

Lincoln Restoration Committee  
December 17, 2009 Meeting Notes

These notes are approximate.

The draft letter concerning Project 2, and the Project 2 description, addressed to District Ranger Amber Kamps, was discussed and with slight modifications approved.

The central importance of effective project monitoring was discussed, and language was included in the project description to that effect. It was agreed that the development of monitoring protocols should be a collaborative LRC-Forest Service effort.

The availability of Jim Burchfield's UM students for monitoring was mentioned, and the need for funds to pay for monitoring noted.

Gary summarized the Montana Forest Restoration Committee's November 17 discussion of Mixed Severity Fire Regimes, and the initial "zone of agreement" developed by the MSFR Working Group. Subject to comments by Jake Krielick, who was not in attendance on the 17<sup>th</sup>, the MFRC approved the draft, and approved forwarding it to the Lincoln RC with the request that it consider developing a pilot MSFR project.

The MSFR Working Group will continue to meet to explore further refinement of the "zone". Scott and Brian indicated their view that development of a Lincoln RC pilot on MSFR would have the benefit of interaction with MSFR Working Group members.

LaWen Hollingsworth and Sharon Scott of the Helena National Forest were in attendance, and indicated willingness to be available as technical/advisory resources.

Gerald \_\_\_\_\_, of the Lincoln District, summarized his group's work in using thinning and prescribed fire in white bark pine and MSFR forests.

The importance of white bark pine restoration to area grizzly bears was confirmed.

The project descriptions (correct term?) of the two LRC-recommended projects, to be contained in the District's notice (correct term?) was discussed. The group emphasized that in both mapping and wording, the LRC's proposed project needed to be clearly distinguished from any Forest Service-proposed projects that might be included in the the notice.

A subcommittee of Gary, Paul, KD, Dwight, Scott and (?) volunteered to review the FS draft in that regard.