

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000
RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – SALEM DISTRICT
LOBBY LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
April 15, 2009

- RAC member registration
 - RAC members will be asked to identify their desired lunch when they check in. RAC members will pay for lunch and be reimbursed at the end of the day through their volunteer service agreement.

Attending: Mickey Bellam, Wayne Giesy, Mark Luedtke, Dave Schmidt, Walter Cate, Jim Clawson, Dr. Leland Gilson, Ronald Adams, Dave Schamp, Annabelle Jaramillo, John Lindsey, Don Hopkins, Janet Wright, Vern Holm, Chuck Knoll, Randy Gould, Lindsey Babcock, Trish Hogervorst, Taber Burton, Jason Dumont, Dan Green, Molly McKnight, Tanya Beard, Liz Redon, Stephen Cruise, Josh Lambert, Diana Simpson, Tania Siemens, Belle Smith, Adam Milnor, Patrick Hawe, Rick Kneeland, Claire Hibler, Diane Morris, Jamie Parker, Tim Jacobsson.

Call to Order - 08:33

- Welcome by Aaron Horton, Salem BLM District Manager.
 - “My focus would be on infra-structure projects”.
- Identify the Designated Federal Official (DFO) = Randy Gould
 - Agenda review
 - Agenda is approved but allow for flexibility
- RAC member introductions
 - Achieved quorum
 - Nomination and election of chair and vice chair – lead by current chair, Annabelle Jaramillo.
 - New Chair = Annabelle Jaramillo; consensus.
 - New Vice Chair = John Lindsay; consensus.
- Information sharing – DFO
 - Project proposals are defined as 1-2 year projects; with the financial commitment for fiscal 2009 and 2010.
 - The committee will vote on a funding order in addition to actual projects.
 - There is a minimum that each county has to commit to under Title 2.
- Present Salem District’s 2008 ROD/RMP – DFO
 - Copies are available.
 - Note within the document the recent development issued by the Department of Justice on 3/31/09.

- Updates & slide presentation on previously approved projects - DFO
 - Question raised - Where do the off-road users go after you rehabilitate the damaged land?
 - The new plan has off-hwy areas identified.
 - Question raised - How many projects are approved but not completed?
 - Estimate is approx. 20%. Once the money is obligated it is available until the project is completed.
 - Later today the BLM RA staff will provide Title II project updates.
(*This did not occur as the RAC was so busy evaluating and voting on projects they never had time to get back to this.*)
 - Discussion on monitoring – see Action Items

- What's different in this re-authorization?
 - Definitions provided
 - NEW – See; Title II: Duties 5a & b & 6.
 - What do you do with Title III projects submitted?
 - This is the responsibility of the County themselves.
 - There is a 45 day Public Notice period.
 - Publish in any publication of public record.
 - They are required to 'notify' another public body.
 - Does not require RAC approval.

- Overview of submitted projects – DFO
 - Discussion on BLMs overhead costs of (5-10%).
 - RAC vote on overhead percentages; vote resulted in 10% on BLM projects and 5% on non-BLM projects; consensus reached.

- Legislative intent – DFO

- **Project presentation – Non-BLM Sponsors**
 - **Taber Burton; Benton Soil and Water Fish Passage Improvement Program:**
 - Culvert Survey - Fish Passage.
 - Utilizing GIS.
 - Benefits
 - Educating community.
 - Fostering collaboration with land owners.

 - **Jason Dumont; Nature Conservancy:**
 - Sandy Basin Habitat Restoration Project.
 - Benefits
 - Restore vegetation in developing recreation areas (approx. 5,000 acres).
 - Works with fish habitat enhancement projects.
 - Provide and initial treatment over all acreage.
 - Establish a long-term maintenance plan with the intent to utilize other funding sources.
 - What is your procedure for control of knot weed?
 - Initial application of herbicide was by injection and now we control by spot spraying.
 - The control has been moderate (“mixed-bag”).

- **Dan Green & Molly McKnight; Clackamas County Dump Stoppers Program:**
 - Dump-Stoppers, garbage removal and prosecution.
 - Shooting Zones accumulate a lot of garbage.
 - Program has existed since 2003; predominantly funded by Title II funds as well as other partnerships.
 - Benefits
 - ½ million pounds of garbage collected from 17 hundred different locations.
 - Tires, abandoned vehicles, etc.
 - 50 citations and 26 prosecutions (almost all have been Clackamas County residents).
 - Question raised - Do you get private timber contributions?
 - Not in dollars but with security and clean-up.

- **David Lockman; Clean Forest Project, Non-profit:**
 - Garbage removal.
 - Land restoration.
 - Monitoring.
 - Benefits
 - Public education programs.
 - 56 tons of garbage.
 - Community clean-up events.
 - Support from community businesses.

- **Tanya Beard; Marion County Public Works – N Marion Weed Control District:**
 - Upper N Santiam Noxious Weed Control Project.
 - Species identification.
 - Weed control application.
 - Utilize AmeriCorps Service Group.

- **Liz Redon; North Santiam Watershed Council:**
 - Snake Deford Watershed Restoration Project; located on a tributary on the N. Santiam.
 - Question raised - Is there fish access to this project location?
 - Yes, we had a count of 20 'reds'.
 - Support from private land owners.

- **Stephen Cruise; Washington County:**
 - Three culvert replacement projects; Gales Creek, E Fork Dairy Creek etc.
 - Identify and prioritize fish passage barriers.

- **Chuck Knoll; Linn County:**
 - Watershed Improvement Project; cooperative partnership.
 - Encompasses Santiam and Calapooia Watersheds.
 - Improved habitat.
 - Fish passage inventory.
 - Reduce flooding issues/evaluate flood plain.
 - Document surface and ground water quality.
 - Document riparian and aquatic habitat.
 - Data to determine future projects.
 - Benefits

- Future projects.
- Employment.
- Collect & synthesize data and clearing house for information.
- **Josh Lambert; Lincoln County:**
 - Invasive Species Control Program.
 - Cover all major water sheds within the county.
 - A full grant supported program.
 - Control and eradication of knotweed.
 - Promoted through a public awareness campaign.
 - Monitor for additional listed species.
 - Benefits
 - 80% site controlled or eradicated.
 - Prevent Coho habitat degradation.
 - Positive exposure for BLM.
 - Cooperation from private land owners.
- **Diana Simpson: Sheriff of Benton County**
 - Forest Patrol Program.
 - Patrols limit: trash, vandalism, drug activity and theft of forest products.
 - Benefits
 - Reduce and eliminate the above issues.
 - Designated officer becomes expert and point of contact for all partners.
- Julie Lockman; not available.
- **Vern Holm; NW Weed Management Partnership:**
 - Cooperative of all weed management programs and watershed councils.
 - Goal of weed eradication and habitat restoration.
 - This is a multi-county request.
 - Benefits
 - Shared technologies on weed control.
 - Provide best methods of eradication.
 - Education and awareness.
- **Tania Siemens; Oregon Sea Grant & Nature Conservancy:**
 - South Santiam Watershed; early detection and response to invasive species.
 - Early detection is low-impact and cost effective; prevents damage that is unavoidable from heavy eradication and restoration efforts.
 - Benefits
 - Employment.
 - Prevent costly invasion.
 - Healthy habitat.
- **Debbie Pall & Kevin Siffer:**
 - Peck & Paw Enhancement project.
 - Water quality.
 - Soil productivity.

- **Public Forum: floor opened for public comment but there was no one in attendance.**
- **Project Presentations – BLM Representative**
 - Discussion and voting on projects – RAC Members.
 - **Rick Kneeland; BLM Tillamook RA:**
 - **Columbia County Projects; see spreadsheet**
 - Alder Creek Bridge; BLM does not believe that this meets criteria for Title II funds.
 - Existing projects are still active and all of the funding has been transferred to the Partner.
 - 2008 Projects:
 - Motion: prioritize projects as presented. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order. Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote failed.**
 - Consideration on the floor to achieve a ‘yes’ vote: prepare and present to this board a state-wide coordinated effort regarding weed eradication and control. Coordinate resources so not to duplicate efforts. BLM will share this proposal with Oregon Dept of Agriculture for their commitment. Look at what the other RACs doing?
 - Voting adjustment; **vote passed.**
 - 2009 Projects:
 - Motion: prioritize projects as presented. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order; financial reduction to #1 to achieve other projects. Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
 - **Tillamook County Projects: see spreadsheet**
 - Native Plant Cooperative Nursery Accomplishments.
 - 1500 trees per year.
 - Approx 60-80 miles of improved riparian.
 - Clean Forest Project; clean-up dump sites.
 - Law Enforcement agreement with BLM & Tillamook County Sheriff.
 - Nestucca Access Road Fish Paving.
 - From Beaver to Carlton; not paved 2.6 miles in the middle but this only paves where gravel crosses a bridge.
 - Question raised - Why not use road maintenance collections for this? Those funds are little to none.
 - Invasive Aquatic Species Signage would like to place a few more kiosks with signs.
 - Tillamook County youth natural resources; continues to support youth education in natural resources.
 - Knot Weed Control Project.
 - Comment - unless we come up with overall weed control coordination it becomes a wasted effort.
 - Feel as if there is redundancy of projects over the years and I’m not seeing results.

- Motion: prioritize projects as presented by BLM staff. Second.
 - Amendment: to fund the Aquatic Species Signs in 2008. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding the first 4 (1,2,2a,3) projects. Second
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**

- Motion: prioritize projects as presented by BLM staff. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order. Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**

- Roaring Fish Enhancement Project.
 - Clean Forest.
 - Series of Fish Passage Correction Projects.

- Motion: prioritize projects as presented by RAC member. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order. Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**

- Motion: prioritize projects as listed. Second.
 - Motion: approve entire funding of project #1. Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**

- BLM Timber Haul Route/ Fish Paving.
 - Canada Creek Fish Passage Restoration.
 - Elkhorn riparian woody debris development.
 - Yamhill Basin fish passage culvert.
 - Clean Forest Project.
 - Native Plant Partnership Nursery.

- Motion: prioritize projects per County order. Second
 - Amendment: to switch order of 5 & 6. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order. Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**

- Motion: prioritize projects per County order. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order. Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**

- Rocky Point Eagle Habitat Mgmt.
 - Dixie Mt Weed Mgmt.

- Larch Mountain Enviro. Ed. Site Maintenance and Improvement.
 - Gordon Creek Upper Culvert Replacement.
- 2008 Projects:
 - Motion: prioritize projects per BLM order.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
- 2009 Projects:
 - Motion: prioritize projects per BLM order.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
- **Patrick Hawe & Adam Milnor; BLM Cascades RA**
 - **Clackamas County Projects: see spreadsheet**
 - Law Enforcement Agreement is repeat the rest are all new projects.
 - 2008 Projects:
 - Motion: prioritize projects per County order. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order; eliminating projects not requesting funding. Second.
 - Amendment to reduce Sandy Basin Anchor Habitat Rest. by \$10,000 to enhance the Weed Control project. Approved.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
 - 2009 Projects:
 - Motion: prioritize projects per County order.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order.
 - Amendment to reduce Sandy Basin Anchor Habitat Rest and ?? each by \$10,000 to fund the Weed Control Project. Approved.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
 - **Linn County Projects: see spreadsheet**
 - Motion: prioritize projects per County order (1-7). Second.
 - Captured concern on the Quartzville culvert replacement and road enhancement project.
 - Motion: approve funding in order as captured on spreadsheet.
 - Amendment to reduce funding to Quartzville and spread to Knotweed and Snake DeFord Weed projects.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; amended **vote passed.**
 - 2009 Projects:
 - Motion: prioritize projects per County order. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in order as captured on spreadsheet (1-4).
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
 - **Marion County Projects: see spreadsheets**
 - 2008 Projects
 - Motion: prioritize projects per County order. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order (1-4). Second.

- Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
- 2009 Projects
 - Motion: prioritize projects per County order. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in order as captured on spreadsheet. Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
- **Diane Morris; BLM Mary's Peak RA**
 - **Benton County Projects: see spreadsheet**
 - 2008 Projects
 - Motion: prioritize projects per County order. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in order as captured on spreadsheet (1-7). Second.
 - Amendment to contribute \$2,000 to Protecting Federal Lands with Weed Control Project. Approved.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
 - 2009 Projects
 - Motion: prioritize projects per County order. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in order as captured on spreadsheet (1-7). Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
 - **Lincoln County Projects: see spreadsheet**
 - 2008 Projects
 - Motion: prioritize projects per RAC order. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order (1-2). Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
 - 2009 Projects
 - Motion: prioritize projects per RAC order. Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in order as captured on spreadsheet (1-2). Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
 - **Polk County Projects: see spreadsheet**
 - 2008 Projects
 - Motion: prioritize projects per County order (1-3), with BLM order after that (4-8). Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in priority order. Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
 - 2009 Projects
 - Motion: prioritize projects per County order (1-3), with BLM order after that (4-5). Second.
 - Motion: approve funding in order as captured on spreadsheet. Second.
 - Voting and prioritization captured; **vote passed.**
 - Motion: BLM may add funding to compensate for funding shortages on 2009 projects. Second.
 - **Vote passed.**

- **See attached for updated RAC schedule.**
- **Action Items:**
 - **Title III projects** – After much discussion the RAC agreed to accept the proposed projects from the counties as required in *Sec. 302 (b) 2*. The RAC agreed that was informational in nature and no further action was required of the RAC.
 - **Title II projects** – Monitoring *Sec. 205 b (5) A* – The RAC requested that the BLM develop a draft monitoring plan that discussed items above as:
 - At a minimum monitoring should be done upon project completion.
 - Other: mid-year and year-end reporting or at every RAC meeting.
 - Considerations for basic reporting needs:
 - Did it meet the contract requirements?
 - Did the work get accomplished?
 - Did all of the money get spent?
 - Are there additional projects that need additional dollars \$\$ to be completed.
 - Look at historic aspects as well.

Comments on projects back to Randy G. (I sense this was a discussion on making recommendations to the Secretary concerned for any appropriate changes or adjustments to the projects being monitored by the resource advisory committee); *Sec.205 (b) 6*.

 - Current Charter expires on 8/30/2009; both the Oregon State & Washington BLM offices are working on extending the current charter through this funding cycle.
 - State coordination of weed projects.
 - Produce a report on the status of current coordination efforts in Weed Partnership Area.
 - Explain the relationship with ODA and what type of coordination is occurring with them; look at historical trends.
 - Will mail to RAC members for review.

Adjourn: 4:46

Recorder: Kathy Angstrom

REVISED Salem District BLM RAC Schedule for 2009

April 29, 2009

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| November 14, 2008 | Counties elect how much to allocate to Title II for FY 2008 funding. Information about county Title II funding levels available to BLM |
| February 13, 2009 | Full Project proposals due |
| February 27, 2009 | BLM reviews projects for consistency with objectives of the Act. BLM provide written feedback to applicants when projects do not meet purposes of the Act. |
| March 6, 2009 | BLM assemble notebooks with all project proposals Distribute RAC proposals to counties and RAC members Projects ranked by BLM staff as requested by RAC. |
| March 27, 2009 | Feedback requested from counties. |
| April 15-16, 2009 | Proposed RAC meeting to evaluate, vote on projects and make recommendations for FY 2008 and FY 2009 funded projects. |
| April 30, 2009 | Memo from chair to District Manager on FY 2008 RAC funding recommendations and FY 2009 recommendations contingent upon FY 2009 county elections. |
| April 30, 2009 | Letter to County Commissioners that shares the RAC's 2008 (2009) funding recommendations. |
| May 15, 2009 | District Manager decision on funding for FY 2008 (2009) funded projects. |
| July 31, 2009 | Counties make Title II and III elections for FY 2009 (2010). |
| August 15, 2009 | BLM revises FY 2009 funding recommendations based upon county elections and RAC's April 15 direction. |
| August 28, 2009 | Letter to County Commissioners that shares the RAC's 2009 (2010) funding recommendations. |
| September 15, 2009 | District Manager decision on funding for FY 2009 funded projects |