

**LINCOLN RESTORATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 12, 2009**

Attendance: Amber Kamps - USFS, Scott Brennan - The Wilderness Society, Mike Grimes-Lincoln, Jim Paris - Lincoln Community Council, Brian Kahn - facilitator, KD Feedback, Paul Roos, Bill Cyr - DNRC, Dwight Crawford - Sun Mtn Lumber, Al Christopherson - RMEF, Gary Burnett - Blackfoot Challenge, Ken Pearson, PML

Absent: Becky Garland, Brent Anderson, Phil Henault- Rancher, John Goroach - Newmont Mining, Dan Rundell.

Visitors: Stephen Copenhagen, Rick Foreman, Barney and Claudette Vanden Bos, and Douglas Vulcan, all Lincoln Springs Homeowners.

Location: Lambkins Restaurant

**Activity**

Review January meeting notes: No changes or edits

**Introductions**

Brian and Scott explained the purpose of the HRC and gave a brief history of the Lincoln Working Group.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

After discussion of various names for the project, the Group chose to call it the Lincoln Gulch Project.

Scott Brennan presented a methodology using Google Earth and GIS software to integrate Forest Service data from the Stone/Dry EAWS using a power point slide show. Use of the software allows for a base map of the project area to have various layers superimposed on the base showing vegetative types, stand ages, insect damage, road density, fire history, aspect and slope, and various other planning tools to evaluate project feasibility and/or treatment options.

The Group consensus was to isolate the general area of the Lincoln Gulch Project using the GIS tools for evaluation and discussion at the March meeting. The Lincoln Gulch Project appears to encompass approximately 6,000 acres of national forest lands generally lying north and west of the Lincoln Springs subdivision and south of the roadless areas bounding the Scapegoat Wilderness. It is anticipated that new mapping tool will encompass the area at the watershed scale on the relevant drainages east and west of Lincoln Gulch.

There was a short discussion on continuing to try and get input and support from some of the other environmental organizations in the area. Paul Roos reported on a conversation that he had with Michael Garrity of the Alliance for the Wild Rockies.

Amber provided the Group with an overview and discussion of the regulatory framework within which the Forest Service will work to generate an Environmental Assessment of the eventual project and also informed about the expected time it will take to conduct on the ground studies and generate the final Environmental document, likely an EIS.

Amber also stressed that the Group will have to present its proposed project with details to Amber in order to start the Forest Service analysis of the eventual project.

**Assignments:**

- ▶ Scott will have his GIS folks make a draft map of the proposed Lincoln Gulch Project for review at the next meeting.
- ▶ The two co-chairs were directed to write a letter to the Executive Directors of two environmental groups, the Alliance for the Wild Rockies and Native Ecosystems Council and invite each of them to attend one of our meetings and meet with the Group

Next meeting, March 12, 2009 9:00 a.m. at Ponderosa's.

11:00 Adjourn