

LINCOLN RESTORATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 8, 2009 NOTES

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Notes are approximate:

Discussion of draft letter from the LRC to the District Ranger:

It is a public document.

Helena Forest Supervisor and Regional Forester should be copied.

Edits made and approved.

Discussion of draft press release:

Edits made and approved.

Release to be sent to MFRC SC for comment.

Delivery of letter and sending out press release will be coordinated.

Updated map will be prepared.

Brian McDonald gave a presentation re Blackfoot Challenge.

Mark Ockey presented information on the DEQ's water quality program, including water body classification and state standards, TMDL's and point and non-point sources.

319 grants were discussed – EPA \$ to the state, roughly \$1 million.

319 grant not likely to assess TMDL's in Lincoln Gulch, but if other funds can be obtained, might leverage \$

Paul commented on the strong potential synergy between these efforts and the work of the LRC.

Jim said the RAC's are a good potential source of \$. He mentioned the rec trails program.

Scott presented a range of potential projects for LRC consideration, based on data concerning Doug fir supplied by the District and evaluated by TWS.

Agreed: Seek large landscape opportunities.

Possible sites:

Helmville Face

Backside of Dalton
Arrastra, lower
Park Creek
Poor Man
Sucker

Discussion of the need to prioritize, with safety, risk to structures and MFRC principles mentioned.

Agreed: Selecting more than one of the above sites is acceptable for one project.

Amber noted that work on multiple sites at the same time increases complexity/work and should be a factor considered.

Scott dazzled the group with a display of computerized, expandable circles placed on the map of potential sites. He vehemently denied having practiced for hours ahead of time.

Amber indicated the Forest Service has 4 funded projects at present (for NEPA), and there is some “piggy-back” potential to move a new LRC project forward if the LRC was so inclined. There is a window of 3 months to do this.

Paul suggested a field trip be taken ASAP to evaluate sites.

Agreed: Field trip to be scheduled within next two weeks.

Agreed: Assess Park and Sucker as candidates for Project 2.

Agreed: Consider the other sites for Project 3.

If Project 2 is finalized, may want to announce 3 and process for/location of 3 simultaneously to address interest of folks south of H 200.

A possible #4 project at Dry Creek was mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.