

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000**RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)****BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – SALEM DISTRICT****LOBBY LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM****September 20, 2012**

RAC members in attendance: Mickey Bellman, Wayne Giesy, Bill Kluting, Dave Schmidt, Jim Clawson, Dr. Leland Gilson (left at 10:00 AM), Ronald Adams, Diane Henkels, Earl Fisher, Glen Crinklaw, Annabelle Jaramillo, Charles Hurliman, John Lindsey (left at 12:00 PM), and Don Hopkins

RAC members absent: Walter Cate

BLM in attendance: Rich Hatfield, Belle Smith, Rick Kneeland, and Diane Morris

Public in attendance: Russ Hall, Wilderness International; Tyler Joki, Columbia SWCD; Jeff Light, Plum Creek Timber; Robert Perkins, Linn County; Mary McKnight, Clackamas County; Jim Buchholz, Marion County Sheriff's Office; Tom Croton, Marion County Sheriff's Office; Wayne Hoffman, Lincoln County SWCD; Dan Hoynacki, OSU/Marion County; Janelle St. Pierre, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council; and Jennifer Meisel, Marion County SWCD.

Call to Order – 09:00

Meeting opening and information exchange

- Welcome by Kim Titus, Salem BLM District Manager.
Discussion on the new BLM planning process.
Discussion on fish habitat projects and their success given predation issues on the Columbia River.
- Identify the Designated Federal Official (DFO) = Richard Hatfield
 - Agenda review
 - Agenda is approved but allow for flexibility
- RAC member introductions
 - Achieved quorum
 - Nomination and election of chair and vice chair
 - New Chair = Annabelle Jaramillo; consensus.
 - New Vice Chair = Dave Schmidt; consensus.
- Information sharing – DFO
 - Secure Rural Schools was re-authorized for one year.
 - Funding is set for 95% of the 2011 level.
 - Funds need to be spent/obligated by September 30, 2013, or they are returned to the Treasury.
 - Brief overview/review of Secure Rural Schools – purposes of Act, description of the three titles in the act.
 - Overview of Secure Rural Schools funding on the Salem District from 2008-2012.
- Overview of FY 2012 projects – DFO

- For FY 2012 funding, approximately \$470,000 is available and over \$1.4 million in proposals were received.

Project presentation – Non-BLM Sponsors

- **Jeff Light, Plum Creek Timber, Paired Watershed Study**
 - Project proposes to continue funding for a study that is analyzing the impacts of timber harvest on aquatic resources.
 - **Discussion** on Plum Creek's contribution to the study, how the data will be used, how the RAC funds will be used and how long the study will take to complete.
- **Molly McKnight, Clackamas County, Dumpstoppers**
 - Project proposes to help fund the Clackamas County Dumpstoppers program.
 - **Discussion** on specifics related to dumping (fines, citations etc.), contributions of other partners, and how dumpsites are discovered.
- **Jim Buchholz, Marion County Sheriff's Department**
 - Project is a request to buy a new forest patrol vehicle.
 - **Discussion** on the current condition/mileage of the forest patrol vehicle and the cost of replacement.
- **Ron Perkins, Linn County, Work Service Crew Program**
 - Program puts court-ordered youth to work. Majority are on probation, mandated by court.
 - Proposal is for both Linn and Marion Counties. It is scalable.
 - Youth are engaged in splitting firewood, habitat restoration, working in campgrounds/day use areas, etc...
 - **Discussion** on how to integrate natural resource education into opportunities for individuals in the program.
- **Tyler Joki, Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District, Invasive and Non-Native Control Project**
 - Project objectives include identification and treatment of invasive and non-native plants.
 - **Discussion** on the importance of RAC funds for the project, the number of partners involved, monitoring, the location of projects and the areas in Columbia County that receive the most emphasis for treatment. There was also a discussion on banning certain weeds in areas.
- **Russ Hall, Wilderness International, Molalla River Youth Stewardship**
 - Proposal objectives (youth working outdoors) are presented.
 - Ron Adams indicated that he has a personal interest in the project. (He is on the Clackamas Community College Board.)
 - BLM employee, Adam Milnor, also expressed support for the project.

- **Janelle St. Pierre, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council, South Scappoose Floodplain Restoration, Cedar Creek Fish Barrier, and South Scappoose Bay Watershed Assessment**
 - Three projects were presented. All projects are scalable. Because of funding limitations, the floodplain restoration project may not be a priority.
 - **Discussion** on Cedar Creek project focused on appropriateness of utilizing public dollars to provide access across a creek on private lands. The priority work for this project would include the removal of the culvert and the restoration work.
- **Dan Hoynacki, Marion County, Youth Enviro Squad**
 - Program utilizes local youth to accomplish a variety of natural resource-related projects.
 - **Discussion** on Marion County contribution for the program.
- **Tom Helmer, Northwest Youth Corps, Youth Community Service**
 - Project is presented – distinction is made between the traditional residential, “camping program” and this non-residential program that employs local youth working in their own backyard.
 - **Discussion** of how projects are selected.
- **Wayne Hoffman, Midcoast Watersheds Council, Lincoln County Noxious Weeds Program**
 - Project can be scalable.
 - **Discussion** on the types of noxious weeds that are treated in Lincoln County.
- **Tanya Beard, Marion County Weed Control District, Coordinated Weed Control**
 - Project involves inventory, treatment and monitoring of weeds.
 - The project was funded by the RAC in 2008.
 - This proposal would continue that effort – new and expanded inventories, trainings and education.

Public Forum: floor opened for public comment but there was no one in attendance.

County-by-County Recommendations and Voting

Discussion on how recommendations and voting will occur. The BLM representative will present the projects and the BLM priorities for funding. Rich Hatfield will list county priorities (if provided by the county).

Rick Kneeland; BLM Tillamook RA:

Columbia County Projects; see spreadsheet

Discussion on whether Vernonia Nursery and Youth Corps Riparian Restoration projects compete with each other.

Discussion on the Crown Zellerbach Trail project. (Glen Crinklaw presented the project.) Discussion focused on how the proposed trail will impact future timber harvest on public lands.

Discussion on how projects are evaluated to ensure that they meet the intent of the Act.

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)
- *Amendment to motion: move \$2,000 to the Invasive Control Project. Amendment failed.*
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Discussion on the Clean Forest Project and whether it was a good use of RAC dollars this fiscal year.

- *Motion: eliminate Clean Forest Project from funding consideration for this year.* Second. Vote passed.

Tillamook County Projects: see spreadsheet

Discussion on Tillamook County priorities (priorities were provided by Chuck Hurliman).

Discussion on Paired Watershed Study.

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Washington County Projects: see spreadsheet

Only one project submitted.

- *Motion: prioritize and fund project as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Yamhill County Projects: see spreadsheet (Yamhill only indicated one priority – Haul Route improvements)

Discussion: RAC member Diane Henkels expressed displeasure with the quality of BLM project applications.

Discussion on Paired Watershed Study and how much funded is needed for the project. (\$50,000 is the target for RAC funding.)

Discussion on whether the RAC should look to fully fund a couple projects and try to complete them.

Motion to fund Yamhill priorities # 2 and 3 (Canada Creek Road and Youth Projects). **Motion failed**

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second.
- *Amendment to motion: Approve \$7,500 for the Watershed Study; the remainder to the Haul Route project.* Amended failed – no second.
- *Second amendment to motion: Add \$1,000 to Cascade Pacific project and \$8,500 for the Haul Route project.* Amended withdrawn.

- Voting on original motion; **motion failed.**

RAC Chair Annabelle Jaramillo asked that we move on to the next county and come back to Yamhill a bit later in the meeting.

Multnomah County Projects: see spreadsheet

Discussion on prioritization for the county. (Multnomah asked that all five projects submitted be funded at an equal amount.)

Motion to fund four projects (all projects submitted except Clean Forest) at an equal amount.

Motion failed.

Motion to re-prioritize. **Motion failed.**

RAC Chair Annabelle Jaramillo asked that we also table Multnomah County prioritization for now.

Belle Smith; BLM Cascades RA:

Clackamas County Projects: see spreadsheet

Presentation and discussion on the Marmot Culvert Project.

Discussion on law enforcement proposals. RAC member Diane Henkels asked for specific metrics to determine the number of citations, contacts etc... that occur through these contracts. DFO Hatfield said that some county law enforcement do not provide these statistics.

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Linn County Projects: see spreadsheet

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Marion County Projects: see spreadsheets

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Diane Morris; BLM Mary's Peak RA:

Benton County Projects: see spreadsheet

Discussion on Whitehouse Pit project and whether it was reviewed by the Mid-Coast Watershed Council. (According to Wayne Hoffman, it was not.)

- *Motion: prioritize and projects as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Lincoln County Projects: see spreadsheet (Lincoln County did not provide project priorities.)

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)

- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Polk County Projects: see spreadsheet

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Yamhill County Projects: (continued)

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Multnomah County Projects: (continued)

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second. (See Table 1.)
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Meeting Closeout: Discussion on next steps for the RAC.

Adjourn: 3:15

Recorder: Richard Hatfield

Table 1. BLM Salem RAC – Project recommendations

FY 2012 Salem RAC Projects (Sept 27, 2012)				
County	Proposal	Sponsor	2012 Funding Recommended	Direct to Project
Benton	Sheriff Office Patrol	BLM	\$20,000	\$18,000
Benton	Road Maintenance	BLM	\$25,000	\$22,500
Benton	Upper Maxfield Enhance	Luckiamute Watershed Council	\$15,000	\$14,250
Benton	Youth Community Services	NW Youth Corps	\$4,598	\$4,368
		Total	\$64,598	
Clackamas	DumpStoppers	Clackamas County	\$35,000	\$33,250
Clackamas	Law Enforcement Agreement	BLM	\$37,000	\$33,300
Clackamas	Molalla Youth Stewardship	Wilderness International	\$14,201	\$13,491
		Total	\$86,201	
		BLM, Vernonia School District,		
Columbia	Vernonia Nursery	Upper Nehalem Watershed	\$11,000	\$10,450
Columbia	Cedar Creek Fish Barrier	Scappoose Bay Watershed	\$10,000	\$9,500
Columbia	Crown Zellerbach/Hawkins Bridge	Columbia County Parks	\$36,243	\$34,431
		Total	\$57,243	
Lincoln	Eddyville - Native Plants	BLM	\$5,500	\$4,950
Lincoln	Invasive Species	Lincoln County SWCD	\$4,809	\$4,569
		Total	\$10,309	
Linn	Law Enforcement	BLM	\$30,462	\$27,416
Linn	Linn County Work Service	Linn County Juvenile Department	\$31,282	\$29,718
Linn	Youth Community Service	NW Youth Corps	\$9,951	\$9,453
		Total	\$71,695	
Marion	Law Enforcement	BLM	\$12,010	\$10,809
Marion	Youth Enviro Squad	OSU Extension Service	\$12,010	\$11,410
Marion	Marion County Rec Projects	Linn County Juvenile Dept	\$12,010	\$11,410
Marion	Coodinated Weed Control	North Santiam Watershed	\$5,000	\$4,750
		Total	\$41,030	
Multnomah	Dixie Weed Management	BLM	\$5,290	\$4,761
Multnomah	South Scappoose Bay Assessment	Scappoose Bay Watershed	\$5,290	\$5,026
Multnomah	Building Effective Weed	Cascade Pacific RC&D	\$5,290	\$5,026
Multnomah	Youth Community Service	NW Youth Corps	\$5,290	\$5,026
		Total	\$21,160	
Polk	Law Enforcement	BLM	\$10,450	\$9,405
Polk	Noxious Weeds Program	Polk County Corrections	\$31,000	\$29,450
Polk	Dumpstoppers	Polk County Corrections	\$31,215	\$29,654
		Total	\$72,665	
Tillamook	Alesa/Trask Watershed Study	Oregon Department of Forestry	\$18,363	\$17,445
		Total	\$18,363	
Washington	Dairy Creek Fish Passage Enhancement	Washington County DLUT	\$12,235	\$11,623
		Total	\$12,235	
Yamhill	BLM Haul Route Improve - Fish and Water	BLM	\$15,346	\$13,811
Yamhill	Alesa/Trask Watershed Study	Oregon Department of Forestry	\$7,500	\$7,125
		Total	\$22,846	