF)
Renee Snyder (Salmon-Challis NF)

Public Attendees: None

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

BLM District Manager Lew Brown began the meeting with introductions around the room. He expressed the importance of the meetings and thanked everyone for making room in their busy schedules to attend. Finally, he gave a brief update of events in the Coeur d'Alene District.

- New Cottonwood Field Manager - Stephanie Connolly.
- Lew Brown retiring June 1.
- Coeur d'Alene Land Use Plan implementation in June.
- Cottonwood Land Use Plan implementation in January.
- Two Tail Forest Health Project begins May 1.
- Elk City project coming

Election of Officers

Bill Barteaux nominated Jerry Shriner for Chairman.
 Susie Borowicz seconded and motioned to cease nominations
 All voted in favor of **Jerry Shriner – Chairman**

JR Van Tassel nominated John Barker for Vice Chairman
 Motion Seconded - Doug Boggan
 All voted in favor of **John Barker – Vice Chairman**

Meeting was turned over to Chairman Jerry Shriner.

Chairman Shriner asked for acceptance of December 6, 2006, meeting minutes (Handout #1).

Ron Hood motioned to accept minutes
 Motion Seconded - Susie Borowicz
 All in favor – Minutes accepted

FULL RAC MEETING ADJOURNED – RECREATION RAC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OPEN

Forest Service Recreation Site Facility Master Planning Process (Joni Packard)

Joni Packard explained the process the FS is currently going through which will lead to future fee proposals to the RAC.

The Recreation Site Facility Master Planning (Handout #2) is an analysis process the FS is using to determine if the current developed recreation sites and experiences match up with the public need. The seven step process includes data gathering, identifying program niche, identifying efficiencies, ranking recreation sites, a proposed 5-year plan, final 5-year plan and implementation. Each forest is looking for their niche – what makes their area special. The niche will give the forest a focus, but a wide range of facilities will still be available. The FS is getting closer to having a program of work, which means they are closer to bringing proposals to the RAC.

Presentations were also given by each of the individual forests; Diana Jones from the Clearwater NF (Handout #3); Kent Wellner from the Idaho Panhandle NF (Handout #4 &

#5); and Joni Packard from the Northern Region provided a copy of a news release from the Nez Perce NF (Handout #6).

The Forest Service expects to present fee proposals to the RAC at the September 10 meeting.

LUNCH BREAK

Public Comment Period – No public in attendance; meeting continued.

Salmon River Working Group (Renee Snyder)

Renee asked the group for their participation once again on the Salmon River Working Group to discuss FY08 issues. After much discussion, it was decided a subcommittee would participate in the meeting. On September 10, the subcommittee will report back to the full RAC. The RAC will make a decision on the recommendation that will be provided to the FS. The subcommittee will consist of Doug Boggan (Category 1), John Barker (Category 1), Susie Borowicz (Category 3) and Jim Kingery (Category 3). The RAC encouraged the FS to invite the Idaho Falls RAC to participate.

Renee will provide the subcommittee with a list of other participants who will represent Commercial and Private Float and Power Boaters as well as Lemhi and Idaho Counties. The subcommittee will view list to ensure there is adequate representation in order to have a successful meeting.

On another note, Trish Callaghan, Ken Stauffer's replacement will begin her position in the Salmon-Challis office on May 14.

The Salmon River Working Group meeting is scheduled for May 17, location to be determined.

Myrtle (McKay) Recreation Site Fee Proposal (Joe O'Neill)

BLM Cottonwood Park Ranger Michael Ball began his presentation by going through the Myrtle Beach McKay Campground Fee Business Plan (Handout #7). The campground is currently undergoing renovations that expect to be completed by the end of May. The BLM cooperatively manages the site with the Idaho Fish and Game. The BLM is proposing to charge \$18 for RV sites and \$10 for tent sites. The proposed fees are comparable to those charged at the Pink House Recreation Site thirty miles upstream which has similar amenities.

Tom Crimmins motioned to recommended fee's proposed.

Motion Seconded – John Barker

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

John Barker motioned to adjourn Recreation RAC subcommittee meeting.
Motioned Seconded – Bill Barteaux
All in favor – meeting adjourned

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

Tom Crimmins motioned to approve Myrtle Beach McKay Campground proposed fees.
Motion Seconded – JR Van Tassel
All in favor – Proposed fee's accepted.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 10, location to be determined (Myrtle or Moscow).

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15pm.

Minutes recorded by: Lisa Wagner, RAC Coordinator

Minutes approved by: _____ /s/ Jerry Shriner _____
Date: September 10, 2007

Handouts:

1. Minutes from 12/06/06 meeting
2. Northern Region – Recreation Site Facility Master Planning
3. Clearwater National Forest Recreation Niche – DRAFT
4. Niche Statement for next decade – Idaho Panhandle National Forests
5. IPNF Recreation Site Summary
6. Nez Perce N.F. News Release – Nez Perce National Forest Seeks Public Input on Recreation Sites
7. Myrtle Beach McKay Campground Fee Business Plan