Coast Range Province Advisory Committee Notes
October 23, 2003
Laquinta Inn
Newport Oregon

Attendees: Joni Quarnstrom, George Buckingham, Kim Gossen, Betty Jean Keele, Carmen Saunders, Denis Williamson, Cindy Enstrom, Ron Brainard, Ron Phillips, Rennie Ferris, Chuck Hurliman, Mike Kennedy, Rosemary Furfey, Bob Rees, Trish Hogervorst, Joe Asher, Bob Turner and Julie Schreiber-note taker

Welcome: George and Denis: Welcome, There are lots of things going on nationally and we are enthused about the PAC, as a strong and diverse group.

Payments to County Update

Denis: BLM - Next 8 months there will be more proposals and we are excited for the RAC to give us advice. Resource Advisory Committee proposals: BLM Projects for FY04 - Final 50 projects, total is 2million dollars. 26 projects selected - 14 BLM and 12 Non- BLM projects divided over 10 counties.

George: Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee - Forest Service Charter for the RAC authorized. These RAC's can operate for another two years. Payments to counties- provide stable funding primarily for schools, environmental education for schools, noxious weeds, etc. The Siuslaw RAC has 5 counties and for FY 2004 our 1.5 million projects have been approved by the RAC group. Benefit for the Forest Service are that we get to hear from the RAC and listen to their suggestions. A lot of positive projects are taking place. If the PAC would like to see pictures or literature of the projects that are taking place we can provide the information.

Title I money: For schools and education.
Title II money: For BLM and FS to replace culverts fix roads etc.
Title III money: For environmental education search and search and rescue.

Coho Recovery Plan: Rosemary Furfey, NOAA/Fisheries:

Gave a power point presentation on Recovery plan for Threatened Oregon Coast Coho Salmon

Goal is to get the Coho off the Endangered Species act.

NOAA Steps for Recovery:

1. *Identify recovery planning areas*
2. Address ***all*** species (within NOAA fisheries jurisdiction) in the ESU that are listed on the Endangered Species Act.
3. *Appoint Recovery Science Review Panel* to oversee science on the entire West Coast.

4. Appoint *Technical Recovery Team* for each recovery planning area to identify biological threats to the species.
5. Establish a policy forum of stakeholders that will work with the Technical Recovery Team to establish the recovery plan.

Rosemary provided a hand out of the power point presentation. Please let Joni know if you'd like a copy of the handout.

O & C Settlement Agreement BLM/Forest: Denis

Handout provided. Please let Joni know if you'd like a copy.

PAC Subcommittee Presentation:

Rennie Ferris made a presentation for the PAC subcommittee. He feels the PAC can have an influence and do some good things.

Stewardship is at the front right now and guidelines are being developed right now. We as a PAC need to give our input and hopefully we can make a difference. He hopes as a committee we can agree.

DECISION: Write a letter to the Forest Service Washington Office regarding Stewardship guidelines. Final letter follows meeting notes.

The PAC made a motion to approve the letter and Ron seconded the motion. The letter was approved by consensus.

Public Comment: None

Round Robin:

Kim Gossen: There is a concern in the environmental communities regarding the Aquatic Conservation Strategy Enivronmental Impact Statement. Concern: key sections of the EIS will be removed. Example says ACS does not have to be consistent. Speaker at January meeting will bring the group up to date.

Bob Rees: He appreciate everybody's patience with his learning curve. Field season has come to an end and he will be more involved.

Reenie Ferris: It is frustrating at times but exciting that things are going on. Regarding knotweed control, mid-coast watershed council has hired Edie Huckins to deal with knotweed control. It has taken two years to get the process going and they have just started their first project.

Ron Phillips: He participated in the subcommittee. How do we establish a subcommittee for trails/tours? There is Corvallis to Sea trail committee, maybe they could report to the PAC? (will try to make that happen in January) They are at the point

to get their right-of-way's established. Get a proposal of items that is of interest to the group. Tour would be good so people could be guided through the forest.

Cindy Enstrom: Yaquina Head Lighthouse was named Best of the Road Pacific NW Passage Tour, it is national. We put in for a grant; Chief Goodrich wanted to know if the BLM wanted to establish the 130 yrs old restoration project.

She attended the Alsea watershed council meeting and gave flyers, regarding the Fall Creek Fish Hatchery.

Denis Williamson: The Salem BLM District reorganization effort has some tweaking going on. They are down with 18 vacancies this year that weren't filled and they just broke even. Going out about five years we will be down 40 positions. We got about $500,000 for late successional reserve work which was a good thing.

Joni Quarnstrom: Dunes off-highway vehicle sand camping environmental analysis is underway. We are creating two new staging areas. The Siuslaw met their FY 2003 timber target.

Next Meeting: January 22, 2004, we will meet in Corvallis.
Topics for January meeting:

Set theme for the year, if any
Set meeting dates for FY 2004

See attached Stewardship letter on following page:

File Code: 2450/6320 **Date:** October 24, 2003
Route To:

Subject: Stewardship Program Authority

To: Richard Cook, Washington Office

The Coast Province Advisory Committee, located in Oregon, believes that the proposed Stewardship Authority is an essential means of bringing balance to the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan in regard to community socio-economic viability. The PAC would like the following information/recommendations considered in implementation of the new authority:

What elements of the Siuslaw Stewardship Pilot would we want to keep?

1. Retention of receipts is key to the program and the future of other stewardship projects. This funding supports Forest Service overhead preparation, project planning and environmental analysis. Determination of the percentage of receipts applied to these areas should not be a decision that Forest Service makes unilaterally, but instead, collaboratively with citizen stewardship group recommendation.
2. Use Wyden Authority to reinvest Stewardship funds under Stewardship Authority so Forest's can enter into partnerships to provide for vision of resource protection on public or private land. Promote watershed connectivity on lands that directly or indirectly benefit national forest lands.
3. Designation by prescription can be successful for use with commercial material when the emphasis is on what you leave, not what you take. It is not a viable tool when using a tree measurement contract formula; therefore authority for scaled sales needs to be retained.
4. Retain receipts generated from special forest products to encourage business and economic viability in our communities.
5. Would like stewardship citizen group to identify the local community.
6. Would like to be able to complete the Siuslaw Basin Stewardship Pilot as described in the original Pilot Program and not be superseded by 323-P.L. 127.
7. Allowed retained receipts to do road decommissioning.
8. Provide for an opportunity to sell logs by the ton.

Elements from Handbook to be Retained

1. Agree that upfront collaborative effort needs to be made with communities, following environmental laws.
2. Contract duration longer than three years shall allow for price adjustment for the value of the materials to be removed and services performed.
3. Stewardship receipts can pay for working previously funded by kv, salvage sale, brush disposal funds.
4. Forest Service may use non-traditional contractors or recipients such as counties, Tribes, nongovernmental or not for profit groups.

The Coast Province Advisory Committee feels the Stewardship Authority is a means of practicing adaptive management. They would like to see as much flexibility in the program as possible, continue to apply stewardship principles on a landscape basis and encourage cooperator participation.

Sincerely,

/s/ George T. Buckingham
GEORGE T. BUCKINGHAM
Designated Federal Official

cc: George Buckingham, Robert D Turner, Michael Daugherty