

Coeur d'Alene Resource Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2007

Wallace Inn
Wallace, Idaho

RAC Members in Attendance:

Category 1: David Brummer
Ron Hood
Alan Harper

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

Category 3: Susie Borowicz
Kim Brown
Jim Kingery
Randy Doman (conference phone)

BLM Staff in Attendance:

Gary Cooper –District Manager
Lisa Wagner – RAC Coordinator
Larry Kaiser– Coeur d'Alene FO Forester

FS Staff in Attendance:

Joni Packard (Northern Region)
Kent Wellner (Idaho Panhandle NF)
Anthony Botello (Nez Perce NF)
Diana Jones (Clearwater NF)

Public Attendees:

Cora Patterson – Lewiston, ID

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

New District Manager Gary Cooper welcomed the council to the meeting and since this was his first meeting he shared a little about his background. RAC Coordinator Lisa Wagner handed out a list of members for 2008 (Handout #1), since there were four new members. Chairman Jerry Shriner suggested the list include everyone's term expiration date. Lisa will update the list with dates and email to everyone.

Meeting was turned over to Chairman Jerry Shriner.

Lisa led the group in an introduction exercise which consisted of folks pairing up and getting to know each other. After about 10 minutes each of the pairs were instructed to introduce their partner. Besides sharing the persons name and where they reside two questions were addressed; “Why they represent their category, and something about themselves that no one knows.” It was very interesting to hear what folks had to share.

The group then participated in a short brainstorming session of 2007 activities. The point of the exercise was to give the new members a brief orientation and also give Gary a little background on what the RAC has been up to. Here is a list of 2007 activities:

- Three meetings
 - December 6, 2006, in Moscow
 - April 3, 2007, in Moscow
 - September 10, 2007, at McKay Bend Campground
- Salmon River Working Group meeting – June
- Approved the McKay Bend Campground BLM Fee Proposal – April
 - Located in Myrtle, Idaho on the Clearwater River
 - \$18/RV site
 - \$10/Tent site
- McKay Bend Campground Dedication – September
- Approved the Mineral Ridge Public Boat Launch BLM Fee Proposal – September
 - Located on Lake Coeur d’Alene
 - \$4/per day for parking and/or boat launching
 - \$30 season pass good at Blackwell Island as well

Wally South Hill Project Presentation (Larry Kaiser)

Since the meeting was held in Wallace, it was a great opportunity to share a local project that the Coeur d’Alene Field Office is working on that is in its early stages. Coeur d’Alene FO Forester Larry Kaiser gave a presentation on the Wally South Hill Project (Handout #2) which is a hazardous fuel reduction and forest health project.

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

FULL RAC MEETING ADJOURNED – RECREATION RAC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OPEN

Joni Packard, Program Manager for the Forest Service (FS) in Missoula introduced herself as well as FS folks in attendance who would be presenting recreation fee

proposals and increases. First presentation was presented by Kent Wellner from the Idaho Panhandle NF.

Idaho Panhandle NF (Kent Wellner)

Kent presented cabin fee proposals (Handout #3) as preparation for a future meeting only. The cabins are not ready at this time, but hope to be ready for a recommendation at the May 6 meeting. Cabins presented are as follows:

Avery Cabin – proposed fee of \$65/day
Shoshone Park Cabin – proposed fee of \$65/day

Both Tom and Kim expressed their desire to have historical signage posted in and around the cabins. The history of the cabins is very important and should be shared. The signage will provide an opportunity for family discussion which will help kids connect with the land/outdoors.

Nez Perce NF (Anthony Botello)

Anthony presented one new fee proposal and two fee increases.

Adams Ranger Station – new fee proposal of \$50/day (Handout #4)

When Anthony finished his presentation of the Adams Ranger Station proposal the RAC took a break for lunch.

LUNCH BREAK

Public Comment Period – No public comments, meeting continued.

After returning from lunch there was discussion about the Adams Ranger Station then a motion was made.

Tom Crimmins motioned to approve fee of \$50/day
Motion Seconded – Bill Barteaux
All in favor – Adams Ranger Station fee approved

Lookout Butte Cabin – fee increase to \$40/day (Handout #5)
After questions and much discussion a motion was made.

Ron Hood motioned to approve fee increase to \$40/day
Motion Seconded – Alan Harper
All in favor – Lookout Butte Cabin fee increase approved.

Meadow Creek Cabin – fee increase to \$40/day (Handout #6)
After questions and much discussion a motion was made.

Tom Crimmins motioned to approve fee increase to \$40/day
Motion Seconded – Kim Brown/Susie Borowicz
All in favor - Meadow Creek Cabin fee increase approved.

Clearwater NF (Diana Jones)

Diana presented three new fee proposals.

Kelly Creek Cabin – new fee proposal of \$55/day (Handout #7)

This proposal had lots of discussion as well as questions. Tom expressed his disagreement with the philosophy used to determine proposed fee, but felt comfortable enough to approve the fee.

Kim Brown motioned to approve fee of \$55/day
Motion Seconded – Jim Kingery
All in favor – Kelly Creek Cabin fee approved.

Liz Creek Cabin – new fee proposal of \$40/day (Handout #8)

Again, this proposal had lots of discussion as well as questions. The Recreation RAC discovered a lot of errors in the pricing tool. Tom expressed his frustration with the lack of quality of this proposal and strongly suggested higher quality be presented in the future.

Tom Crimmins motioned to approve fee of \$40/day
Motion Seconded – Bill Barteaux
All in favor – Liz Creek Cabin fee approved.

Gold Meadows Cabin – new fee proposal of \$40/day (Handout #9)

Again, this proposal had lots of discussion as well as questions. The Recreation RAC felt there were not enough information presented and too many questions unanswered to make a recommendation on this proposal.

Jim Kingery motioned to table discussion until May when a new revised presentation will be made by the Clearwater NF.
Motion Seconded – Linda Bonser-Rider
All Approved – Gold Meadows Cabin proposal tabled until May when more information will be presented.

David Brummer motioned to adjourn meeting.
Motion Seconded – Bill Barteaux
All in favor – Recreation RAC meeting adjourned.

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

Bill Barteaux motioned to approve the following new fees and fee increases:

Nez Perce National Forest

Adams Ranger Station – new fee proposal \$50/day

Lookout Butte – fee increase to \$40/day

Meadow Creek Cabin – fee increase to \$40/day

Clearwater National Forest

Kelly Creek Cabin – new fee proposal \$55/day

Liz Creek Cabin – new fee proposal \$40/day

Motion Seconded – Kim Brown

All in favor – Proposed fee's accepted.

Meeting Minutes Acceptance

Chairman Shriner asked for acceptance of September 10, 2007, meeting minutes (Handout #10).

Linda Rider motioned to accept minutes

Motion Seconded – Jim Kingery

All in favor – Minutes accepted

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**

Bill Barteaux nominated John Barker for Vice Chairman

Motion Seconded – Ron Hood

All voted in favor of **John Barker – Vice Chairman**

New Business

Bill Barteaux told the group of a document called the “Agencies Publish Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Energy Transport Corridor Designations in 11 Western States” released by the BLM and the US Department of Energy, Agriculture, Commerce and Defense for public review and comments. Bill asked the group if they would be interested in reviewing and discussing this document. Gary Cooper and Kent Wellner offered more explanation of what the document involved. The result of the discussion was that Lisa would provide a hard copy to Bill. Bill will review the document and determine whether it was worth the time of the RAC to review and discuss further.

Next Meeting

The RAC discussed ideas for the next meeting scheduled for May. David Brummer and Alan Harper both offered their saw mills as possible tour sites for May. The group liked the idea and decided Monday, May 5, the RAC will tour the Stimson saw mill in Plummer and the Riley Creek saw mill in Chilco. Linda offered dinner at her place Monday evening. On Tuesday, May 6, the RAC will meet in the Coeur d'Alene District Office. Lisa will work with David, Alan and Linda to firm up plans. More details will be sent to all RAC members as well as Forest Service folks as it closer.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50pm.

Minutes recorded by: Lisa Wagner, RAC Coordinator

Minutes approved by: _____/s/ Jerry Shriner_____

Date: May 6, 2008

Handouts:

1. List of 2008 RAC Members
2. Wallace South Hill Project
3. Avery Cabin & Shoshone Park Cabin Information
4. Adams Ranger Station Proposal
5. Lookout Butte Cabin Proposal
6. Meadow Creek Cabin Proposal
7. Kelly Creek Cabin Proposal
8. Liz Creek Cabin Proposal
9. Gold Meadows Cabin Proposal
10. Minutes from 09/10/07 meeting