

NEWFC Board – Minutes
May 12, 2010
NRCS Conference Room
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ANNUAL BOARD MEETING, 1-3:30 pm @ SCCD, followed by a BBQ 3:30 – 6:30 pm, Lost Falls Brewery – JUNE 17

Attending board: Lloyd McGee (president), Tim Coleman (secretary), Maurice Williamson, Derrick Knowles, Mike Petersen, Steve West, Dick Dunton, Russ Vaagen (vice president) **(a quorum was present)**

Absent Board Members: Bob Playfair, David Heflick, Phil Carew, Jeff Juel, Ron Gray

Board Advisors: Scott Ketchum, Claudia Michalke, Mitch Friedman, Mike Halperan

Agenda

1. Approval of April 20 Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Post Roundtable Collaboration
4. Kettle Face
5. Collaboration Conference
6. East Wedge
7. Annual Meeting

1. Approval of April 20 meeting minutes.
Maurice motioned to approve, Dick seconded. Passed.

2. Treasurer's Report
Current checkbook balance is \$1783.71.

3. Post Roundtable Collaboration
Congressional staff determined it was time to suspend the roundtable for the time being because they felt discussions had gotten as far as they could. Various wilderness/recreation proposals were discussed. Russ will contact Eric Weatherman to say there are some differences between his map and the Conservation Caucus proposal.

4. Kettle Face
This area is between Hoodoo and Jackknife IRAs. There is a lot of WUI and Active Management Zone within this project area. Forest Service wants to do thinning in NEWFC's Restoration zone with skips and gaps, and once prescriptive activities are done prescribed fire will be used to further reduce fuels. Maurice pointed out an issue to be addressed is how much material will be left on site and how to address public concerns regarding use of prescribed fire. DNR wants to be made aware of proposed prescribed fire well in advance. Aaron Everett said it's best to inform DNR the fall before a scheduled burn. Dick pointed out that smoke management approval for a silvicultural burn, must be requested from the DNR on the day prior, and final approval is given the morning of the burn. Russ felt that our primary purpose should be to reduce fuels so that

natural fire can be allowed. Dick pointed out that mechanical fuel treatments do not replace prescribed fire in terms of ecology or fuels reduction.

5. Collaboration Conference

Lloyd has been asked to participate in a collaboration conference hosted by National Forest Foundation that is upcoming in Missoula. Collaborative groups from around the nation will be present as well.

6. East Wedge Project

Claudia met with Laura Jo West and Lynn Kaney this morning. Stand exams are done. Lynn asked for another 123 plots that Claudia believes will be done by Monday. Lynn will have a rough draft proposed action out within a week. Botanical surveys will be completed by George Wooten this spring. Claudia is looking for a fuels specialist with NEPA experience. The district is at \$106K dollars in expenses and \$53K in-kind match. Lloyd noted the \$460K the FS got is sufficient to do NEPA work, but there are no funds at this time for implementation.

7. Annual meeting

June 17 is our annual meeting. The meeting will start @ 1 PM, SCCD, followed by a BBQ beginning @ 3:30.

Lloyd McGee, President

Timothy Coleman, Secretary
