

Helena Restoration Committee – Lincoln Working Group

Meeting Notes 9/18/08

Lincoln, MT

Welcome by Gordy Sanders

Introductions

Defining of collaboration by Brian Kahn including discussion on: benefits of collaboration, what is collaboration, background of the Montana Restoration Committee, working group strength is in including a diversity of interests, need for building trust, difference between collaboration and consensus, discussion of the principles of the Montana Restoration Committee and application to projects, and reading of the preamble.

Questions/discussion from group included:

- Recreation interested represented, particularly motorized
- How can committee affect appeals and litigation of projects, particularly if these interests/individuals won't come to the table?
- Representation of other private landowners including Stimson, TNC, and Baucus

Presentation by Amber Kamps included what opportunities there are on the Lincoln Ranger District for restoration. She reported there is very little in the pipeline now other than Lincoln non-winter travel planning, Snowbank Lake water right resolution, Mikehorse Mining Complex reclamation, and on-going efforts such as weed spraying, trail maintenance, etc. Amber is very open to all opportunities and listed fuels reduction, salvage of bug kill, thinning treatments for forest health improvements, ponderosa pine restoration, aspen restoration, watershed/fisheries improvements, weed spraying, and the Children's Forest as all possibilities.

Brian summarized and closed the meeting with the qualities of persons the Montana Restoration Committee is looking for to serve on this working group which includes: personal good faith involvement, patience, ability to listen, reasonable expectations, and mutual respect.

Next meeting date will be determined via email and the "Doodle" meeting date organizer. Objectives for the next meeting are to develop the ground rules and structure of this working group. All who wish to attend need to be comfortable with or can live with the principles as detailed in the glossy handout given/mailed out to each participant. If there are any other people who should be included in this working group, please refer those names to Gordy Sanders.

Scribed, Amber Kamps