

**Notes**  
**John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021**  
**8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. via Zoom**

**Attendance:**

**RAC members** Glenn Burleigh, Katy Nelson, Art Waugh, Steve Lent, Bob Krein, Shay White, Randy Johnson, Jerry Brummer, Brian Sykes, Greg Jackle, Jim Reiss.

**Agency representatives** Dennis Teitzel, Prineville BLM; Wayne Monger, Vale BLM; Shanda Dekome, Deschutes National Forest; Josh Giles, Malheur National Forest; Shane Jeffries, Ochoco National Forest; Dave Plummer, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest; Heidi McRoberts, Umatilla National Forest.

**Agency staff** Larisa Bogardus, Vale BLM PAO/RAC coordinator; Erin Woodard/Kathie Johnston, Prineville BLM/notetakers.

**Public:** Susie Koppert; Richard Coe, Bend Bulletin; Kathleen Cathey, Sen. Wyden's office; Jessica Keys, Sen. Merkley's office; Terry Drever Gee;

**General Business**

**Minutes** - Motion by Shay White/Art Waugh to approve minutes for June 25 regular meeting and Sept. 15 subcommittee meeting. Unanimous.

New member Katy Nelson; reappointments Jim Reis, Randy Jones, Greg Jackle and Jerry Brummer

- Discuss increasing the diversity within the RAC
  - Elect Officers - Randy Jones nominated as chair, Art Waugh nominated as vice chair. Unanimous.

**Public Comment and Response:**

- Susie Koppert, Oregon Council Northwest Rock and Mineral Federation – work with the Prineville Office to put a package together for Hampton Butte educational pamphlet and organize a group to assist in clean up in the area.
- Mary Fleischman- Central Oregon Bitter Brush Great old Broads. Written comment and opposition of the proposed changes to the Lemon Gulch Trail.

**Fee Proposal**

- Jeff Kitchens, Prineville BLM/Deschutes Field Manager -Presentation.
  - Fee Proposal and Amendments
    - Change in Fee to \$5.00 all year.

- Additional Fee for Non-boater use of \$5.00 per person for Seg 1 and 4 of the Lower Deschutes River.
  - Dennis Teitzel - Cost to patrol the river and staff to maintain the facilities and engage with the public will continue to increase and more difficult to keep up if resources are not available.
  - Jim Reiss- Stated that the fee changes and addition is badly needed to maintain and possible increase monitoring.
  - Brian Sykes-Opposed, Outfitters- would see a significant increase in operations. They feel like they are being asked to pay more to cover the increasing use.
  - As the Outfitters cost increase then the cost to customers increases.
  - Will customers be reluctant to utilize the Outfitter services if the cost increases?
  - Bob Krein- The limited campgrounds and boat launches and restrooms. How to the fees factor into the improvement and or increased usage.
  - Plans in place and in progress to improve campgrounds and restrooms.
  - Jim Reiss- BLM is a business and the funds are needed to aid in the improvement and maintenance of the Lower Deschutes River and facilities.
  - Shay White- Questions regarding the 3% fee on the Outfitters.
  - Written recommendation to the proposal.
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  - Motion to approve- Steve Lent
    - Opposition-1
    - In favor-10

#### Motorized and Non-Motorized Trail Access -Chris Knauf, Chris Joosen-Presentations

- E-Bikes- popularity is increasing.
  - Amended regulation to allow E-bikes can be allowed to utilize trails that are designated as non-motorized use is posted. (NEPA analysis is needed).
  - Limited or Open Areas, outside of wilderness or other closed areas.
  - Motor provides assistance while being pedaled and quits when 20 mph is reached.
  - Technology is not going away; this is an opportunity to get ahead of the trend.

## Agency Updates

### BLM Vale/Baker Field Office

- Working with Idaho Power on plans to pave/rebuild the Snake River Road.
- Timber restoration is planned for the Elbow Fire
- When is the Baker RMP coming up? The review is scheduled for 2022.

### BLM Prineville

- Randy Jones- McDonalds Ferry Acquisitions and what are the plans.
  - NEPA will provide information on what uses it will host
  - Recreation Site, possible, overflow from Cottonwood Campground
  - Restoration of the stream/habitat
  - Existing facility, offers logistical support
- Glenn Burleigh - Clarno land acquisition
  - Still in progress
  - Is there an option for reduces land acquisition?
    - Always a possibility
    - Additional River Front access.
- Jim Reiss- Salvage of the Grandview Fire-refer to ODF
- Brian Sykes - 30 Mile Scoping Process- Virtual Scoping
  - Scoping notice to come out this week.

## USFS

### Deschutes National Forest

- Randy Jones- were the no-shows in the Central Cascades Trails system related to smoke this summer?
  - Issues with the reservation system and how to cancel reservations.
- Jim Reiss- Revenue- Pass from Mt. Bachelor- does the FS receive any of this?
  - No
- Cabin Lake Station- Historical Aspect
  - No status change.
- Katy Nelson- Paper biomass removal costs on the Malheur NF by James Johnston
  - How do reduce the need for prescribe burning.

### Umatilla National Forest

- Randy Jones - Heidi McRoberts, et al, is there any update on trials or on-the-ground tests of Air Curtain Incinerators or mobile biomass incinerators to reduce fire fuels?
  - Will research and respond.
- Glenn Burleigh- Are you using categorical exclusion for timber sales
  - Yes
- Have you considered the categorical exclusion Roadside clearing to enhance firefighting operations?

- Instead of post fire use for pre-fire.
- Art Waugh - Salvage operation post fire season assessment.
  - Assessment in progress.

### **Ochoco National Forest**

- Steve Lent - Status of Ochoco Ranger Station CCE buildings
  - Making sure that requisite interpretive information
- Katy Nelson - Wild Horses, are you able to foresee an end to the conflict between Grant County and the Ochoco as to the correct home for the horses?
  - Group of horses that move back and forth between the boundaries. Close to the Murders Creek herd. Genetic testing is being completed to determine the relation if any to the Murders Creek herd.
- Glenn Burleigh - Genetic testing- possible feral herd? Other herds, are they feral? What is the cutoff between feral and wild?
  - Wild Horse and Burro Act, management, deems where the horses are located and how they are managed and designated.
- Randy Jones - Are AMLs set in response to the act?
  - Yes, plan's, updated plans are needed.

### **Wallowa-Whitman National Forest**

- Randy Jones - RAC subcommittee for forest planning is the plan for the BIC to bring the plan forward for RAC Review.
  - Yes
- Glen Burleigh - FERC re-licensing on the Hells Canyon Dam,
  - 4E conditions- that will be asked for. i.e. sandbar restoration
  - 10A options
  - Can not ask for regulation of flow.

### **Malheur National Forest**

- Every Kid in the Park-outreach

**2021 Fire Season** - No input on this topic

### **FY22 Meeting Dates**

#### **RAC**

- February 17-18, 2022 (Virtual Meeting) (alt, Prineville)
- June 16-17, 2022 (In-Person) (Enterprise)
- October 20-21, 2022 (In-Person) (John Day)

#### **Sub-Committee**

- January 12, 2022
- May 11, 2022

- September 14, 2022
- **Subcommittees**
  - Member updates
- Vacancies

### **Round Table**

- Randy Jones- Regional Solution Teams
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- Steve Lent- Historical Tours,
- Shay White
- Art Waugh
- Terry Drever Gee- Rivers Act
  - Concerns- distance from the river how much property is going to be taken from the state by the federal government- no feedback has been received
- Jim Reiss
- Glenn Burleigh

### **Wrap-up**

- **Suggested Agenda Items**
- How water is managed and how it affects fish (Columbia River)
  - Presentation on Blue Mountain Forest Planning outcomes.
  - Thirty Mile Project- Scoping to being in November
  - Pollinators on public lands