

KFSC 12/14/06

Call to order-John Konzen presiding

Minutes approved

Financial statement-Approved Participants are requested to include mileage

Murphy Lake The project team is involved and supports proposed actions

They are receiving comments

Eureka- Sale will be closed today

Libby District

North Libby project

Fuels project to protect against west winds. Protect larger trees

TMDL's

Old growth-two areas. Treat undergrowth next to homes. Want it to be resilient to fire

District seems to be doing a good job

Group had good discussions but no hard decisions

Need to get a better handle on FS plans. FS will go out with a proposal in the spring

Three rivers

Look at direction

Dist Ranger wrote a letter of intent looking for input. Small fuels, High density. Most of it is next to residences. The team will get more field time. Need to look at the proposed

actions on the ground. Fuels build up. Very dense fuels and dangerous

One of the highest of private ownership

Still have Lots of questions

The district addressed private land. Good priorities

Good project to get the public involved-Firewood, Noxious weeds, Good stewardship project similar to Yaak project (local employment)

Good opportunity to partner on weed control programs

Has the group identified what "local" is? Comp rates are quite different between Montana and Idaho (12%)

What are the working circles? How does FS define local as it relates to stewardship;?

Do we have local Bonding capacity?

Cabinet District

Some areas were under burned

2000 plus acres-600-700 proposed for treatment. 2.3 m bf proposed for sale. Some roads scheduled for obliteration.

Units 9&10 scheduled for helicopter. They are staying out of old growth IRA's lie eewest and will be helicopter logged. Commercial treatments be within ¾ mile of private land. It looks good. They will exclude an Elk bog

Would like to see it approved without reservation.

It includes ladder fuels, thinning

Watershed council has also been involved and all but one of the team was present

Motion—Support this at the highest level possible seconded and passed

Some are not all that familiar with the project

What are the projects that are supported by this group. Bob Clark will develop a living document to quantify projects

Plum Creek and Stimson have been invited but are not participating. Once they harvest their timber, they are no longer interested

They need to know what is going on. We are not trying to tell them what to do but they should be interested in our process They are two very different organizations.

They will be invited again to the table. Ed will write a letter

State lands should also be involved. They do work with RC&D

Resource utilization (John & Ed

Standards will be going to a two inch top

Everything with 3-4 inch top will come to the landing. Lot of competition for the material

They employ split pricing and is hauled separate. Requires more oversight

Five sorts at the landing—saw, pulp, studs, etc.

They are listening to the purchasers to dictate specs

Need to leave woody debris on the land

Getting encouragement from Regional office

Challenge is to get the materials into the county

2007 Expectations

Would like to see the group think about wilderness.

Could this process be expanded to other areas? Mentoring in other counties

How do we get this started? Word of mouth

Forests are talking to each other. It takes time and commitment to build good two way communications. This effort started with the RAC and have come a long way

Lincoln County Coalition report—Robyn King

Next meeting

March 22,2007 6pm