

Bureau of Land Management
Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council

Introductory Meeting and Title II
Wednesday and Thursday, October 28 and 29, 2015
Medford, Oregon

Summary Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Attendance

Group One: Richard Leever, Daniel Ratty, David Schott, Tim Ballard, Neal Anderson.

Group Two: George McKinley, Stanley Vejtasa, Joseph Vaile, Wesley Melo, Molly Morison.

Group Three: Kelley Morris, Kendall Houck, Stanley Petrowski, Jason Robinson, Larry Smith.

BLM Staff: Medford District Manager Dayne Barron, Roseburg District Manager Abbie Jossie, Lakeview District Manager E.Lynn Burkett, Assistant District Manager Genivieve Rasmussen, Field Manager South River Resource Area Steve Lydick, Assistant Field Manager Swift Water Resource Area Jake Winn, Roseburg District Public Affairs Officer Russell Bergstrom, Acting Field Manager Ashland Resource Area Jenn Sanborn, Field Manager Butte Falls Resource Area Teresa Trulock, Facilitator Don Ferguson, Note-taker Nicky Webb Smith.

Welcome

Review agenda for next two days (Don):

Request for public comments for general RAC topics (Don): No comments.

Name tags and ice breaker, (E.Lynn): Please write your name and three to five things about you on your name tag. Ice breaker exercise, questions and answers (focus on listening).

Introductions of RAC members

Tim Ballard: retired firefighter, very interested in forestry and government projects. Moved to Oregon, managed own small woodland forest.

Stan Vejtasa: I am a “forester wannabe,” a small woodland owner, retired chemical engineer, like the outdoors, have lived in Roseburg five or six years.

Wes Melo: retired as Vice President of Operations for the Ingram Book Company, received a forestry degree from UC Berkley, worked in forest products, human resources, and a few businesses in Roseburg. Also, has been a volunteer firefighter; both structure and wild land.

Dave Schott: I own a few ranches in the Butte Falls area. I am a lumber broker and I worked for Southern Oregon Timber Industries Association and member of the Jackson County Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

Dick Leever: is here representing off highway vehicles. I live in Klamath Falls. I taught at Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) for 17 years, and worked for Oregon Department of Transportation.

Stanley Petrowski: I own land in Tiller. I am a Vietnam veteran; I have worked with a number of partnerships. I am on the Board of Directors for Lomakatsi, and part of the Douglas County Water Conservation Collaborative.

Larry Smith: retired elementary school teacher. I helped found the Jacksonville Woodlands Association. I have worked extensively with BLM and have served on several boards and committees.

George McKinley: Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative. I have private land up on Green Springs with a saw mill.

Kelley Minty Morris: newest Klamath County Commissioner. I love the outdoors and I am always out in the woods. Serves as a commissioner and is assigned as Public Health liaison.

Molly Morison: Works for The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Prior to TNC I worked for the Mt. Hood National Forest. Served on the previous RAC and is a viticulturist on the side.

Joseph Vail: Executive Director for Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center (KS Wild). Likes rivers, rare plants, being out in nature and is interested in RAC because of on the ground projects and restoration.

Jason Robison: Director of Natural Resources for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Has worked in Indian country for several years, and has participated on Governor's task force for the Coquille Indian tribe.

Dan Ratty: is here representing labor and has served on the previous RAC for several years. Born and raised here, mom's family came in 1851, like to hunt and fish, likes to watch the Giants and U of O Ducks play.

Neal Anderson: from Jacksonville, served on previous RAC for a few years." This is participatory government and I like that".

Kenny Houck: from the Illinois Valley, been involved with a number of community development projects in the Illinois Valley. Served on non-profits, and have had a variety of small businesses.

Dayne Barron: is the designated federal official for two years. I grew up in Kansas. Combination of Lassie childhood, vacations to Colorado, and a degree in forestry from Montana, masters in forestry from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. I worked for the extension service in South Carolina in fire wood sales. In 1990 started career with the BLM in Roseburg, then moved to Washington DC with the BLM, then back west to Susanville, California, followed by Medford, Oregon as the District Manager.

History of BLM Advisory Committees (Dayne):

There have been citizen advisory boards as far back as the General Land Office days and the Grazing Service. With the passage of the O&C Act in 1937, it led to the creation of an O&C Advisory Board that included state, county, timber, and public interest. Then came the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) in 1972, followed by the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) in 1976.

Rocky McVey pointed out Title VII of FPLMA has a relationship with the O&C Act.

Question: Stanley Vejtasa asked the difference between Tittle II and Title III.

Answer: (Response was deferred to Rocky McVey) Title III dollars are limited to three categories, they go to the counties, and the counties allocate the money to go towards Firewise Community programs, reimburse for search and rescue performed on national forests, and to develop or update community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the Forest Service. The law requires the county to provide a list of approved projects by September 30, 2017.

Review RAC Handbook

Review of handbook contents. Extended discussion on bylaws (Genivieve):

The service date starts July 31. The bylaws were sent to the DOI and are under review, so they may change. There is a process for removal of members. The meetings are open. Agendas approved in advance by both the chair and designated federal official. The meetings are conducted by standard rules. A majority of each interest group must be present to constitute a quorum and conduct official business, and a majority of each interest group must vote affirmatively. A member may vote by proxy via the chair, but their absence still counts against them. Subcommittees and technical review teams are allowed.

Question: Is the subcommittee limited to only members or may they come from outside the RAC?

Answer: Abbie said subcommittees would be comprised of RAC members and a technical review team may be formed but limited to Federal employees and paid consultants.

The term length in the bylaws says three years, however, some folks are designated as one year, some are two years, and some are three years. This is to ensure a refreshment rate of one third of the members each year so as not to replace everybody at the same time. The DOI made the decision on selected members and term length. You are a Model C RAC (43 CFR 1784.6-2). Advisory members are not paid but are reimbursed for travel expenses.

Member Directory Update: Jason Robeson is now located in Roseburg.

Don Ferguson: Reminder that we will vote to elect the chair this afternoon and would be happy and open up to people stepping up and volunteering or they may write their name on a board if they do not want to be elected. Elections will consist of you writing a name or two names down on a piece of paper and us counting them up this afternoon. The Chair will run the meetings, approve the agenda with the designated federal official, and may vote as a proxy for an absent member.

Overall Resource Advisory Council

Guidance (Dayne): Overview of what the Susanville RAC looked like and how they were used to assist the District Manager with resource management issues to assist the District Manager with resource management issues.

Question: Where do the issues come from, what is the directional flow?

Answer: They may come from the RAC to the BLM, from the BLM to the RAC, from the county or other special interest to the RAC or the BLM. The only clearly defined task that the RAC has is allocating funds from Title II, what else they do will grow organically as the RAC works together.

Recreation Fee

(Abbie): Recreation Resource Advisory Committees were unique in that they are more than one agency, more than one department, more than one Secretary. They are operated much like our Title II RACs were in the past. We have not had a sitting Rec RAC since 2010 because the legislation ran out. Proposed changes are in congress now, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) expires September 2016. The newly formed RAC will take the place of the Rec RACs

Secure Rural Schools RAC

(ELynn): The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, expired 2006, extended to 2013, then extended 2015. Went over what title II funds are intended for (projects). Improve cooperative relationships. Not limited to federal resources, but can be an indirect benefit to federal resources. The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act applies to National Forest lands, O&C lands, and Coos Bay Wagon Road lands. Half of the funding must go to infrastructure, maintenance, forest health, or watershed health.

“This is the BLM” video presentation

District Updates by 3 District Managers

Lakeview District BLM update (E.Lynn): Handout #1, quick review of handout.

Roseburg District BLM update (Abbie): Quick introduction of self; roots tie back to the Oregon Trail, grew up in Bay area, went to college in Sacramento and then on to Reno where I graduated from, and started working for the BLM within two weeks.
Handout #2, Douglas County has the highest percentage of O&C lands in Oregon and is mostly Roseburg District.

Question: How much Youth funding does Roseburg receive?

Answer: Each District receives \$10,000 for youth from the Oregon State Office.

Medford District BLM update (Dayne): Handout #3, reviewed key topics on handout.

Future Agenda Item (discussion) for RAC

Stewardship and Timber are two ideas RAC members are interested in

History of O&C power point

History of O&C (Abbie)

RMP status power point (Dayne):

Officer elections

Ballots handed out to elect Chair, collected, counted and Dave Schott is Chair. Second round of ballots handed out to elect Vice Chair, collected, counted, and Kelley Minty Morris is Vice Chair.

Review and adopt bylaws

(Genivieve): Pen and pencil recommendations as follows.

Council members who wish to serve again apply by January 1 of the year they expire.

The council chair and the FDO will propose schedule meeting dates no less than 60 days out. If there is a need to extend a meeting to an additional day the meeting will be recessed.

Vice Chair assumes full authority and acts in the absence of the Chair.

Preparation for Title II Discussion

Current money (from FY14 and FY15) has to be spent or obligated by September 30, 2018. We are making approvals on FY14 money at this meeting. FY15 will tentatively be done in the spring.

The Chair (Dave) recommended that you review applications tonight and identify projects that could be partially funded or those that you cannot really get behind funding at all to make the discussions go more smoothly tomorrow.

Genivieve will draft a memo from the SWORAC to authorize the Oregon Coastal RAC to allocate the money sent to the Medford District in Curry County. This is due to the funding being allocated to the District, but the RAC boundaries do not follow District boundaries.

Thursday, October 29, 2015

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Group Two: George McKinley, Stanley Vejtasa, Joseph Vaile, Wesley Melo, Molly Morison.

Group Three: Kelley Morris, Kendall Houck, Stanley Petrowski, Jason Robinson (Larry Smith absent until late in the day).

Public Comments

Jack Duggan: I wondered if you could make a difference as a group, and I got my answer yesterday. I encourage you to listen to one another. I learned that yes, this group can make a difference.

Public Project Presentations

Siskiyou Upland Trails Association, Siskiyou Upland Trails Association, JA32, Hope Robertson: Can accept reduced funding. Non-motorized trail system. Working on the first phase of the Jack-Ash trail from Ashland to Jacksonville, the NEPA is completed on one segment. Sterling Mine Ditch Trail has received title dollars in the past and was designated as a scenic trail by the State or Oregon, 24 signs around the trail, interpretive signs. Replaced gate that protects the trail that has been vandalized.

Community Justice Fuels Reduction and Fire Management Project, Jackson Co Community Justice Crew, JA26, Eric Guyer: Can accept reduced funding. Run the transition center in Talent, provides job training and work. Sentences may be reduced. Give them tools to work in the woods, \$128,360, or \$640 per day, scalable.

Roseburg BLM Youth Employment Project, DR11: Medford BLM Youth Employment Project, JA37: Medford BLM Youth Employment Project, JO10, Northwest Youth Corps, Joe Waksmundski: Can accept reduced funding. We over job experience for 15-24 year olds. Youth who participate in program receive high school credit. On the Roseburg District, we completed 25 miles of trail maintenance. On the Medford District we completed 19 miles of trail maintenance, with the majority on the Rogue River National Recreation Trail, as well as campground maintenance. On the Lakeview District we completed 11 miles of trail maintenance. We also performed noxious weed treatments on Medford and Lakeview. We have a grant writing partnership. We are also working on fuels treatment for Medford. With this year's application, we hope to fund 117 youth 13 weeks of project work. Some of our work has made it possible to reopen some recreation sites that had previously been closed.

Cantrall-Buckley Campground Improvement, Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation (GACDC), JA30, Tom Carstens and Laird Funk: Can accept reduced funding. Cantrall Buckley Park is a full service campground in the Applegate. Phase 5 of a ten year plan, which is to add electrical hookup to the camp host site and two additional RV sites. Cantrall Buckley Park is the only RV park in the Applegate Valley and provides immediate access to BLM lands in the area.

Elk Creek High Flow Enhancement at RM 5.6, Rogue River Watershed Council, JA28, Brian Barr: In January 4 watershed councils became one. Elk Creek is our high priority area and big project. No cash coming from the Army Corp of Engineers. This is two miles upstream from where the dam has been notched. We are working to reestablish our relationship with the Corp and to get more than like and kind, would like to get more money. Removing roughly 500 feet of berm that constrains flows along Elk Creek to improve flood plain

Hanby Middle School Outdoor Environmental Education Program and 41 mile hike and Scenic Rogue River Trail, Hanby Middle School, JA29, Bob Stoner: Can accept reduced funding. 23 years ago started an environmental education class. Focus on RR Watershed. Run 30 to 60 8th graders through class, leave no trace camping, and habitat school. 4.5 day backpacking trip down RR Trail. Kids have to complete. Asking for \$7500 to fund 5 years. Low socio economic community.

Restoring Oak Resilience at the Table Rocks, Lomakatsi Restoration Project, JA27, Shane Jimerfield: Can accept reduced funding. Table Rocks Conservation, 3400 acres, partnership between Lomakatsi, BLM, TNC, (and more). Study by TNC and funded by BLM. 99 acre unit on the south side of upper Table Rock is. Weed control, slash treatment, undergrowth, and grass seeding. Local youth

Phoenix School of Roseburg Youth Conservation Corps, Phoenix School of Roseburg, DR21, Thomas McGregor: Service Coordinator Phoenix School of Roseburg, east Roseburg. Partnered with Oreogn YCC, 21CSC, OSU, UCC, and ? 15 to 24 year old. We are a private nonprofit school with at risk youth, focus on community service. RAC dollars from USFS and BLM, USFWS, will provide funding for instructional program, and community service.

Elk Creek Rapid Bioassessment, DR10: Elk Creek Landowner Outreach, DR13, Elk Creek Watershed Council, Lee Russell: Can accept reduced funding. The Elk Creek Watershed on the Roseburg District. Our council is focused on salmon restoration. Rapid Bio assessment and Landowner Outreach Program are our two applications. Need more analysis and data to better guide restoration activities.

Yoncalla Pond Development, North Douglas Betterment, DR15, Kent Smith: Can accept reduced funding. Yoncalla Urban Growth Boundary, ecological/cultural resource management area (private property) managed by a nonprofit, 30 square mile Yoncalla. Ponds, wetlands, stream systems, highly altered in some areas, and completely natural and pristine other areas.

Western Oregon Resource Management Plan: Demonstration of a collaborative approach to district level planning, JA40: Youth training program that contributes to improved forest health through applied science, KL06, Klamath Bird Observatory, John Allen: Executive Director Klamath Bird Observatory: State of the Birds Report, by the Secretary of the DOI. BLM has collaborated with the KBO with monitoring and research. DOI technical publication. Biggest challenge is science that is unused. We want to put the data to work, to close adaptive management plans. The money would be used for consultation to the natural resource management planning and answer their questions. The second project for youth training program to contribute to health, older youth emerging into young adulthood, offer nationally recognized certifications. This helps them move into formal academic. Both projects are unique and different. The first project is critical to put the money to work that has already been invested.

Applegate Archeological Field Study, Applegate House Heritage Arts and Education, DR23, Bob Winn: Applegate House Heritage Organization. Yoncalla, sponsored research: Located the site of the cabin. Proposing an archeological dig, not on BLM land, the BLM archeologist will be involved in the dig and are excited about it as it teaches the public about importance of archeologic importance on both public and private land. The study will be U of O, BLM, Yoncalla School District, Native American. Contracted services will be professional supervision, 2 weeks, report writing and analysis will come afterwards. Callapoya language groups. Preserving Oregon provided funding for the laser. The benefit is painting a broader picture of the archeological resources.

CSNM/Wilderness Prevention/ Suppression, Detection Cameras, White Point LO, Oregon Department of Forestry, JA31, Matt Krunglevich: Can accept reduced funding. ODF 1.5 million acres. \$360K, three different areas we are requesting money for; 1) person to represent and work with CSNM between private land owners, BLM, and ODF (\$90-100K), 2) maintenance and upkeep on White Point and Soda Mountain lookouts, and 3) continue camera network system.

Firewise Community Partnership Project 1, Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District, JO09, Michelle Baumgardner: Can accept reduced funding. Fire break, working with the BLM, on Josephine County land, building the fire break to protect firewise communities adjacent to BLM land. Protects both the private land and the resources on BLM lands. Title III cannot be used to work on BLM land. We have used Title III on private land, but now we want

to treat the BLM land, who will write their prescription, we need the Title II monies to treat the BLM land. If the landowner is in need of bio-fuel we can drag it onto their land or we can chip it in place. All will be small diameter, 8 inches or less. The funding for the NEPA is in place paid for by BLM.

East Applegate Ridge Trail, Applegate Trails Association, JA33, David Callahan: Chairman of Applegate Trails Association. Hiking, biking, and equestrian trails in the Applegate Valley. Cathedral Hills to Jacksonville Forest Park, and the Jack-Ash Trail. Nearly all of these trails are on BLM land. The Applegate Ridge Trail is known as the ART. Asking for funding to complete East ART, near Ashland. Done the scoping, nearly completed the EA, received \$10k from REI, just about ready to start the actual breaking of the trails.

Roadside Vegetation Management, Douglas County Public Works/Work Crew in cooperation with the BLM Roseburg District, DR18, John Ollinghouse; Can accept reduced funding. Douglas County Public Works, work crew, roadside veg management project with ROD since 2004. Eliminate noxious weed growth in roadsides and rock stock piles. Scotch Broom and blackberry, the money is used to fund the crew that we use to perform the work, we get referrals from POs who are trying to reintegrate into society and may be having trouble reentering the workforce. Roadside with truck mounted sprayer. 700 miles of road system. Cost is about \$600-700/day. The funding would be for the crew which consists of 1 county employee, and 5 clients (volunteers) for \$30/day stipend. The liability is on us.

Jackson County Fire District 3 WUI Hazardous Fuels Reduction Crew, Jackson County Fire District 3, JA39, Ashley Lara: Jackson County Fire District 3. Can accept reduced funding. Fire and Life Safety Specialist. Crew to perform fuels reduction from Eagle Point to Gold Hill area, around homes. Want to target homes where they may not be able to perform the work themselves. One entrance and exit area, densely forested is our target area.

Alyssum Eradication Project, Illinois Valley Community Development Organization, JO1, Roger Brandt: Alyssum eradication in IV, was brought in as part of a mining experiment, harvest alyssum, process it, get the nickel out of it. Genetically modified as hyper accumulator that collects heavy metals, likes serpentine soils, grow to 3 feet high, tightly packed, they would take over a serpentine soils. Concern of botanical and wildlife implications. Seeds drop into ground and have a life of 10 years. The project is to hand pull the weeds before they go to seed.

Connecting Community to Outdoor Trails Project, Illinois Valley Community Development Organization, JO12, Roger Brandt: Bundle of rehab projects on recreation trails, 14% of population in IV has a physical handicap, national scale is 10%, title II was received last cycle and we did receive matching funds, wheelchair accessibility on a disk golf course, in the first few month we had 1,800 people, including families with small children and strollers.

Colliding Rivers Exploration Station, Douglas County Museum Foundation, DR22, Gardner Chappell: Umpqua Valley Museums, a few months ago, from the coast to the Cascades, we follow the model of experiential learning. Colliding River Station, ran by the

chamber of commerce for several years, they no longer want to, the BLM has asked us to run it. It has been used as an Information Center.

Provolt Riparian Habitat Restoration, JO14: Riparian Restoration Nursery & Planting Prescription, JO15, Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council: One project is a Green House Propagation Facility at the Provolt Seed Orchard, need to do NEPA work, been doing native plant propagation for 20 years, collecting seed throughout the Applegate Valley. Second project is Riparian restoration on the main stem of the Applegate and Williams creek that runs through the seed orchard in the Applegate. BLM has said these were issues.

Douglas County Noxious Weed Control – 2016, Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation District, DR12, Walt Barton: Weed program, treat 13 different weeds. Work with ROD, MED, USFS, ODOT, industrial land owners, smaller private land owners, and engaging gravel stock piles. Entire program is grant funded; BLM has been a large part of that, as well as Oregon State Weed Board. Use contract crews to accomplish work.

JoCo Airports Interagency Safety Enhancement, Josephine County, JO13, Larry Graves: Manager for Jo Co Airports, Merlin and CJ, Jo Co is one of the six highest impacted counties for wildfire, rely on grant money from FAA, Connect Oregon 6 grant, all for capital projects. The primary project is for type 1 helicopter pads for wildfires. High priority for several agencies and contractors to have hard surface helipads. Emergency preparedness 24/7 generators for our airports. Currently we use water for dust abatement. Want to build two pads at each airport. This request will only build two pads. Drones to find alyssum grows.

Josephine County Youth Tree Plant – Paper Mulch, Josephine County Forestry Department, JO08: Victor Harris, Youth tree plant, for 25 years we have had schools and youth groups come plant due to a fire on mountain nearby. We have over 1000 kids a year come out and help plant trees. The project is volunteer based, the funding is for supplies, mostly paper mulch to protect trees for two years, teachers make it part of their curriculum

Forest Creek mine clean-up, JA38, Jack Duggan: small project, mining claim reclamation, where they mined through late 60's, they left behind a mining shack, debris. The claim is on BLM land and is not owned by anybody. The primary project is trash clean up.

This concludes the public comment portion of the day.

Bureau of Land Management Projects

Klamath County Lakeview BLM Projects (Don Holmstrom):

Wood River Wetland Oregon Spotted Frog Site Habitat Enhancement, Bureau of Land Management – Klamath Falls Resource Area, KL01: Spotted frog habitat improvement. Critical habitat, lives in canal that runs adjacent to the river

Inventory and Treatment of KFRA Vernal Pools, BLM, Klamath Falls Resource Area, KL02: Vernal pool inventory and treatment of invasive species

Law Enforcement Assistance/ Clean up, Bureau of Land Management, KL03: LE has ideas to get community involvement and projects

Douglas County Roseburg BLM Projects (Jake Winn):

Lumped into three types of projects; 1) Watershed Restoration, 2) Public Land Protection and Patrol, and 3) Recreation.

Big Tom Folley Watershed Restoration – Phase 1, Bureau of Land Management, DR01, Umpqua Basin Beaver Restoration, Bureau of Land Management, DR07: Upper Elk Creek, nearly 200,000 acres, 1.5 miles of log placement, could serve as a beaver repository to relocate beavers. Collaborative project with a number of partners.

Upper Elk Creek Restoration, Bureau of Land Management, DR06, Pass Creek Restoration, Bureau of Land Management, DR09: Promote and improve habitat, working with other cooperators.

East Fork Jackson Creek Restoration, Bureau of Land Management, DR08: Northbank Habitat, East Fork Jackson creek

Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy, BLM, Roseburg District, DR04: Public Land Protection: fund a Sheriff deputy, vehicle, salary, benefits

Solid Waste Clean Up, Roseburg, BLM, DR05: Solid waste cleanup: inventory solid waste dump sites and then clean up to oversee volunteers and paid employees to clean up the dump sites

Abandoned Mine Lands Remediation – Douglas County, Bureau of Land Management, DR02: AML: inventory of shafts and remediation, and surveys by Bat Conservation International

North Bank Habitat Management Area, West Entrance, Bureau of Land Management, DR03: North Bank habitat area, unique area, largest chunks of oak woodland, successful conservation area for Columbia Whitetail Deer, recreation opportunities for hiking, horseback riding. Have opportunities to add more kiosks.

Jackson County Medford BLM Projects (Jeanne Klein):

LE Assistance, District Wide Trail Work, Environ Ed, Multi Part Monitoring, Vet Hiring

LE Projects: 1) hire a part time assistant and 2) perform AML remediation

Trail Maintenance: 1) Jacksonville Woodlands Trail and 2) District Wide maintenance

Forest Health: 1) Gate repair, 2) Dumpsite cleanup, 3) Grazing allotment boundary fence, 4)

West Fork Evans Campsite restoration (seven basin watershed council and Rogue River School District partnership), 5) Noxious Weed Treatment

20/20 Strategic Plan: 1) Table Rocks Ed Program, take 4,000 kids on Table Rock hikes in the spring (this will be our 30 year), 2) McGregor Park Environmental Ed Center long standing education program 3) Community Partnerships Interpretive Panels, to create permanent displays at Upper and Lower Table Rocks

Multiparty monitoring: tiers to Pilot Joe, diverse team, outreach, multiparty monitoring effort, revisit initial plots that were put in, follow up after five years

Veteran Crew: They work as firefighters in the summer and then do other projects in the fall, winter, and spring.

Trail Creek Fuel Hazard Reduction, Bureau of Land Management, JA01: Trail Creek Fuel Hazard Reduction, NEPA is in place

Road Maintenance:

ARA road rocking, road chip seal for roads that are not used for timber sale

ARA culvert replacement: to replace the culvert

Road side brushing: maintenance issue, roads grown over,

Emigrant Creek Road Maintenance: wash-boarded road, heavy public use, no other source of funding

Bridge Survey and Design: Murphy Gulch Bridge, survey and design, floods most every year, leads

Meadow Exclosure: fence meadow area in grazing allotment.

Woody Debris In-Stream: install additional wood in stream

Josephine County Medford BLM Projects (Allen Bollschweiler):

Veteran Hiring and Training and Firewise are our top priorities, all the rest are priority two.

Federal Roads are a very big deal in Josephine County; important to us and the public.

*** Before we get started, regarding ethics, if you have a relationship with an organization or personal gain, please be transparent and announce it to the group.**

Charter/Bylaws issue and recommendation

Medford District Office has a very small portion of Curry County. The Coastal Oregon RAC has representation from out that area and they would know better which projects would serve Curry County. Suggest all Title II recommendations to be made by the Coastal Oregon RAC.

Unanimous agreement by all present.

Jac/Jo County Job Council issue: overspent in Jackson County and underspent in Josephine County. Discussion. Defer decision today, ask that they request funding in the future for the amount that they were over to cover the amount for that specific project.

Klamath County Funding: Fund current projects and carry over extra for the next round of Title II funding. All present unanimous agreement, yes.

Douglas MDO Funding: Fully fund 01 and 02, balance of funds available apply to 03. All present unanimous agreement, yes.

Josephine County Funding: Discussion of IV and Merlin airport funding requests. Group 2: 5, group 1: 5, group 3: 3 of 4 voted to drop the Jo. Co. airports project. All present unanimous agreement not to fund remaining projects with Fire Wise receiving the balance of remaining funds.

Douglas RDO Funding: all present unanimous agreement to fund at RAC recommended level.

Josephine RDO Funding: all present unanimous agreement to fund at RAC recommended level.

Jackson County Funding: Larry Smith arrived near the end of Jackson County discussion and was here for this vote. 100% unanimous agreement to fund at RAC recommended level. BLM will reduce funding of one of the BLM projects by \$506.

Next meeting: Discussed having meetings in different locations, such as Grants Pass and Roseburg. Date proposal and location(s) will be sent out.

RAC members recommend that future applications should emphasize volunteer hours and in-kind match on the applications.

RAC members with one year term will need to reapply. There will be an open call for applications to the public. It was suggested to send the application to potential candidates.

Meeting adjourned