



Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council



MEETING MINUTES
8/16/2012
Rock Creek Fire Station
1559 Main Street North, Kimberly, ID

Facilitators:

Julie Oxarango-Ingram
Bev Ashton

Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Subcommittee members present:

- Peggy Stanley, Chair
- Denise Alexander
- Katie Shewmaker
- Jeff Williams
- Hank Mayland (arrived at 8:42)
- Afton Patrick
- Jamey Wills
- Charlie Howell (arrived at 6:20)
- LaMar Orton
- Yvette Tuell (arrived at 8:05)

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) representatives present:

Jenifer Arnold, Acting District Manager
Marian Atkins, Acting Associate District Manager
Michael Courtney, Burley Field Manager
Suzann Henrikson, Burley Archaeologist
Heather Tiel-Nelson, Public Affairs Specialist
Meghan Sorensen-Pereira, Contact Representative

Public Attendees:

AJ Church, Representative of Senator Crapo
Jack Brennan, EICC
Carolyn Smith, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
Merceline Boyer, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

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http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/res/resource_advisory/twin_falls_district/meeting_minutes.html*

Chairwoman Peggy Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:08.

Item I: Welcome and Introductions

Public comment period opened at 6:10. At this time, no one present chose to comment.

Item II: Formation of Alternative Recommendations and Review of Documents (Led by facilitators Julie Oxarango-Ingram and Bev Ashton)

The goal of this RAC subcommittee meeting is to develop an alternative recommendation from all of the information that was shared in previous meetings this summer. We hope to have a recommendation document completed by 8:30 p.m. that can be put forth to the entire RAC to vote on as a recommendation to the BLM.

Everyone on this subcommittee is here because they showed interest in developing alternatives that would lead to multiple-use, or any other direction besides a complete closure.

At this time, facilitators Oxarango-Ingram and Ashton advised the RAC subcommittee to review the spreadsheets of identified needs and proposed solutions that had been developed in previous meetings, as well as their draft recommendation document, and write down and comments or suggestions that individuals from the subcommittee had to be discussed later in the meeting.

Public Comment (6:38):

Carolyn Smith, Cultural Coordinator for Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

I and other tribal members have been coming to these meetings and saying the same thing...that these areas have significant cultural meaning to us. We have not been specific about what traditional cultural properties (TCP) there are in these areas because we do not want to identify them. We are concerned that if these things are identified, that some individuals will try to seek them out. When an area is designated as a TCP, it is described by physical properties. This does not designate the cultural, spiritual, and meaningful nature of the TCP. The archaeological district is a special designation of a TCP for the Tribes, which we did not ask for lightly.

Merceline Boyer, Cultural Committee member for Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

I have also been coming to several of the meetings, and would also like to repeat what I have said before. These places may seem like a wasteland to some people, but the Tribes consider them to be sacred. There are not very many places where the Tribal members can go anymore,

due to private ownership and such. So Cedar Fields, as one of those places, is a place they respect and feel that it has great significance to many of their people. Their people have come from different areas, and not all are able to attend the meetings, but they have expressed their concern as well, which I have been trying to convey to the RAC for them.

There was further discussion between the RAC and the Tribal members present for public comment on the Cedar Fields area in order to clarify the Tribes' standpoint, and facilitate information that may prove helpful to the development of a recommendation.

The facilitators also discussed with the Tribal members their willingness to share information with user groups. Carolyn conveyed that there may be a possibility of that, and thinks the Tribes would be open to sharing their history and promoting education about the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. However, there was some concern about exploitation, and what kind of information would be shared.

The public comment period was closed at 7:11

After the public comment period and discussion surrounding the comments, the RAC Subcommittee resumed their discussion on the documents, recommendations, and wording. The group discussed timelines, responsibilities, and techniques. The proposed changes to the draft alternative recommendation are reflected in the document that will be presented to the RAC in September.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Handouts Provided:

- 1- Agenda (1 p)
- 2- Copy of minutes from 7/10/12 subcommittee meeting (9 pp)
- 3- RAC Subcommittee Recommendation to Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council- Draft as of beginning of meeting August 16, 2012 (2 pp)
- 4- RAC Subcommittee Recommendations to Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council Worksheet – as of beginning of meeting August 16, 2012.
Part 1 (3 pp)
Part 2 (4 pp)
- 5- Letter from Lisa Safford with EICC dated July 24, 2012 (2 pp)

Minutes certified by:



Peggy Stanley, Chairperson, TFD RAC

9-10-12

Date



Jennifer L. Arnold, Acting TFD District Manager

9/10/12

Date

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