

Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2012
Boise, Idaho

RAC Attendees: Sandra Mitchell, Sharon Church-Pratt, Dave Humphrey, Mike Paradis, Gordon Cruickshank, Tom Glass, Jamie Anderson, John Gebhards, Murray Dalglish, John McCarthy, Bob Baker, Terry Gestrin, Jerry Randolph (absent: Herb Malany, Scott Stouder, Don Stockton)

Other Attendees: Andy Brunelle, Jim Meliza, Robert Mason, Jane Cropp, Tim Dwyer via teleconference, Brett Barry, Karl Welch, Jim Gluch, Neal Capps, Zach Poff, Paul Swenson, John McFarlene, Keith Lannom

Designated Federal Official: Marie-Louise Smith, Boise National Forest (acting for Kim Pierson)

Recorder: Carol Moore

Welcome, Meeting Objectives, Previous Meeting Notes, and Agenda Review – Bob Baker, RAC Chairperson

Bob confirmed there is a quorum in each group.

Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 29, 2012 meeting; Terry seconded; motion carried.

Update on Funds available for final recommendations for 2013 based on previous multi-year funding decisions – Keith Lannom, Payette Forest Supervisor

Andy Brunelle provided the following information on funds available.

FY 2013 Allocation	\$640,722.78 (<i>less than estimated at 8/29/2012 meeting</i>)
Carryover/Returned	<u>\$ 95,700.00</u>
Total	\$736,422.78

Applications \$1,250,120.75

Difference to trim - \$513,698.70

Presentation of Project Proposals:

13BNF004 - Community Justice Trail Maintenance and Stewardship, Jim Meliza, Boise County

- Community service for juveniles
- County will work with Judge, Forest Service, and Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game to mentor youth ages 16-21
- County to provide safety gear and tools
- Youth will not be transported on a daily basis
- Designate trails in the fall/winter; Idaho City and Horseshoe Bend areas
- Less funding would hamper development of program

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13PNF007 - Payette National Forest 2013 Deferred Trail Maintenance, Jane Cropp, Payette NF

- Use Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) crew
- 2,000 miles of trail on the Payette NF
- Payette NF Trail Budget – half allocated to Krassel Ranger District, half allocated to rest of Payette
- Eliminate entire project if less funding is allocated
- Priorities: 1) Krassel RD; 2) Council/Weiser RDs; 3) New Meadows/McCall RDs
- Twenty Mile Trail – carryover funding used to complete project (delayed due to required NEPA)
- Trail maintenance is completed on one/three/ten year schedule

13SCNF003 - Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness Maintenance Project, Tim Dwyer, Montana Conservation Corps (via teleconference)

- Trails on Middle Fork Ranger District (Valley County)
- Funding for one crew for 16 weeks
- 6-7 person crew (2 leaders)
- \$503.00/pay period living allowance and education award
- AmeriCorps Grant – direct service opportunity
- Less funding okay

13BNF002 - Forest Road 181 Road Stabilization, Brett Barry & Karl Welch, Boise NF; Jim Gluch, Glenss Ferry Highway District

- Seasonal closure due to road condition
- Transfer \$20,000 from Boise NF to Glenss Ferry Highway District
- Total cost estimate \$57,000; actual work cost \$45,000; requesting \$25,000 from RAC
- Use fractured granite from Lyme Creek grade
- Lyme Creek is bull trout habitat; reduce sedimentation
- Apply for 404 Permit this winter; use programmatic for stream crossing
- Shortest access to Highway 51
- Processing FRTA Easement
- Improve relationship with private landowners

13BNF012 - Ola Hwy Shoulder Rehabilitation, Neal Capps, Director Gem County Road & Bridge

- Alternate route to Indian Valley; 240 vehicles per day
- Biggest expense is moving the irrigation ditch; build new embankment (3 mile haul)
- Irrigation District contributing funds (Ola & Sweet)
- Pipe is more expensive (1,000 feet)
- Can phase project with less dollars
- First phase - move ditch, gain easement through Suttons
- \$60,000 to move rock from donated source to shoulder of road (saves \$100,000)

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13BNF006 - Deadwood Campground Sanitation, Zach Poff & Paul Swenson, Lowman RD

- Sanitation thin for Mountain Pine Beetle infestation
- Service contract to remove trees; thin Lodgepole Pine stand to make it less susceptible to future outbreaks
- Beetles in adjacent area that may re-infect treated area; follow-up spray in 2 years
- \$7,000 for treatment and purchase of larger diameter trees to plant in recreation site to speed up the process of regeneration; plant non-host species
- Ongoing process implemented over 3 years
- Four campgrounds – project includes three; use force account in campground within 80 feet of reservoir
- Can regulate timeframe when trees are removed from campground with service contract
- Most resilient trees are a good seed source for regeneration in the future

13BNF007 - ICOE Restoration / Development Project, John McFarlene, Basin School District

- Year round use; easy access
- Have not been successful with IDPR Grant application process
- 2 toilets (1 at entrance, 1 by large parking area); reduce degradation
- Kiosk effective in education of public
- Close proximity to town should deter vandalism

Comments/questions from the public to the committee – *Bob Baker, RAC Chairperson*

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Discussion of projects with email clarification or follow-up questions – no presentations:

Jumbo Creek Arch Project 13PNF001 is a higher priority than Warren Profile Gap Road Retaining Wall Project 13PNF002.

Elkhorn Trail Bridge Replacement Project 13SCNF002 is a higher priority than Ramshorn Trail Bridge Replacement Project 13SCNF001.

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Review Category 1 Projects and Finalize Allocation Recommendations for 2013:

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13BNF004	Community Justice Trail Maintenance and Stewardship (<i>Boise County</i>)	15,494.75	7,000.00
13PNF007	Payette National Forest 2013 Deferred Trail Maintenance (<i>Adams, Washington and Valley Counties</i>)	80,000.00	56,572.00
13SCNF003	Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness Maintenance Project (<i>Valley County</i>)	72,001.00	50,000.00
13BNF002	Forest Road 181 Road Stabilization (<i>Elmore County</i>)	25,000.00	25,000.00
13BNF012	Ola Hwy Shoulder Rehabilitation (<i>Gem County</i>)	165,000.00	85,000.00
13BNF006	Deadwood Campground Sanitation (<i>Valley County</i>)	24,500.00	24,500.00
13BNF007	ICOE Restoration / Development Project (<i>Boise County</i>)	33,650.00	20,000.00
13BNF003	Boise County Weed Control Herbicide (<i>Boise County</i>)	10,000.00	-0-
13PNF001	Jumbo Creek Arch (<i>Valley County</i>)	18,930.00	18,930.00
13PNF002	Warren Profile Gap Road Retaining Wall (<i>Valley County</i>)	120,000.00	-0-
13SCNF001	Ramshorn Trail Bridge Replacement (<i>Valley County</i>)	120,000.00	-0-
13SCNF002	Elkhorn Trail Bridge Replacement (<i>Valley County</i>)	120,000.00	120,000.00
13SNF003	Sawtooth Wilderness Trail Maintenance and Patrol (<i>Elmore and Boise County</i>)	29,800.00	25,000.00
13PNF014	Study of Wolverine Response to Winter Recreation Use (<i>Valley County</i>)	10,000.00	10,000.00
13BNF005	Lowman Nature Ponds Restoration Project (<i>Boise County</i>)	22,150.00	12,000.00
13BNF010	Forest Tours for Educators & Opinion Leaders (<i>Adams, Boise, Elmore, Gem, Valley, Washington counties</i>)	5,000.00	5,000.00
13BNF011	Idaho Project Learning Tree (<i>Adams, Boise, Elmore, Gem, Valley, Washington counties</i>)	5,000.00	5,000.00
13PNF003	Payette Avalanche Center (<i>Adams, Idaho, Valley counties</i>)	5,000.00	5,000.00
13PNF010	Payette National Forest Noxious Weed Control (<i>Adams, Washington, Valley counties</i>)	30,000.00	-0-
13SNF001	Leafy Spurge Biological Control (<i>Elmore County</i>)	12,000.00	8,000.00
13BNF001	State Highway 21 Wildlife Underpass – Wildlife Habitat Linkage Project, Phase 4 (<i>Boise County</i>)	20,000.00	10,000.00
13Multi001	Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation Volunteer and Internship Program (<i>Valley County</i>)	69,925.00	56,500.00
13BNF013	YCC Program - Boise NF (<i>Boise, Elmore, Valley counties</i>)	60,000.00	60,000.00

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13PNF006	YCC Program – Payette NF (<i>Adams, Washington, Valley counties</i>)	45,000.00	40,000.00
13SNF002	YCC Program – Sawtooth NF, Fairfield RD	8,000.00	8,000.00
13PNF011	Summer Youth Supervised Forest Work Experience (<i>Adams County</i>)	27,420.00	27,420.00
13Multi002	Payette & Boise Forest Coalitions (<i>Valley, Boise, Gem, Adams counties</i>)	30,000.00	20,000.00
13Multi003	Woody Biomass (<i>Valley, Boise, Gem, Adams counties</i>)	15,000.00	7,500.00
13PNF004	Winter Recreation Signs (<i>Adams, Idaho, Valley counties</i>)	8,000.00	5,000.00
13PNF008	Little Ski Hill Lodge Roof Replacement (<i>Adams County</i>)	28,250.00	10,000.00
13PNF015	Adams County/WICAP/USFS Firewood (<i>Adams County</i>)	15,000.00	15,000.00
	TOTAL	1,250,120.75	736,422.00

Gordon made a motion that any funds from FY 2012 - 2013 that have not been previously allocated will go to the Ola Highway Shoulder Rehabilitation Project 13BNF012, and to approve funding for FY 2013 projects as noted in the spreadsheet; Sandra seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.