

Lolo Restoration Committee
February 13, 2008
5:30-8:00 PM
Holiday Inn-Parkside

Members Present: Julia Altemus, Len Broberg, Jeff Juel, Marnie Criley, Cameron Naficy, Beverly Dupree, Scott Brennan, Debbie Austin, Gary Edson, John Manz, Bob Lamley, Earl Reinsel, Hank Goetz, Eric Norris, Rick Deniger, Brian Kahn, Chelsea Pennick

USFS: Tim Love, Gary Edson, Pam Gardiner, Sharon Sweeney, Scott Spaulding, Steve Kratville,

Guests: Joe Kerkvliet, Tom DeLuca

Consensus agreements highlighted in bold

Action items highlighted in red

1. Report on Cedar Tom
 - a. Cedar Creek and Thompson Creek drainages, west of Superior. Both are priority number 1 in the IRS.
 - b. NFMA analysis has not yet been done.
2. Addition of new members
 - a. Marnie tried to get Pelah Hoyt, but she was too busy.
 - b. Marnie suggested adding Al Christophersen, as he was an original invitee for the LRC.
 - c. **Approved by consensus.**
3. Potential new project (Cameron)
 - a. Superior district
 - b. Within Cherry Peak IRA-burned in 1910 fire.
 - c. Primarily prescribed burning to restore fire to some of the dry sites with western Larch.
 - d. Provides opportunity for Committee to play monitoring role.
 - e. **Cameron will send around the write up to the group.**
4. How to deal with projects put to committee in the future:
 - a. How to prioritize according to time, energy, landscape, etc.
 - b. Agenda item for future meeting.
5. Report from Westside Working Group
 - a. Committee developed and presented some design elements for the S. Fork Fish Creek project.
 - b. ORV route issue remains to be settled.
 - c. The WG considered not addressing the issue at all, but realized that it could result in appeals.
 - d. Bob felt that it was important to provide a safe and legal route for self-policing and reduction of illegal use.

- e. Rick Deniger shared that there exists only 3.9 miles of dual track for use around Missoula. Inclusion of the ORV aspect could provide a way to encourage safe and respectful use.
 - f. **Scott requested that the WG provide an analysis of how the designated route may impact and change use in the rest of the area.** What is the trade off in terms of miles of trails, resource values, types of use, etc.
 - g. **Len requested more information on the Pipestone project,** referred to by Rick.
 - h. The major concern is the designation or dual designation of the road and whether it requires licensed operators which precludes use by kids.
 - i. There was also concern about whether this issue is under the purview of the committee and the 13 principles.
 - j. The landowners in the area are not supportive of the ORV proposal.
 - k. There was support for dealing with the ORV issue separately in a more comprehensive way over the entire Lolo NF, rather than on a project by project basis.
 - l. Julia suggested that the WG refer to the local Community Wildfire Protection Plan for #1, which deals with fuels reduction.
 - m. Comments on the design elements should be sent to the WLWG.
 - n. Due to compressed timelines for the Westside group's recommendations to be presented to the Forest Service, the group met separately to further refine its draft recommendations. The group will circulate a draft to the LRC for comment, since the recommendations must be submitted prior to the next LCR meeting.
6. Report from Eastside Lolo Working Group:
- a. Two meetings
 - b. Developed a charter to guide work
 - c. Identified knowledge gaps that were addressed by Tim Love.
 - d. Working on developing an evaluation form.
 - e. Scott maintains communication with Marnie and Bev.
 - f. One proposal that came out of the WG was the possibility of evaluating the objectives that come out of the NFMA landscape analyses.
7. Regularly scheduled meetings:
- a. Second Tuesday of the Month**
 - b. Next meeting: March 11**
8. Feedback on TWS presentation:
- a. Look at opportunities for public/private partnership/coordination
 - b. Quantify smoke effects on health, tourism, etc.
 - c. Quantifying water filtration, carbon cycling, etc. if possible
 - d. Environmental impact of entering stands: soil type and slope
 - e. How to account for climate change?