

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
SOUTHWEST OREGON RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 23-24, 2016

PARTICIPANTS

Category 1

Dave Schott, Commercial Timber
Dick Leever, OHV
Neal Anderson, Non-commercial Woodland Owner

Category 2

Stanley Vejtasa, Wildlife/Hunting Organizations and Watershed Associations
Wes Melo, Local Environmental Organizations
Molly Morison, National Enviro Group
Joseph Vaile, Regional Environmental Organizations
George McKinley, Regional Environmental Organizations

Category 3

Kelley Minty Morris, Elected Official
Stanley Petrowski, Public at Large
Kenny Houck, Public at Large
Jason Robison, Tribal Interests

Bureau of Land Management

Dayne Barron, District Manager Medford
Loretta Chandler, Acting District Manager Lakeview
Barb Machado, Acting District Manager Roseburg
Cheyne Rossbach, Public affairs, Meeting facilitator
Christina Beslin
Genivieve Rasmussen
Jim Whittington
Erik Taylor, Recreation

Wednesday

Field Tour to Fees sites and Title II projects
Tiago Bridge Project – Title II RAC Supported
Susan Creek Campground – Proposed Fee Increase Site
Scaredman Campground – Proposed Fee Addition Site

Thursday

Review of agenda and housekeeping
Review and approve minutes from October 2015 Meeting
October Meeting Minutes – Seconded by Dick Leever, Kelley Minty Morris all approved.

Public Comment - No public attended meeting

RecRAC Discussion and voting on Recreation Fee

Presentation about recreation sites.

- Would like a recommendation to increase fees for District recreation sites and a recommendation for a new overnight camping fee at Scaredman Campground (Scaredman will have further public outreach when Federal Register Notice is published in 2016.)

Key Facts

Roseburg, Ore. -- The Bureau of Land Management, Roseburg District is seeking comments for implementing new overnight camping and pavilion rental fees at its district recreation sites. Included in this proposal is an increase in the additional vehicle fee. Fees have not been increased at BLM Roseburg District recreation sites since 2007. The increase is to provide adequate funding for sites and maintain consistency with similar recreation opportunities that are offered by Douglas County and the Umpqua National Forest. Pending approval from the Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), the fee increase would be implemented in time for the 2016 camping season: <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/sworrac.php>.

With the passage of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004, all fees collected from recreation sites must be reinvested for services, maintenance, and improvements to the sites. Fees may be adjusted from time to time to reflect changes in costs, due to inflation, and to ensure a fair return for the use of the public lands.

Recreation Site	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee
Individual Camping Sites:		
Susan Creek	\$14	\$20
Millpond, Rock Creek, Tyee	\$10	\$14
Cavitt Creek	\$8	\$14
Group Campground Reservation Sites:		
Eagleview, Lone Pine	\$130	\$145
Pavilion Reservation Sites:		
Millpond	\$110	\$130
Rock Creek, Tyee	\$50	\$55
Additional Vehicle Fee	\$4	\$5

Discussion:

Incremental increase vs. sticker shock of increasing the fees many years later
Is there an economic impact towards the communities surrounding these sites? RMP covers the socioeconomics.

Does the RAC want to make a recommendation to the Secretary to have appropriations to the general budget to financially support recreation?

The RAC would like an options review team TRT be formed to review available technology for recreation fees to replace iron ranger – policies, process, technologies available. To pay at the campsites - Motion and seconded all approved

Voting:

A motion that BLM fee increases be accepted
All in favor – a quorum of each of the three interest groups were represented

There was a second motion for RAC for a recommendation - BLM should allow disabled veterans into the campsite for free. The brochure that states all available discounts was read. The motion was withdrawn.

Update on Title II process Genivieve Rasmussen

Allocated the final 5882 funds or funded previously unfunded close to \$100,000 for Medford District. Project codes have been released for the 5884 funds. The timeline is about 13 weeks from opening for applications, to public, to next RAC meeting.

Charter was signed on July 29th and is good for 2 years. One third of RAC membership appointments expire each year.

Call for RAC member Nominations - Deadline for new applications will be May 2, 2016

14 funds allocated in Fiscal Year 15
15 funds allocated in Fiscal Year 16

Could be the last set of Title II funds; there are whispers that there may be more Title II funds in the future.

Discussion on the timing of the Title II meeting September/ October is the preference. Stan Vajtasa prefers early October.

District Reports

Medford , Dayne Barron

Dayne is transitioning to a new assignment. Dayne discussed the 2015 Medford BLM Post-Harvest Monitoring Report

Roseburg, Barb Machado

Abbie is working in DC then going to Yellowstone.

Barbara will be looking for input with the new plan. Following signing of the Record of Decision, travel management planning will need to be looked at.

Communication with the public is a focus. Roseburg is working on meeting their target of 36 million board feet. Because of last summer's fire they will be closer to 40. Safe roads have timber coming off lands in non-discretionary.

Roseburg will be reconsidering the 35 miles of Pacific Connector right-of-way marked but timber has not been cruised. Pipeline, plan amendments will need to be made. The pipeline will bring in millions of tax dollars.

Roseburg is preparing for fire season; pre-work, training, meeting, building partnerships, national effort. They have \$110,000 in preparedness \$140,000 for fuels. Lloyds of London is with State of Oregon insurance. Roseburg and Coos Bay are working with Umpqua to form a regional fire program. This will increase technical and safety to create an interagency fire program. BLM has different fire programs and funds for fighting fire. Fire is a fixed cost for BLM State office. Last Year was the most expensive over 5 billion dollars. Need to make more of an effort toward making forests more resilient

Lakeview, Loretta Chandler

A Special Recreation Permit (SRP) to hold a whitewater down river rafting race on the upper Klamath River on April 3, 2016 has been issued.

On February 2, 2016, the states of Oregon and California, PacifiCorp and the federal government – through the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Commerce – announced an agreement-in-principle to move forward with amending the KHSA to remove the four dams. On March 15, 2016, these parties distributed a draft amendment for the KHSA. It is anticipated

that a final amendment will be ready for signature in early April, 2016. BLM could be impacted by numerous facility removals related to JC Boyle dam.

East side of district is plains and the west side is timber. Lakeview fire is interagency. Reforestation: 780,000 seedlings are being planted right now – will be finished on March 31st. All previously forested areas (1,939 acres) will have been planted. Rehabilitation work will continue this summer on the projects listed above.

Topics discussed

Update on RMP, Loretta Chandler

April – Federal notice and 30 day protest period

Two records of decision

Mid-summer hoping for a signed decision

Changing Face of Opposition, Jim Whittington Used Sugar Pine Mine as an example

Forest Resiliency – Stewardship, Dayne Barron

In his new position, Dayne would like to work with RAC and Counties. Look at options – create a subcommittee.

How does Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species, RMP and so on affect this plan? RAC feels this topic is critical. What are the barriers? O&C counties, RMP? Can stewardship funds cannot be used for staff? Can they be used for roads and other work? RAC supportive of stewardship

It was noted that tribal lands can enter into Tribal Forest Protection Act. The tribes would be interested in doing stewardship work.

Motion to create a subgroup – supportive of stewardship

Motion passed to create a subgroup- Forest Resiliency – Stewardship

George, Dave, Jason, Kelley, Wes, Joseph, Kenny

Will need to file Federal Register notices 30 days before subcommittee meetings

Discussion of future topics

Forest resiliency – next meeting

Target Shooting – next meeting

Recreation management – better understanding of recreation fees - next meeting

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Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council
Summary Meeting Minutes, March 23-24, 2016, Roseburg, Oregon

Annual Sundance, New RMP, Recreation, Road Maintenance,
Travel Management
New RMP
Recreation planning with the new RMP

Future meeting times

The next round of Title II will be October 12 – 13 at the Medford BLM Interagency Office

Subcommittee meetings will take place after a 30 day Federal Register Notice is placed with the approval of Dayne Barron, the Designate Federal Officer

An additional RAC meeting may be called before the October meeting to discuss the findings of the subcommittee. All will be notified if this happens.

Meeting Adjourned