

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000**RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)****BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – SALEM DISTRICT****LOBBY LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM****February 27, 2014**

RAC members in attendance: Ronald Adams, Mickey Bellman, Walter Cate, Jim Clawson, Glen Crinklaw, Wayne Giesy, Dr. Leland Gilson (left at 9:00 AM), Diane Henkels, (arrived at 10:50 AM), Don Hopkins, Annabelle Jaramillo, Bill Kluting (arrived at 10:00 AM), John Lindsey, and Dave Schmidt.

RAC members absent: Earl Fisher and Chuck Hurliman.

BLM in attendance: Rich Hatfield, Rick Kneeland, Diane Morris, Karen Schank, Belle Smith, and Kim Titus

Public in attendance:

Call to Order – 09:00

Meeting opening and information exchange

- Welcome by Kim Titus, Salem BLM District Manager.
Discussion on public land harvests and the BLM's RMP planning process.
- 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
 - See Powerpoint attachment
 - **Discussion** on the re-authorization of Secure Rural Schools legislation, the coordination of the Hood-Willamette Forest Service RAC and the Salem BLM RAC.

Project presentation – Non-BLM Sponsors

- **Jason Dunham, USGS, Alsea –Trask Watershed Study**
 - Presentation on the study and timelines. Study looks at current forest practices and the effects on the aquatic ecosystem. For the Trask study, 2012 was the headwaters harvest; 2013-2016 post treatment.
 - **Discussion** on the interaction of past events (e.g. Tillamook Burn) on the study area, the inclusion of non-aquatic organisms in the study, how the study determines the natural temperatures on streams in the Coast Range, and

availability of historical data. One member (Adams) expressed support for the study and the research.

- **Molly McKnight, Clackamas County, Clackamas County Dumpstoppers**
 - Powerpoint presented on the program, partners, and accomplishments. The Powerpoint included a slide showing other funding partners for the program (USFS Title II, USFS stewardship funds, Clackamas County) and a description explaining strategies to deal with a reduced budget. 2013 statistics were shared by Dumpstoppers.
 - **Discussion** on the penalties assessed for dumpers that are caught and the effectiveness of deterrent programs.
- **Robert Perkins, Linn County, Linn County Work Service Program**
 - Handout with description of proposals in Marion and Linn Counties including a history of funding and the program. The handout included a letter of recommendation from Steve Baldwin, BLM Park Manager for the South Cascades. Each \$500 of funding for the program equates to a day of work.
 - **Discussion** on the youth involved in the program, whether the youth are paid for the work, the effectiveness of the program for correcting youth, and RAC member support for the program
- **Rex Young, Steve Robeson, and Bob Pearson, Eddyville School Native Plants**
 - Powerpoint describing the work that has been accomplished with the Eddyville School partnership and the history of the program.
 - **Discussion** on the number of students involved with the program and how the horticulture program is associated with other school programs.
- **Laurel Byer, Benton County, Starr Creek Road Extension**
 - Powerpoint describing the project and purpose of the project. About 5750' feet of gravel road is proposed to connect roads and provide 53 residences alternative emergency access. Other benefits include a fuel break and improved access to BLM-managed lands.
 - **Discussion** on how the work will get accomplished, work relationship with the BLM, and environmental considerations of the road alignment.
- **Tristan Wood, Columbia County, Highway Overlay/Turnouts**
 - Handout is provided that describes the proposal and benefits. The project is scalable for funding.
 - **Discussion** – no questions.
- **Nathan Herr/Tyler Joki, Columbia SWCD, Invasive, Non-Native Control Project**
 - Powerpoint describing the project and the benefits. Description of the various sources of funds and how they are utilized. Project is scalable.
 - **Discussion** on how students are educated about the wood/timber industry including economic impacts/future employment opportunities.

- **Stephanie Cox, Cascades Resource Area Law Enforcement Contracts**
 - Presentations from Clackamas, Linn and Marion County Law Enforcement
 - **Discussion** on how game violations are handled, how reporting of data is handled, federal resources to fund county law enforcement, areas that County LE patrol, magnitude of illegal activity on public lands, change in use patterns at Green Peter Reservoir, and other partners that can assist with law enforcement.
- **Russ Hall, Wilderness International, Molalla River Youth Stewardship**
 - Proposal objectives (youth working outdoors) are presented. Wilderness International is a non-profit that contracts out to Clackamas County Juvenile Department. The group is a work program and also teaches life skills/job skills to youth. Proposal is scalable. Work will be starting soon with other partners along the Molalla corridor.
 - **Discussion** on how the youth are reimbursed for their work.
- **Martin Silbernagel, Polk County, Polk County Dumpstoppers /Weed Program**
 - Presentation on the two proposals. Work crew consists of inmates from the jail.
 - **Discussion** on Polk County priorities and the funding, clarification on the funding requested for Noxious Weed Project (\$33,600), employment opportunities in Oregon and budgetary concerns.

Lunch Break

- **Tom Helmer, Northwest Youth Corps (NWYC), Youth Community Service Corps**
 - Powerpoint on NWYC projects and crew locations, residential/nonresidential programs, accomplishments from last year, breakdown of funding and county requests, and reimbursement of youth that work for NWYC.
 - **Discussion** on difference of NWYC and Job Corps, and the geographic reach of NWYC.
- **Celeste Lebo, NORP, Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnerships**
 - Powerpoint listing partners within NORP (36 partners in 8 counties), ongoing work and nurseries, and list of accomplishments. Project is scalable.
 - **Discussion** on the various proposals from NORP or NORP-affiliated projects,
- **Luke Westphal, Greater Yamhill Watershed Council, Rowell Creek Sediment Control**
 - Project is presented to RAC. The project would pave two sections of public roads in Polk County. The paving will minimize sediment inputs into Rowell Creek (a fish bearing stream). Polk County is proposing a 1-to-1 match. Project is scalable down to \$10,000.
 - **Discussion** on Polk County match, funding priorities for Polk County, impact of fine particles to fish, and relation of this project with other proposals in the area.

- **Dan Hoynacki, OSU Extension, Youth Enviro Squad (YES)**
 - Powerpoint on intent of the project, clarification that over 2000 hours of service learning work occurred between September and December,
 - **Discussion** no questions.

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.

Projects presented and priorities described.

Discussion on a change in funding for South Scappoose project (to \$15,000) and of the impacts of commorants on fisheries.

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

Tillamook County Projects: see spreadsheet.

Projects presented and priorities described.

Discussion on appropriate balance for Tillamook County. \$16,000 or \$32,000?

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented; motion withdrawn.*
- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects at the \$30,000 level as presented; second.*
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.
- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects at the \$16,000 level as presented; second.*
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Washington County Projects: see spreadsheet

Projects presented and priorities described. Washington County did not provide priorities.

Discussion of funding the Alsea/Trask Study with Washington County funds. DFO indicates that the project proposal did not include a request from Washington County. The study area is not in Washington County.

- *Motion: Fund Alsea Study and NORP. Second. Motion failed.*
- *Motion: Fund NORP. Second.*
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

¹ Attachment 1 (attached to the notes) contains the project prioritization and funding levels approved in the motion.

Yamhill County Projects: see spreadsheet.

Projects presented and priorities described.

- *Motion: Fund law enforcement and fund the Alsea Study with the remaining amount.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Multnomah County Projects: see spreadsheet.

Projects presented and priorities described. (Multnomah County did not provide priorities.)

Discussion on Gordon Creek application and its completeness, question of who should fund the culvert replacement, and the location of the Dixie Mountain weed project.

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Belle Smith; BLM Cascades RA:**Clackamas County Projects: see spreadsheet.**

Projects presented and priorities described.

Discussion on Clackamas County LE proposal. RAC member Henkels comments on the limited information included in the LE application.

- *Motion: Fund Youth Stewardship 100%, Dumpstoppers 100%, and the remaining funds to law enforcement.* Motion Failed.
- *Motion: Fund Youth Stewardship 100%, law enforcement 100%, and the remaining funds to Dumpstoppers.* Second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Linn County Projects: see spreadsheet.

Projects presented and priorities described.

Discussion on the Quartzville LSR project, other LSR projects and how these projects will affect the functionality of the LSR. Also question on how other Linn County Commissioners view these project proposals.

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented;* second.
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Marion County Projects: see spreadsheets.

Projects presented and priorities described.

Discussion of LE proposal. Member Henkels recommends that Marion County check in with Linn County as to how best to educate the public. Also, discussion of utilizing the Linn County juvenile program in Marion County.

Discussion

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented. Second.*
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Diane Morris; BLM Mary's Peak RA:

Benton County Projects: see spreadsheets.

Projects presented and priorities described.

Discussion on the Van Horn paving project, gravel road costs vs. paved road costs, and costs related to road maintenance.

- *Motion: prioritize and projects as presented. Second.*
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Lincoln County Projects: see spreadsheet.

Projects presented and priorities described. (Lincoln County did not provide project priorities.)

Discussion on funding options that includes the watershed study, Eddyville School and the weed proposal. Discussion on the merits of the various Lincoln County proposals.

- Series of motions to prioritize and fund the projects. Motions 1-3 failed.
- *Motion (#4): prioritize and fund projects as presented. Second.*
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Polk County Projects: see spreadsheet

Projects presented and priorities described.

Discussion of funding changes in County projects (withdraw the LE proposal, modify the amount for the noxious weed proposal). Additional discussion of Polk County and LE and a partnership with the Grande Ronde tribe.

- *Motion: prioritize and fund projects as presented. Second.*
- Voting and prioritization captured; vote passed.

Meeting Closeout:

Adjourn: 3:45

Recorder: Richard Hatfield

Attachment 1. BLM Salem RAC – Project recommendations

Salem RAC Title II Recommendations - FY 2013 - Feb 27, 2014				
County	Proposals	Sponsor	2013 Funding Requested	RAC recommended funding
Benton	Benton County LE Contract	BLM	\$ 19,800	\$0
Benton	Benton County Noxious Weed Program	BLM	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
Benton	Van Horn Pavement Maintenance	Benton County	\$ 50,400	\$ 0
Benton	Starr Creek Road Extension Project	Benton County Public Works	\$ 114,975	\$ 95,368
Multicounty	Youth Community Service Corps	Northwest Youth Corps	\$ 12,100	\$ 9,000
Total	Funding available = \$109,868		\$ 202,775	\$ 109,868
Clackamas	Molalla River Youth Stewardship	Wilderness International	\$ 9,944	\$ 9,944
Clackamas	Dumpstoppers	Clackamas County	\$ 37,800	\$ 24,788
Clackamas	Clackamas County Law Enforcement	BLM	\$ 45,650	\$ 45,650
Multicounty	Youth Community Service Corps	Northwest Youth Corps	\$ 15,000	\$0
Total	Funding available = \$80,382		\$ 108,394	\$ 80,382
Columbia	Columbia River Youth Corp Riparian Restoration	BLM	\$ 22,000	\$ 15,000
Columbia	Columbia Weed Control	Columbia County	\$ 29,925	\$ 15,000
Columbia	Scappoose Vernonia Hwy Pullouts/Overlay	Columbia County	\$ 81,900	\$0
Columbia	South Scappoose Creek Watershed Restoration	BLM	\$ 35,200	\$ 14,158
Columbia	Vernonia Schools' Native Plant Nursery	BLM	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000
Total	Funding available = \$54,158		\$ 189,025	\$ 54,158
Lincoln	Eddyville Charter School Restoration	Eddyville School	\$ 8,400	\$ 6,000
Lincoln	Lincoln County Invasive Species Control	Lincoln County SWCD	\$ 9,188	\$ 6,000
Multicounty	Alesea/Trask Paired Watershed Studies	Oregon Dept. of Forestry	\$52,500	\$ 6,233
Total	Funding available = \$18,233		\$ 70,088	\$ 18,233
Linn	Linn County Law Enforcement	BLM	\$ 29,150	\$ 29,150
Linn	Linn County Work Service Program	Linn County Juvenile Department	\$ 27,825	\$38,325
Linn	Quartzville Late-Successional Reserve Enhancement	BLM	\$ 11,000	\$ 16,566
Multicounty	Youth Community Service Corps	Northwest Youth Corps	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Total	Funding available = \$94,041		\$ 77,975	\$ 94,041

County	Proposals	Sponsor	2013 Funding Requested	RAC recommended funding
Marion	Marion County Law Enforcement	BLM	\$ 29,150	\$ 29,150
Marion	Marion County Recreation Projects	Linn County Juvenile Department	\$ 10,500	\$ 0
Marion	Youth Enviro Squad	OSU Extension - Marion County	\$ 15,750	\$ 10,226
Multicounty	Youth Community Service Corps	Northwest Youth Corps	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Total	Funding available = \$39,376		\$ 65,400	\$ 39,376
Multnomah	Dixie Mountain Weed Management	BLM	\$ 11,000	\$ 9,458
Multnomah	Gordon Culvert Replacement	BLM	\$ 14,300	\$ 0
Multnomah	Youth Community Service Corps	Northwest Youth Corps	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,458
Total	Funding available = \$18,916		\$ 35,300	\$ 18,916
Polk	Polk County Dumpstoppers	Polk County	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500
Polk	Polk County Law Enforcement	Polk County	\$ 10,450	\$ 0
Polk	Polk County Noxious Weed Project	Polk County	\$ 53,550	\$ 40,749
Polk	Rowell Creek Sediment Control - Road Maint	Greater Yamhill WC	\$ 24,885	\$ 0
Total	Funding available = \$68,249		\$ 116,385	\$ 68,249
Tillamook	Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership	NORP	\$ 15,120	\$ 0
Tillamook	Tillamook Law Enforcement Agreement	BLM	\$ 29,150	\$ 16,729
Tillamook	Tillamook Cty Youth Natural Resources	BLM	\$ 38,000	\$ 0
Multicounty	Alsea and Trask Paired Watershed Studies	ODF	\$ 52,500	\$ 0 -
Total	Funding available = \$16,729		\$ 134,770	\$ 16,729
Washington	Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership	BLM	\$ 11,000	\$ 20,255
Washington	S. Scappoose Creek Watershed Restoration	BLM	\$ 35,200	\$ 0
Total	Funding available = \$20,255		\$ 46,200	\$ 20,255
Yamhill	Yamhill County Law Enforcement Contract	BLM	\$ 12,650	\$ 12,650
Yamhill	Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership	NORP	\$ 18,900	\$ 0
Multicounty	Alsea /Trask Paired Watershed Studies	ODF	\$ 52,500	\$ 26,221
Total	Funding available = \$38,871		\$ 84,050	\$ 38,871

Attachment 2. RAC Meeting Powerpoint

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What has happened since our last meeting?

- RAC last met on September 20, 2012.
- Project recommendations were made by RAC.
- Surprises after the meeting: Yamhill did not fund Title II; Lincoln, Tillamook and Washington did not fund Title III.
- Project decisions made by Salem DM.
- Funds were distributed to Salem District in March 2013.
- Funds moved to project partners by September 30, 2013.
- Secure Rural Schools re-authorized in October 2013.

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**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self
Determination Act of 2000
as amended by PL-113-140**

- Included in the Helium Stewardship of 2013 (October 2, 2013).
- One year extension for funding.
- Legislation only included date changes – no other changes.

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**Secure Rural Schools & Community Self
Determination Act of 2000**

The purposes of this Act are —

- (1) to stabilize and transition payments to counties.
- (2) to make additional investments/employment opportunities.
- (3) to improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for Federal land and the agencies that manage the Federal land.

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Three “Titles” in the Act

- Title I – roads and schools
- Title II – special projects
- Title III – SAR on federal lands, firewise programs

**The legislation requires that a county elect to put not less than 15% and not more than 20% in Title II & III projects.

***Of the Title II/III project funds, a county is generally required to elect to put not less than 8% in Title II and not more than 7% in Title III projects.

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Example: Titles I, II and III

Clackamas County

- Total payment: \$1,077,520
- Title I: \$915,892
- Title II: \$86,201 (8% of total payment)
- Title III: \$75,426 (7% of total payment)

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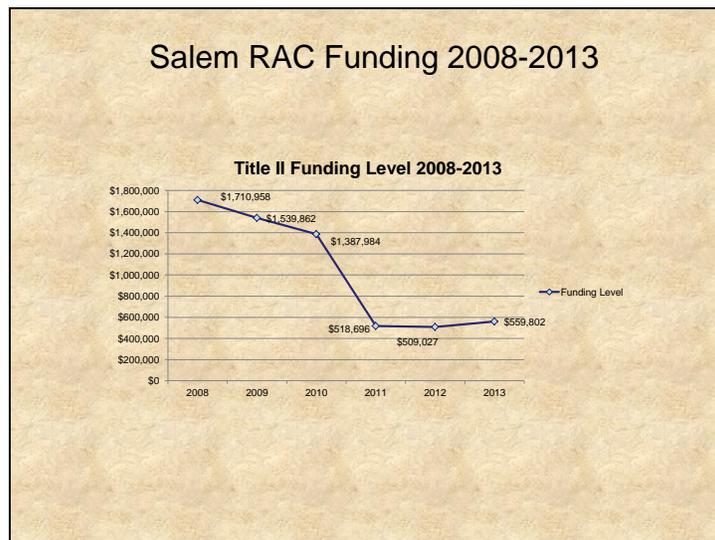
Secure Rural Schools & Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (PL 112-141)

Project objectives include

- the maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration.
- soil productivity improvement.
- improvements in forest ecosystem health.
- watershed restoration and maintenance.
- the restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife/fish habitat.
- the control of noxious and exotic weeds.
- the reestablishment of native species.

50% of the funds need to be used for road maintenance, decommissioning or watershed restoration

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Projects Approved – FY 2012

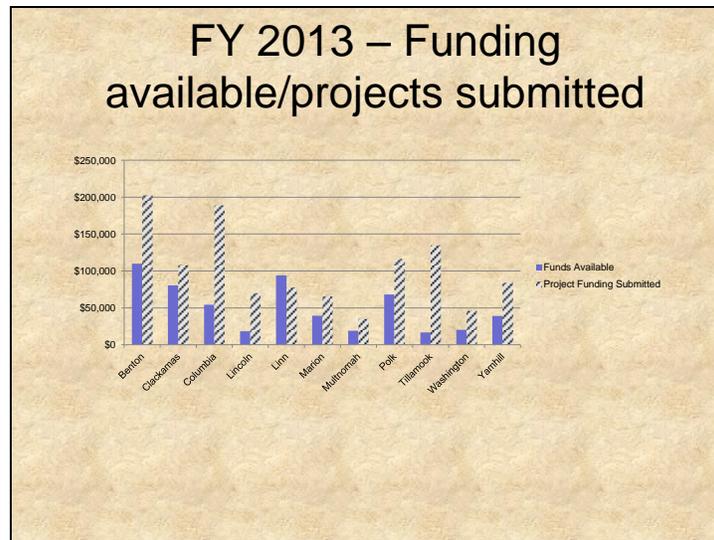
- Sheriff office patrol
- Road maintenance/repair
- Aquatic habitat restoration
- Trail maintenance
- Youth crew work
- Watershed study
- Weed eradication
- Native plant work
- Forest clean up (Dumpstoppers)

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FY 2013 Salem RAC Projects

- Approx. \$559,000 available.
- Approx. \$1.1 million in proposals received.
- 34 projects proposed (9 new projects).

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Criteria for ranking projects

- Consistency with the Act
- Completeness/presentation of the application
- Past performance
- Other criteria?

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What's next?

- RAC members terms expire in June 2014.
- Charter expires in August 2014.
- 2013 funds have to be obligated by September 30, 2014

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FY 2013 Projects

- Questions/Comments?

