

**Rogue Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Medford Interagency Office, Medford, Oregon**  
**March 11 & March 12, 2009** (revised on 3/16/2009)

**Attending:**

Name	Category	Date	Constituency
Jim Van Loan	RAC - 1	March 11 & 12	
Bill Rice	RAC - 1	March 11 & 12	
Terry Westfall	RAC - 1	March 11 & 12	
Rex Crume	RAC - 1	March 11 & 12	
Don Wilson	RAC - 2	March 11 & 12	
Paul Utz	RAC - 2	March 11 & 12	
Anita Ward	RAC - 2	March 11 & 12	
Faye Stewart	RAC - 3	March 11 & 12	
Sally Town	RAC - 3	March 11 & 12	
Ken Ferguson	RAC - 3	March 11 & 12	
Dick Swartzlender	RAC - 3	March 11 & 12	
Cliff Dils	DFO	March 11 & 12	Umpqua NF, Forest Supervisor
Cheryl Caplan		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Umpqua NF
Sherri Chambers		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Umpqua NF
Scott Conroy		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF Supervisor
Cassius Cash		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
Robyn Darbyshire		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
Kim Hunter		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
Patty Burel		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
Paul Galloway		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
Kerwin Dewberry		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
Joe Laurance		March 11	Douglas County Commissioner – via video conference
Jim Archuleta		March 11	Forest Service, Umpqua
Casey Baldwin		March 11	Forest Service, Umpqua
Bill Gamble		March 11	Forest Service, Umpqua
Laurene Stewart		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Umpqua
Carol Cushing		March 11	Forest Service, Umpqua
Roshanna Stone		March 11	Forest Service, Umpqua
Paul Higgins		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Umpqua
Norm Barrett		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
Brian Long		March 11 & 12	Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
Rocky McVay		March 11	Association of Oregon Counties
Ted Anderson		March 11	Public – Sutherlin, OR
Mike Pence		March 11	Public – Creswell, OR
Stanley Petrowski		March 11	Public – Tiller, OR
Sam Moyers		March 11	Public – Roseburg, OR
Jack Lacey		March 11	Public – Medford, OR
Rick Abbott		March 11	Forest Service, Umpqua NF
Linda Duffy		March 12	Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
Christie Lawson		March 12	Public – Medford, OR, The Job Council Forestry
Joe Anderson		March 12	Public – Medford, OR, The Job Council Forestry
Sherri Stratton		March 12	Public – Medford, OR, The Job Council, Youth Program Manager
Erie Guyer		March 12	Jackson County Community Justice
Peter Mazzini		March 12	Public - Upper Rogue Watershed Association
Jamie Stephens		March 12	Public

Tom Horn		March 12	Public – Kennedy School
Tania Siemens		March 12	Public –Oregon State University, Cooperative Extension

### **Day One - March 11, 2009**

**9:30 a.m. Topic: Opening** – A warm welcome to the Rogue Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting and to the Medford Interagency Office was provided by Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Deputy Supervisor Cassius Cash & Forest Supervisor Scott Conroy.

**9:35 a.m. Topic: Douglas County Commissioner Joe Laurance** by video conference. The Commissioner addressed the RAC and requested the RAC member’s support for (South Umpqua Headwaters Pre-contract Reference Condition System, Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-11).

**9:45 a.m. Topic: Welcome & Comments by Designated Federal Official – Cliff Dils**

As the Designated Federal Official, Umpqua National Forest Supervisor Cliff Dils opened the meeting and welcomed the RAC. He said that he was happy to have a quorum today. He recognizes that there are some Forest Service RACs that are struggling with having enough members to actually have a quorum. Cliff explained that the proposed new member applications for the Rogue Umpqua RAC are still being reviewed in Washington, D.C.

RAC members discussed with Cliff that the reauthorized legislation calls for at least 50% of the project funds be used for projects that are dedicated to: (1) road maintenance, decommissioning or obliteration; (2) to restoration of streams and watersheds.

RAC members discussed the reauthorized legislation that addresses Merchantable Timber Contracting Pilot Program. Cliff said that the Forest Service’s understanding is that the Secretary of Agriculture has not yet determined where these Merchantable Timber Contracting Pilot Projects will take place. The legislation emphasis specific amounts by different fiscal years.

There is a new piece which is on monitoring related to the Resource Advisory Committees. Cliff said that the RACs may need to think about a subgroup to look a cross section of projects that could have monitoring type RAC activities. He asked the RAC members to think about the role of monitoring as discussions are held during the two day RAC meeting. He said that he was all for being proactive as best they can with monitoring.

Cliff said that the Forest Service and other federal agencies are going through the funding aspects of the Economic Stimulus package. The Forest Service is getting some information related to the project funding with economic stimulus funds that was released this week to include dollars for Oregon Youth Employment Initiative. There may be some possibilities that Title II projects on the Forest Service side or Title II projects on the public side could fit into the funding for the Economic Stimulus. If so, the agency could say that they might not have the ability to move it to Economic Stimulus. He said that the first 10 percent of the Forest Service’s Economic Stimulus package has been allocated. This includes additional economic stimulus funding for fuels projects and thinning within the Umpqua National Forest and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest(s). This would be awarding against existing contracts.

**9:50 a.m. Topic: Electing a Chairperson**

**RAC Decision - Chairperson: Terry Westfall was elected as the new chairperson.**

**Topic: Public Forum - (10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)** The public forum was opened by Rogue Umpqua RAC Chair Terry Westfall.

- **Douglas County Commissioner Joe Laurance** – Asked for the RAC members’ support for:
  - ✓ (Fast Pyrolysis Demonstration Expansion, Douglas County Umpqua NF - Project Proposal # 150393) spoke in support of the renewable oils international out of Florence, Alabama. It is a wood to energy project with two products that come out of this project BioOil and BioChar.
  
- **Ted Anderson** – Asked for the RAC members support for the following projects:
  - ✓ (Toketee Wildlife Partners Project, Douglas County, Umpqua NF - Project Proposal # 150395). Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation supports the habitat for elk and wildlife – Army F – They appreciate your support for Roosevelt Elk. The objectives of this proposal are to support wildlife and elk in the Diamond Lake District.
  - ✓ (Upper Steamboat Project Integrated Restoration: Fish, Wildlife, Weeds, Seeds and Fuels (Lane County Umpqua NF –Project Proposal # 150697)
  - ✓ (Lower Steamboat Integrated Restoration: Wildlife, Riparian, Weeds, Seeds and Fuels, Douglas County Umpqua NF, # 150692)
  - ✓ (Horse Haven: Restoration, Education and Elk– Douglas County Umpqua NF –Project Proposal # 150698) This project incorporates education with restoration and allows students to plant native species for elk forage. Helps students learn and maintain quality habitat for all of the wildlife.
  
- **Stanley Petrowski**- He is from the South Umpqua Community Partnership – non profit organization with a focus on revitalization of rural economies based on the needs of the Forest based on restoration and economies. He asked for the RAC members support for the following projects:
  - ✓ (Fast Pyrolysis Demonstration Expansion, Douglas County Umpqua NF - Project Proposal # 150393),
  - ✓ (East Elk Creek Watershed Improvement Project - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Project Proposal # 1502102),
  - ✓ (Tiller Integrated In-stream Implementation Project, Douglas County Umpqua NF – Project Proposal # 1502101)– ongoing project with a significant impact on fisheries),
  - ✓ (Huckleberry Patch Restoration Project, Douglas County Umpqua NF – Project Proposal # 1502100) –
  - ✓ This project is a significant component culturally and in relationship to Forest Health.
  - ✓ He also supported Douglas County Commissioner Joe Laurance’s proposal for the south Umpqua River Headwaters.
  
- **Sam Moyers** – Asked for the RAC members support for the following projects:
  - ✓ (In-stream Restoration: Fish Log Haul - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Project Proposal # 150396), He said that this is a good project for obtaining wood and stockpiles.
  - ✓ (Lower Steamboat Integrated Restoration: Wildlife, Riparian, Weeds, Seeds and Fuels, Douglas County Umpqua NF – Project Proposal # 150692),
  - ✓ Project 5 in Lane County, Umpqua National Forest) – Elk habitat in steamboat basin is important as it is lacking. He supports this project. He hopes that there is additional financing for wildlife restoration.

- ✓ (Huckleberry Patch Restoration Project, Douglas County Umpqua NF – Project Proposal # 1502100)
- ✓ (Tiller Integrated In-stream Implementation Project, Douglas County Umpqua NF – Project Proposal # 1502101)

**Jack Lacey –**

- ✓ (Umpqua Fish Watch – Priority 4 ) He supports this project. It takes a bit of enforcement up there. We are making headway in educating the public. It is disastrous without some kind of presence up there. This project is necessary. Have been up there eight years and have seen some of the losses in the cools.

**10:30 a.m. Topic: Chairman Terry Westfall officially closed the public comment forum**

**Revised Title II figures for Fiscal Year 2009 includes the following:**

Douglas County – on Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest \$ 115,000  
 Douglas County – on Umpqua National Forest - \$ 1,320,000 million  
 Jackson County – on Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest \$454,264  
 Jackson County – on Umpqua National Forest - \$ 8,522  
 Lane County – on Umpqua National Forest – \$305,050  
 Klamath County – on Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest \$110,305

**10: 30 a.m. Topic: Presentation of Rogue River-Siskiyou NF - Douglas County Projects:**

Kerwin Dewberry presented five Title II project proposals from the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF:

1. Upper Rogue River Trail Blowdown Clearing, # 105904
2. Noxious Weed Control, #105903
3. Thinning, Forage Enhancement, and Fuels Reduction, #105902
4. Trail Maintenance, #106906
5. Roadside Brushing, Culvert Cleaning, Slough and Slide Removal, Grading, and Danger Tree Felling, #105901

**10:43 a.m. Topic: Presentation of private project for Douglas County (Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest): Medford Airtanker Base –** Rogue River-Siskiyou NF Supervisor Scott Conroy explained the project and shared the Jackson County commissioners’ sentiments and support for the Medford Airbase Tanker Base.

**10:55 a.m. Topic: Presentation of Umpqua NF Douglas County – Forest Service Projects:**

Sherri Chambers presented the top 18 Title II project proposals from the Umpqua National Forest:

1. Douglas County Road Maintenance, # 150060
2. Fast Pyrolosis Demonstration, # 150393
3. Diamond Lake and North Umpqua Recreation Site Operations and Maintenance Contract, # 150691
4. Forest-Wide Trail Maintenance Partnerships, # 150061
5. Dbug/Diamond Lake WUI – Integrated Resource Service Contract: Fuels/Density Management Treatment, # 150392
6. Lower Steamboat Integrated Restoration: Wildlife, Riparian, Weeds, Seeds and Fuels, # 150692
7. Copeland Creek Restoration Implementation: Weeds, Timber Stand Improvement, Erosion Control, Steam Crossing Stabilization, # 150394
8. Steamboat WUI Implementation: Prescribed Fire and Noxious Weed Control, # 150693

9. NU/DL Pine Health and Young Stand Density Management, # 150690
10. Roadside Danger Tree Treatment, # 150062
11. Phoenix School/DLRD Restoration Program Partnership, # 150397
12. Toketee Wildlife Partners Project, # 150395
13. Instream Restoration: Fish Log Haul, # 150396
14. Tiller Cooperative Fire Protection, # 150299
15. State Highway 138 Fuels Reduction, # 150398
16. Umpqua Fish Watch, # 150063
17. Huckleberry Patch Restoration Project, # 1502100

**1:00 p.m. Topic: Presentation of Private Projects for Douglas County --Umpqua National Forest include:**

- **Aric Frohmdale** - (Douglas County Juvenile Restoration Work Crew, Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-01)
- **Bill Duncan** (1610 Road Treatment Project/Devils Flat Fuels Break, Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-02)
- **Cole Southworth** - (Umpqua National Forest Trail Maintenance (Northwest Youth Corps), Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-03)
- **Sam Moyers** – (Indigo/Dixon Interagency Big Game Enhancement - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-04)
- **Ty Stubblefield** – (Wheelchair Accessible Trails - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-05)
- **David and Julie Lockman** – (Clean Forest Project Identify and Clean up of Illegal Dumpsites - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-07)
- **Scott Lamb** – (Lemolo Lake Tui Chub Removal - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-08)
- **Jenn Jackson, Derick Weinhold, Jennifer Cosswell, Max Rudin, Mathew McCallister** – (Phoenix School OYCC - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-10)
- **Javier Goirigolarri** –(Rattle Fire Restoration & Recovery Monitoring & Education Project - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-13)

**He also took time to support address:**

- (South Umpqua Headwaters Pre-contact Reference Condition Study - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-11)
- (Thinning Project - #150692)
- **Peter Tronquet - North Umpqua Foundation** - (North Umpqua Fishwatch - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-14) & (Steamboat Creek Falls Fish Ladder Assessment and Design - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-15)
- Reminder that there is a **Medford Air Tanker Base Private Proposal** for Douglas County, Umpqua NF – Private Proposal for \$ 14,950 – # PUB-09-17.

**2:10 p.m. Topic: Private Project Proposals for Lane County, Umpqua National Forest includes:**

- **Greg Fox, Sheriff's Department in Lane County, and Mark Buehrig, consultant** - presented information on the (Lane County Sheriff's Work Crew – Lane County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-06)

**2:15 p.m. Topic: Clif Dils addressed the group** – Far reaching beyond the riparian zones. Interpret as only in the reserve areas – The Forest Service has a liberal interpretation of this and not just within the riparian area. As you do your deliberations it is something to point out.

**TOPIC: RAC Funding Decisions for Douglas County – Umpqua National Forest**

1. Fully fund Fast Pyrolysis, # 150393, at \$110,000
2. Fully fund Lower Steamboat Integrated Restoration: Wildlife, Riparian, Weeds, Seeds and Fuels, #150692 at \$25,300
3. Fully fund Steamboat WUI Implementation: Prescribed Fire and Noxious Weed Control, #150693 at \$80,000
4. Fully fund Phoenix School/DLRD Restoration Program Partnership, #150397, at \$25,000
5. Fully fund Umpqua Fish Watch, #150063, at \$45,000
6. Fully fund North Umpqua Fish Watch, PUB-09-14, at \$15,831
7. Fully fund Medford Air Tanker Base, PUB-09-17, at \$14,950
8. Fully fund deep Creek and Steelhead Creek Instream Fish Habitat Restoration, #150694, at \$69,500
9. Partially fund Copeland Creek Restoration Implementation: Weeds, Timber Stand Improvement, Erosion Control, Stream Crossing Stabilization, #150394 at \$50,000
10. Partially fund Tiller Integrated Instream Implementation Project, #1502101, at \$80,000
11. Partially fund Douglas County Road Maintenance, #150060, at \$200,000
12. Partially fund Diamond Lake and North Umpqua Recreation Site Operations and Maintenance Contract, #150691, at \$125,000
13. Fully fund Phoenix OYCC, PUB-09-10, at \$72,000
14. Partially fund Clean Forest Project, PUB-09-07, at \$15,000
15. Partially fund Lemolo Lake Tui Chub Removal, PUB-09-08, at \$50,000
16. Fully fund Steamboat Creek Falls Fish Ladder Assessment and Design, PUB-09-15, at \$9,000
17. Fully fund Forest-Wide Trail Maintenance Partnerships, #150061, at \$84,994
18. Fully fund Douglas County Juvenile Restoration Work Crew, # PUB-09-01, at \$29,375,  
**UNLESS THEY RECEIVE TITLE II FUNDING FROM ROSEBURG BLM RAC,  
DROP FUNDING TO \$23,000 PLUS 12.5%**
19. Fully fund 1610 Road Treatment Project/Devils Flat Fuels Break, PUB-09-02, at \$78,750
20. Partially fund Umpqua NF Trail Maintenance (NWYC), PUB-09-03, at \$20,000
21. Partially fund Indigo/Dixon Interagency Big Game Enhancement, PUB-09-04, at \$50,000
22. Partially fund Roadside Danger Tree Treatment, #150062, at \$61,272 **HOWEVER GO TO \$100,000 FUNDING IF FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE**

**BELOW THE FUNDING LINE**

23. Fully fund Tiller cooperative Fire Protection, #150299, at \$55,000

**TOPIC: RAC Funding Decisions for Douglas County – Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest**

- 1) Fully fund Upper Rogue River Trail Blowdown Clearing, # 105904 at \$ 10,688.
- 2) Fully fund Noxious Weed Control, # 105903 at \$ 8,213.
- 3) Fully fund Medford Air Tanker Base, # 103901 at \$ 13,650.
- 4) Fully fund Thinning, Forage Enhancement, and Fuels Reduction, # 105902 at \$ 29,570.
- 5) Fully fund Roadside Brushing, Culvert Cleaning, Slough and Slide Removal, Grading and Danger Tree Felling, # 105901 at \$ 28,125.
- 6) Partially fund Trail Maintenance, # 105906 at \$ 24,621.

**5: 15 p.m. Meeting was Adjourned.**

## Day Two - Thursday, March 12, 2009

**8:06 a.m. Meeting formally opened by Chairman Terry Westfall**

### **8:10 a.m. Topic: Presentation of Rogue River-Siskiyou NF - Jackson County Forest Service Projects:**

District Rangers Kerwin Dewberry & Linda Duffy presented the top ten Title II project proposals from the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF:

1. Noxious Weed Control, Project #105958
2. Union Creek Off-Highway Vehicle Bridge and Trail – Phase 1, #105959
3. Upper Applegate Road Fuels Reduction Implementation, #105955
4. Boy Scout Stewardship Camp, #105960
5. Siskiyou Mountains Fire Prevention, #105951
6. Ash Swale Stream-bank Restoration, #105956
7. Aspen Restoration, #105957
8. Jackson County Recreation Site Partnership, #105952
9. Swayne/French Gulch Vault Toilet Removal and Installation, #105954
10. Brushing, Culvert Cleaning, Slough and Slide Removal, Grading, and Danger Tree Felling, #105953

### **8:35 a.m. Topic: Presentation of Private Projects for Jackson County, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest included:**

- **David Lockman** – (Clean Forest Project Identify and Clean up of Illegal Dumpsites - Douglas County Umpqua NF – Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-07)
- **Eric Guyer** – (Community Justice Fuels Reduction & Fire Management Project – Rogue River-Siskiyou NF -- Private Project Proposal # 102992) and (Community Justice Juvenile Forestry Work Crew – Rogue River-Siskiyou NF -- Private Project Proposal # 102993) Patty Burel read letter issued by Jackson County Commissioners supporting the two Community Justice projects and the Medford Air Tanker Base project.
- **Peter Mazzini** – (Middle Fork, Halifax Trail Restoration – Rogue River-Siskiyou NF -- Private Project Proposal # 102994)
- **Jaimie Stephens** – (Ecological Monitoring: Ashland Watershed Fuels Reduction Project – Rogue River-Siskiyou NF -- Private Project Proposal # 102997)
- **Sherri Stratton, Joe Anderson, Christie Lawson** – (Youth Education Stewardship Program – Rogue River-Siskiyou NF -- Private Project Proposal # 102998)
- **April Whitten** – (Applegate Fire Learning Network Landscape Assessment for the Applegate Watershed Phase II Project – Rogue River-Siskiyou NF -- Private Project Proposal # 102999)

### **TOPIC: RAC Funding Decisions for Jackson County – Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest**

1. Fully fund Boy Scout Stewardship Camp, # 105960, at \$8,438.
2. Fully fund Ash Swale Stream-bank Restoration, # 105956 at \$ 7,875.
3. Fully fund Jackson County Recreation Site Partnership, # 105952 at \$ 19,688.
4. Fully fund Swayne/French Gulch Vault Toilet Removal and Installation, #105954 at \$ 60,056.
5. Fully fund Community Justice Juvenile Forestry Work Crew, # 102992 at \$ 70,003.
6. Fully fund Middle Fork, Halifax Trail Restoration, # 102994 at \$ 1,913.
7. Fully fund Youth Education Stewardship Program, # 102998 at \$ 44,175.
8. Partially fund Clean Forest Project – Clean up Illegal Dump Sites, # 102991 at \$ 60,000.
9. Fully fund Community Justice Fuels Reduction and Fire Mgt Project, # 102992 at \$ 70,003.
10. Fully fund Aspen Restoration, # 105957 at \$ 19,238.

11. Partially fund Noxious Weed Control, # 105958 at \$ 20,000.
12. Partially fund Brushing, Culvert, Cleaning, Slough and Slide Removal, Grading, and Danger Tree Felling, # 105953 at \$ 100,000.
13. Partially fund Ecological Monitoring: Ashland Wtrshd Fuels Red. Prjcts, # 102997 at \$ 7,949.

**TOPIC: RAC Funding Decisions for Jackson County - Umpqua National Forest**

1. Fully fund, Jackson County Road Maintenance, # 150070 at \$ 8,522

**10:50 a.m. Topic: Presentation of Umpqua NF Lane County – Forest Service Projects:**

Sherri Chambers presented the top 6 Title II project proposals from the Umpqua National Forest:

- 1) Lane County Road Maintenance, # 150067
- 2) Recreation Rentals Repairs, # 150180.
- 3) Precommercial Thinning 360 acres, # 150181.
- 4) East Regional Park Noxious Weed Removal, # 150182
- 5) Upper Steamboat Integrated Restoration: Fish, Wildlife, Weeds, Seeds and Fuels, # 150697
- 6) Forest Trail Maintenance Partnerships, # 150068.

**11:05 a.m. Topic: Presentation of Private Projects for Lane County, Umpqua NF included:**

- **Tom Horn** – (Kennedy Conservation Corps, Forest Restoration and Recreation Grant, – Umpqua NF - Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-06)
- **Tania Siemens** - (Engaging youth, community, and watersheds in detecting and responding to new invasive species, Umpqua NF Private Project Proposal # PUB-09-16.

**TOPIC: RAC Funding Decisions for Lane County – Umpqua National Forest included:**

- 1) Fully fund Recreation Rental Repairs # 150180 at \$ 38,981.
- 2) Partially fund Upper Steamboat Integrated Restoration, # 150697 at \$ 45,000.
- 3) Partially fund Lane County Sheriff’s Work Crew, PUB-09-06 at \$ 40,000.
- 4) Partially fund Lane County Road Maintenance, # 150067 at \$ 90,000
- 5) Partially fund Kennedy Conservation Corps, Forest Rest. & Rec. Grant, # PUB-09-06 at \$45,000
- 6) Partially fund Forest Trail Maintenance Partnerships, # 150068 at \$ 17,000.
- 7) Partially fund Engaging youth, community, and watersheds in detecting and responding to new invasive species, # PUB-09-16 at \$ 15,000.
- 8) Partially fund Pre-commercial Thinning 360 acres, # 150181 at \$ 14,081.

If there is any additional funding or coverage, RAC has decided that they would like to put it into:

- First to: Lane County Road Maintenance, # 150067 to fully fund at \$ 112,500
- Second to: Pre-commercial Thinning

**12:30 p.m. Topic: Monitoring Discussion – Cliff Dils** – The intent of this discussion was to brainstorm some ideas about how the Rogue Umpqua RAC might monitor Title II RAC projects. The reauthorized legislation calls for monitoring. The legislation states that RACs should:

- Monitor Title II projects that have been approved
- Advise the dedicated the Federal Official on the Progress of Monitoring efforts
- Recommend to the Secretary any appropriate changes or adjustments to Title projects.

The legislation is wide open in how the RACs approach monitoring. Each RAC will determine how to approach monitoring.

**From a RAC member’s perspective:**

- Bring RAC members come out on a field visit.

- Members to discuss and understand what the final steps might be on a project by having a reviewing opportunity.
- It was acknowledged that the RAC needs to monitor the monitoring by seeing pictures and having a detailed account of how the dollars are spent – mileage, hours spent, etc.
- The RAC said that it would be valuable for people to submit quarterly reports for Project Status report of where people are at in the Title II project progress. They would appreciate before, during and after photos and videos of the project work.
- RAC needs to get information to have a grasp in summary of how the Title II funds were used. One idea is to have a status report related to have a check mark on the status of each project.
- When possible, the RAC wants to use an e-mail report out versus mail out of any monitoring /status report on Title II projects except for the members without internet.
- Need more information on trail maintenance and youth group information. RAC wants to see if there is overlap with partner dollars. It is also nice to see what the projects have been accomplished. Were the projects efficient? How did you spend the dollars and what did the RAC get for the money.
- Keep monitoring minimal but be effective. Let's not make it burdensome. Time is precious. In wintertime, perhaps we could come to a meeting and get an update for a brief little report on each project. The monitoring doesn't need to be an in-depth presentation. This verifies that the project actually happens.
- Some RAC members are more interested in seeing the private projects and where the dollars/money went.

**From a ranger district personnel perspective:**

- FS recommends a bi-annual report for the RAC Title II versus quarterly. (Perhaps a spring report and a fall report due to winter weather.)
- If you are interested at any time, you can visit the RAC projects with a tour at the ranger district level at any time.
- We can forward partnership reports out to the RAC members if you are interested.
- Some projects lend themselves well to pictures – weeds are one that are difficult to distinguish before the picture.
- From a recreation perspective we can look at opportunities to do photo points at different perspectives.
- We have student employees who would be good to take some photos of this work.
- Generally we have an accomplish report that we do each year.
- Grants projects with external projects, the Forest Service has to be assured that the work that they said that they do would be accomplished. On an annual basis or when project is completed, they are required to do an accomplishment report.

**Designated Federal Official said he heard the following that we should work on for a monitoring start:**

- 1. A couple of times a year produce a bi-annual monitoring report before we meet report that is a status update on each project for members to consider.**
- 2. Before and after photos are helpful.**
- 3. If there are certain projects that you have more interest in monitoring, let the Forest Service know.**

**1:10 p.m. Topic: Next RAC meeting** is tentatively scheduled for July 22-23 in Roseburg, Oregon

- We would like to have information at the RAC meeting about the Economic Stimulus project update by Forest so that you can see how it relates to the Title II program.

**1:15 p.m. Topic: RAC membership vacancy update** – We are awaiting word related to the approval of the Resource Advisory Committee membership before the next RAC meeting. There are sixty-five new Resource Advisory Committees that are being established.

**1:20 p.m. Topic: RAC Field Trip Invitation.** The RAC members were invited to a field trip on the week of August 17<sup>th</sup> to see the Fast Pyrolysis project.

**Topic: Public Forum - (1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)** The public forum was opened by Rogue Umpqua RAC Chair Person Terry Westfall. No public were in attendance.

**1:30 p.m. Topic: Presentation of Rogue River-Siskiyou NF–Klamath County Forest Service Projects:**

District Rangers Kerwin Dewberry presented the top seven Title II project proposals from the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF:

- 1) Sky Lakes Wilderness Pacific Crest Trail Maintenance - # 105926 (RAC requests pictures before and after pictures.)
- 2) Noxious Weed Control, # 105922
- 3) Sky Lakes Wilderness Education and Monitoring, # 105925
- 4) Sky Lakes Wilderness Education Plan Development, # 105924
- 5) Sky Lakes Wilderness Culvert Removal, # 105927
- 6) Rangeland Health Monitoring, # 105923
- 7) Roadside Brushing, Culvert Cleaning, Slough & Slide Removal, Grading & Danger Tree Felling, # 105921.

Kerwin discussed the private project of Halifax # 102995– Middle Fork, Halifax Trail Restoration (connected to Jackson County Project 102994).

**TOPIC: RAC Funding Decisions for Klamath County – Rogue River-Siskiyou NF included:**

- 1) Fully funded the Noxious Weed Control, # 105922 at \$ 6,750
- 2) Fully funded the Sky Lakes Wilderness Education and Monitoring, # 105925 at \$ 10,000
- 3) Fully funded the Sky Lakes Wilderness Education Plan Development, # 105924 at \$10,688
- 4) Fully funded the Sky Lakes Wilderness Culvert Removal, # 105927 at \$32,625
- 5) Fully funded the Rangeland Health Monitoring, # 105923 at \$6,750
- 6) Fully funded the Roadside Brushing, Culvert Cleaning, Slough & Slide Removal, Grading & Danger Tree Felling, # 105921 at \$10,000
- 7) Fully fund Middle Fork, Halifax Trail Restoration, #102995, at \$14,063
- 8) Partially fund the Sky Lakes Wilderness Pacific Crest Trail Mtc - # 105926 at \$ 19,429.

**Meeting Critique / Closing Remarks**

- Once the projects are all approved within a county, the facilitator needs to walk through all the Title II RAC projects decision so that the RAC members can view the entire RAC decisions.
- Positive experience for the RAC members
- Good facility, good people, good food
- Every time we repeat this RAC meeting/process it gets easier
- The numbers of the RAC projects could be simplified.
- If the private presentation could provide a flash drive with a few photos would be useful to show the RAC members.

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