

Natural Resources Committee
June 7, 2016
6:00 p.m. – Cusick Community Center

- There being a quorum of the committee members present, Chair Alex Arnold called the meeting to order.
- Members in attendance included Alex Arnold, Gene St. Godard, Tim Ibbetson, Dwight Opp, Norris Boyd, Abby Christman, Leanna Powers, Rick Larson, Mark Brown, Matt Scott, Dan Reijonen and Steve Fountain. Also present were County Community Development Director Mike Lithgow, County Commissioner Steve Kiss, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners Rhonda Cary and 6 members of the public.
- Following a motion and a second, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of the May 10 meeting.
- The committee reviewed the Op Ed submitted for publication by the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Kiss clarified the purpose and need for this advisory committee with regards to managing Natural Resources.
- The committee reviewed the Haugo Study regarding Forest Ecology and Management. There was discussion regarding the study and forest restoration needs.
- The committee reviewed a document regarding the Economic Effects of Forest Restoration in NE Washington. There was discussion regarding the economic impact of timber management and economic versus fiscal analysis.
- Other topics the group discussed included:
 - Water – Watershed Plan, water quantity issues and habitat
 - GIS Mapping
 - Windstorm – blowdowns and wind flow
 - Coordination – define the groups involved
 - Forest Plan & DEIS
 - Hot Topics – add to agenda
- Mike Lithgow requested the committee consider how each sub-committee will meet. By consensus of the committee, each sub-committee will have a chair for contact and presentation purposes. The sub-committee chairs are:
 - Recreation – Abby
 - Timber – Matt
 - Ranching – Steve (or Cody)
 - Mining – Mark
 - Water – Gene
- Public Comment – Of the members present, the following provided comment regarding transparency and the need to update information on the website, the Forest Plan, a clarification considering commenting on the Forest Plan and support for the group’s commitment: Bob Eugene, Gayne Sears, Edward Mann and Angi Christman.
- Motion was made by Matt Scott to replace the word “Draft” and replace with “Example” to the document labeled Draft Plan. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the committee.
- Chair Alex Arnold adjourned the meeting at 7:40