

Kootenai Forest Stakeholders Coalition
General Membership Meeting
June 30, 2006
Libby Montana

Members Present Who Signed In

Paul Rumelhart	Robyn King	Sue Wight	Tracy McIntyre	Chuck Seeley
Jeff Gruber	Fred Sturgess	Steve Simonson	Chris Damrow	John Konzen
Cesar Hernandez	David Hadden	Roger Sherman	Jim Debree	Noel Williams
Larry Coryell	Ed Levert	Bob Clark	Jeff Juel	Mike Petersen
Bill Martin	Kevin Chamberlain	Greg Larson	Marianne Roose	Rita Windom
Charles Clark				

1. Comments from Leadership Team on the Obermayer Fuels Reduction Field Visit
 - a. Most were impressed with FS presentation at the Upper Ford Work Station
 - b. Questions were answered honestly and straightforward
 - c. Prescription seems to be adequate to address fuels reduction requirements as well as protection of ecosystem
 - d. Concerns with post project monitoring
2. General Discussion by Members of direction of Coalition and what is on the table and what is not.
 - a. Move ahead on a reasonable basis
 - b. Focus on roaded areas
 - c. Focus on WUI and where to protect public property
 - d. What is a proper protection zone?
3. Discussion about Broader Issues
 - a. Wilderness and Timber should be on the table
 - b. Example of Beaverhead: Watershed restoration, timber and recommended Wilderness
 - c. Loss of infrastructure to manage forest (loggers, equipment and mills)
 - d. Mill needs and capacity
 - e. All needs to be on the table.
4. Forest Management
 - a. Gordy Sanders—Diversified approach to on ground management
 - b. Shift to restoration
 - c. Stewardship contracting
 - d. Consider a restoration workshop
 - e. Project monitoring team and post project monitoring needs to be reinforced
 - f. Stewardship is FS's only tool for sustainable timber volume

- g. Review Arizona project as a template or model for KNF
5. Develop priorities to Move Forward
- a. Motion from Dave Hadden that Timber, Forest Restoration and Wilderness be on the table for group to discuss when the time is right. Seconded by John Konzen
 - b. Additional topics should include community stability, Stewardship contracting, ecosystem sustainability.
 - c. Bob Clark & Paul Rumelhart will review Mission to include such items.
6. Action Steps to Move Forward
- a. Project Team of John Konzen, Tracy McIntyre, Cesar Hernandez, Mike Petersen and Ed Levert will contact Forest Service District Rangers and their "Ologists" to select 5 projects to work on. Mike to lead.
 - b. Will contact Forest Service prior to next leadership team meeting
 - c. Will report to Leadership Team at August 1, 6:30 PM meeting
 - d. Leadership team will report to general membership meeting on August 2, at 9:00 am
 - e. Bob Clark & Paul Rumelhart will report on new Mission Statement and MOU with Forest Service