

MINUTES
MONTANA FOREST RESTORATION COMMITTEE
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
Lubrecht Experimental Forest
November 17, 2009
9-10 am

Members: Bill Grasser, Julia Altemus, Dale Harris, Bob Harrington, Brian Kahn, Mary Mitsos, Scott Brennan, Gordy Sanders, Orville Daniels.

Staff: Marnie Criley & Melissa Hayes

••Approve 8/18/09 MFRC SC Minutes••

👍 Approved.

••Approve 10/20/09 MFRC SC Minutes••

👍 Approved.

••Aug./Sept. Financial Report••

👍 Approved. This report includes the accumulation of the last addendum to the cost share, so the \$75,000 is in there.

••Oct. Financial Report••

👍 Approved. Steve Kratville has been interacting a lot with the financials as the FS liaison. There is a pie chart reflecting financials in the Annual Report. Bob also suggested a "verbal" pie chart to show where the money is going.

We will be printing 300 Annual Reports and will also need another printing of the Principles since we are almost out – but we are going to wait for the possible addition of a principle or other needed modifications.

•• Changes/Additions to the Full Mtg. Agenda••

In terms of the charter discussion – that was added to the agenda as a reminder. It is good to have a re-reading from time to time and a reminder that the Charter is a reference to consult when issues arise. The Lincoln or the Bitterroot do not have individual charters.

•• Other Issues ••

Butterfly Project – Access is still an issue and there has been some talk about throwing the project back to the FS. But, the project was given to the BR by the FS – so to give it back would be a negative. The group was past this issue, but then the FS looked at the new road location and there was a field trip, which lead to some members voicing concerns and people began butting heads on the issue. But whomever has a problem with the project has the responsibility of coming up with a solution or idea that would bring the project back to consensus.

Access is the issue – the group decided that they wanted long-term access (administrative not public). The objective is to keep sediment from getting into the creek. The existing road is 2 ft. from the stream, so the group did not want to use that road – but if they had to, are there ways to use it and keep sediment from the stream?

A press release was issued before this set-back that stated the group had reached consensus. The project needs the input of a logging engineer and not a road engineer. There are people from Montana Logging Assoc. all over the state – so maybe they would be willing to attend a BR meeting. **Gordy** will talk to Jason Toddhunter.

Also Ginny, as the facilitator should be setting out the rules and getting everyone to 'yes.'

•• Next Meeting ••

Dec. 15, 2009

DNRC – Conference Room

2-5pm