

## Lincoln Restoration Committee

June 11, 2009

Summary Notes:

**Bold type reflects decisions made.**

Meeting began at 9 a.m.

TMDL's:

There was a briefing on TMDL's and discussion of a presentation re this project at the August LRC meeting.

There is potential synergy, via stewardship contracting, between this work and the LRC's

Paul Roos suggested a field trip to inspect/assess potential perennial streams

The two earlier field trips and conclusions were discussed.

There was discussion of Ponderosa pine, roads and mixed severity fire issues, how to approach former grasslands where the forest has expanded, and water in bottomland areas where there have been historic impacts.

The post-field trip work session with Tom Delucca and Amber Kamps was summarized. A focus on habitat types, fire intervals, proved constructive in coming to agreement on suitable restoration areas.

Amber Kamps passed out a colored map and corresponding site information.

Red/orange/green areas were deemed suitable for restoration work – roughly 1,250 acres.

Blue was not viewed by Tom Deluca as suitable for restoration, due to fire cycle issues and in his view not being out of natural range.

Amber stated that if all the blue projects were not included in this project, they had the ability to proceed by packaging in a non-restoration project.

The LRC discussed these issues.

**Gary Burnett raised the issue of how to interface LRC projects with adjacent private landowners. After discussion, it was agreed he would take the lead on that, working with Dwight, Paul, Jerry, and Jim. Another landowner, possible S. Copenhaver, will be approached.**

**The LRC approved all red/orange/green areas as included for restoration in the project.**

The LRC discussed the blue areas.

Brent Anderson gave information about 9, 12, 15 – reasons he felt they should be included in the project, not as restoration but as fuels treatment.

Scott B said that specific information was useful to addressing the reasoning for inclusion.

**Areas 17 and 20 were proposed for addition. After discussion, they were included in the project as potential sites for fuels treatment, based on agreement that no decision was being made as to whether or not any treatment would be recommended.**

**Areas 9,12,15, 17, 20 were included.**

**The project description should include the issues of tree plantations and stream work. Discussion of roads should be included as informational material. Any recommendations re roads should be forwarded to the District's Travel Planning process.**

A discussion of members' personal view/priorities regarding restoration were discussed, as well as the definition provided by the MFRC.

Several people indicated that restoration to a specific previous year (200 years ago, for example) did not make sense.

Concepts of common sense, community needs, having an established baseline, and assessing the purpose of making the change in the landscape, and restoring native species were discussed.

Brian indicated that the MFRC has last month established a subgroup to assess the potential of applying the restoration definition/principles to mixed severity fire regimes.

The group agreed to meet in the field in July and it was agreed that both Robert Rey of DEQ and Brian McDonald of Blackfoot Challenge would be invited to the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at noon.