

## 12/4/08 RAC Meeting Notes

### **In attendance:**

Arnold Whitridge  
Gerald Hawkins  
Chuck Sowell  
Sandra Sowell  
Joseph Bower  
Dee Sanders  
John Clark  
Earl Everest  
Chris Erickson  
Ray Patton  
Carl Bonomini  
Steve Hodge  
Colleen O'Sullivan  
Jeff Ulrich  
Larry McLean  
Judy Pflueger  
Bruce Williams  
Nadia Nobeck  
Donna Harmon  
Jon Sanstrom  
Ray Patton  
John Heibel  
Lance Koch  
Tom Hudson  
Jon Boucher  
Nancy Curren  
Alex Cousins  
Betty Ivin  
Linds Wright  
Scott LaFine  
Julie Ranieri  
Dillon Lewis  
Jim French

Jim French re-elected as Chair.

Funding – 4 more years. Projects will be submitted by September for 2009-2011. There is \$7,188,207 in Forest Service reserved receipts available under the current RAC authorization. Trinity County ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in economic need according to acres. \$862,354 (80%) shall be available through Title II, \$238,000 shall be available for Title III projects. At the end of the 2007 RAC, the assumption was the authority would not be re-authorized.

Sharon Heywood secured “leftover” RAC funds under an agreement with RCD.

\$100,000 was placed in a “monitoring” project. The intent is RCD staff would monitor, map (GIS) and review 2007-8 RAC projects to assure the project was implemented correctly.

\$100,000 was designated under the RCD agreement to be used to focus where funds for decommissioning and storm proofing of roads within the existing project area.

The total is \$200,000.

Jim French asked for the Forest to check with Steve Graves (TRMU Fuels Officer) on the status of the Lower Trinity Hazard Tree, Bear Creek, and Little Browns Fuel Management Zone Stage III projects.

Tom Waltz recommended we set aside funds for corollary “profit-generating” projects that would be complementary to fuels, watershed, or other planned RAC projects. He also suggested that the group embrace projects in primarily matrix allocated lands that will generate revenue.

There was discussion on the traditional 45%/45%/10% split of allocating RAC funds for watershed, fuels, and trails/recreation projects. The group wants to retain 10% for trails and recreation projects but was uncertain if it wanted to make the 45/45% watershed/fuels split absolute given the recent fires and restoration work required.

There was some discussion on shaded fuel breaks work and whether RAC funds could be expended on equipment, such as mastication equipment.

Joseph Bower said the FS should not bring forward any projects we can’t have NEPA-ready this spring.

Coleen O’Sullivan provided an update on RCD’s stewardship contract BLM.

Jim French wants the projects finalized by 6/30, so discussion ensued on when subcommittees would need to convene to meet this timeline. The subcommittee members were established for roads, fuels, and recreation. Jim will send out dates for the various RAC subcommittees. The next conventional RAC meeting is **April 6, 2009**.

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Lance Koch/J. Heibel

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