

Plumas County Coordinating Council

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
APRIL 1, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (at 1:10 PM)
Present were Co-chairpersons Robert Perreault, Randy Wilson, and Brian Morris. Also present were Council Members Frank Stewart, Supervisor Thrall and Supervisor Swofford. Frank Stewart arrives at 1:25 pm.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There being no public comment, Bob Perreault moves on to Item #3.
3. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES
After discussion on 2 revisions in the minutes, a motion made by Supervisor Thrall, seconded by Randy Wilson to adopt the meeting minutes of March 4, 2011. Motion passed.
4. PCCC LEADERSHIP
Bob Perreault recapped the discussion from the March 4th meeting in regards to the leadership nomination. Brian Morris stated he has found options that would allow him to remain funded and that he is willing to move forward with the nominations. All are in favor of electing Brian Morris as Chair, with Bob Perreault as Vice Chair. Brian Morris conducts the remainder of the meeting.
5. TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PROJECT– SUBPART B
Brian Morris opens the discussion on the Travel Management Project – Subpart B.

Supervisor Thrall states the Board of Supervisors has contacted other Counties asking if they would be open to sending two of their Supervisors to attend a meeting to see how each County could help each other in regards to Travel Management. There has been no response yet because other counties have not all had board meetings to discuss the letter. Brian Morris states that possible actions may include legal proceedings.

Terri Simon-Jackson, USFS, discusses prioritizing Subpart – B. She mentions that Alice Carlton, USFS is on her way back from a meeting and would attend later. This item is brought back into discussion with the arrival of Alice Carlton, USFS after discussion on Item 9. Alice Carlton explains the idea of the Forest Service possibly putting out an infomercial to be aired over the television.

Judy Schaver, USFS, gives a brief summary of her plan for a grant for identifying “dispersed” campsites. She explains the meaning of dispersed campsites. Randy Wilson inquires as to whether there will be a public meeting on this subject. Judy Schaver states affirmative.

6. VARIOUS MEETINGS

A. RCRC Meeting on March 21, 2011

Due to snowy conditions, Frank Stewart was the only person able to attend the morning meeting in Sacramento for the proposed revisions to the Forest Service Planning Rule. Randy Wilson, Brian Morris and Supervisor Swofford participated in the RCRC teleconference in the afternoon. There was general discussion on the various details of the meeting.

B. Sierra Cascades Dialog Sessions

This item was put on the Agenda for the May 6th meeting as a reminder that the next session will be held on Saturday, June 4, from 10:00 to 4:00 in West Point. Frank Stewart reviews the topics that will be discussed such as increasing awareness of the declining social and economic conditions in some rural communities and learning how some communities are working together to use forest restoration work to improve local trends. Supervisor Thrall inquires if there will be a live stream feed like a Webinar. Alice Carlton will look into that possibility.

C. Coordination Training

Brian Morris read the schedule for the Coordination training. Council Members will attempt to attend the meeting slated for Friday, April 15th in Portola.

D. Other

Frank Stewart makes comments on Item B above. His comments are added into that Item. Randy Wilson inquires as to whether Ms. Carlton would like to comment on the teleconference call attended by Mr. Wilson and Rebecca Herron, Senior Planner, on March 7, 2011. Ms. Carlton explains that this was a meeting set up between the headquarters staff and Forest Service employees to get their opinion on where the Planning Rule was headed. The general consensus was that the Forest Service wants to work with local agencies in regards to the Planning Rule and include them in the process.

7. Report on Board of Supervisors Action on March 14, 2011

Recognizing that Plumas County intends to submit its individual letter of comments on or before May 16, 2011, the Board voted unanimously to adopt as Plumas County policy the coordination provisions of the 1982 USFS planning rule. Alice Carlton asks how the Forest Service can help satisfy the County in regards to planning. Mr. Perreault states that the Council will know when it adopts the coordination provision. Terry Simon-Jackson reminds the Council that in regards to the General Plan and its working groups that there are two Forest Service District Rangers working with them. Randy Wilson recommends getting the comments before a full Board of Supervisors meeting since the EIS is so large.

8. Draft USFS Proposed Land Management Planning Rule

Mr. Morris provides a handout of his draft comments on the Proposed Planning Rule and discusses each one briefly. Item # (b) is discussed in some detail as to species conservation. He feels there should be an opportunity for ecosystem-based conservation

rather than just single-species management. On Item #4 (b), “Wild and scenic rivers”, Alice Carlton said she may be able to provide information that describes the criteria of a Wild & Scenic river. Brian Morris inquires if there is a list of rivers or streams that meet the criteria for “Wild & Scenic” status. Terry Simon-Jackson states that there is a 1988 compilation of eligible rivers. She will get that list to him. Brian Morris requests that everyone get their comments to him by Friday, April 8, to include in the draft letter.

There is general discussion in regards to how the Forest Service interacts with the public. Frank Stewart encourages everyone to read the EIS Summary.

9. Other Business

Brian Morris suggests a standing agenda item for legislation. Frank Stewart then gives an update on pending legislation for stewardship contacting.

10. Confirm next Meeting Date

It is confirmed that the next meeting date will be on Friday, May 6, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Planning & Building Services.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.