

Natural Resources Committee
May 10, 2016
6:00 p.m. – Cusick Community Center

Committee Members in attendance included Alex Arnold, Steve Fountain, Gene St. Godard, Mark Brown, Rick Larson, Tim Ibbetson, Matt Scott, Leanna Powers, Abby Christman, Cody Basnaw, Dwight Opp and Dan Reijonen. Also present were County Community Development Director Mike Lithgow, County Commissioner Karen Skoog, Clerk of the Board to the Commissioners Rhonda Cary, Newport Miner News Editor Don Gronning and 10 members of the public.

Alex Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19 meeting. After a second and no further discussion, the motion carried.

Proposed Bylaws

- ❖ By consensus of the committee, it was decided to hold the meetings in Cusick on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

The group discussed the term of the commitment, Coordination, the vision and purpose of the Plan and the authority of the Plan. Commissioner Skoog addressed some of the questions regarding Coordination, purpose and timeline.

- ❖ By consensus of the committee, it was decided a quorum must exist to hold a meeting.
- ❖ By consensus of the committee, it was decided a super majority will be used for issues requiring voting in which passage will require two-thirds of those present and voting.
- ❖ By consensus of the committee, it was decided to allow a public comment period at the end of each meeting in which a 3-minute period of time will be allowed for any member of the public to address the committee.
- ❖ By consensus of the committee, Alex Arnold will serve as the Chair.

The Draft Plan

The Committee began the review of the format and structure of the draft Plan. Comments/suggestions included the following:

- List a version on each draft and possibly make available Share Point for editing
- Double space to leave room for manual edits/notes
- Accept and remove the 'revise to POC' comments where applicable
- A mission statement is needed

Sub Committees

The group decided to appoint sub committees in the following categories:

Timber – Cody Basnaw, Dan Reijonen, Dwight Opp, Matt Scott and Alex Arnold

Recreation – Dan Reijonen, Cody Basnaw, Leanna Powers, Tim Ibbetson and Abby Christman

Mining – Mark Brown, Rick Larson and Matt Scott

Livestock – Steve Fountain and Cody Basnaw

Watersheds/Water – Gene St. Godard, Mike Lithgow, Tim Ibbetson and Alex Arnold

The committee discussed representation on the committee regarding any groups who may have an interest as well as any committee member who was not in attendance. Mike Lithgow will contact committee members who were not present to see where their interests are and what subcommittee they may be interested in serving on.

Public Comment

Of the members present, the following provided comment regarding various issues including language within the plan, plan versus policy, Coordination, Wilderness concerns, Forest Service accountability, the selection process and representation on the committee and the Forest Plan:

Bob Schutte, Meg Decker, Floyd Christman, Bob Eugene, Gayle Cain and Chris Kirkendall.

Alex Arnold adjourned the meeting at 7:25