

NBFC DRAFT minutes

Meeting Date: March 25, 2021

Location: online

Approved: April 28, 2021

In Attendance:

NBFC Members and Guests:

Paul Anderes (Union County Commissioner)
Mike Billman (ODF)
Nils Christoffersen (WR)
Kathleen Cathey (Senator Wyden's Office)
Alyssa Cudmore (WR)
Jim Doherty (Morrow County Commissioner)
Steve Edwards (BRC)
Pam Hardy (WELC)
Jean Jancaitis (WR)
Kerry Kemp (TNC)
Rob Klavins (OW)
Kelly Makela (WR)
Laura Navarrete (USFWS)
Katy Nesbitt (Wallowa Co. NR/Econ. Dev. Dir.)
Jacob Putney (OSU Extension)
Susan Roberts (Wallowa County Commissioner)
Caitlin Rushlow (Wallowa County NRAC),
Lindsay Warness (Woodgrain)

Forest Service:

Anthony Botello
Jim Brammer
Brianna Carollo
Peter Fargo
Bill Gamble
Richie Gardner
Lucas Glick
Brian Goff
Bob Hassmiller
Amber Ingoglia
Christy Johnson
Heidi McRoberts
Tom Montoya
Nathan Poage
Jamie Ratliff

Facilitator:

Jeff Costello

Important Topics Discussed:

- Collaborative Role in All Lands effort
- Presentation re: the current draft of the Wallowa County Natural Resources Plan
- Zones of Agreement

Minutes Key

- Meeting minutes do not represent collaborative agreements, unless they specifically say so. They are meant to record three basic things only: 1) the issue discussed, 2) the major points or questions raised in the conversation, and 3) the resolution, if there was one. Unless specifically stated, resolutions are only the resolutions of the people present at the meeting.
- Common Abbreviations:
 - Q: Question
 - A: Answer
 - Cmt: Comment
 - Tx: Treatment
 - Rx Fire: Prescribed Fire

- Highlighted Items are typically those that require follow-up.
(Usually suggestions for future agendas)

Meeting Notes

Preliminaries:

- Agenda Review - No changes
Main Topics:
 - CFLRP Role
 - Presentation by Caitlin Rushlow about activities at the Wallowa County RAC
 - Zones of Agreements
- Election of Lindsay Warness to the Executive Committee
 - All in favor.
- Jeff requested that the meeting not be recorded and asked if that would be honored.
No one said that they would be recording.

CFLRP: Collaborative Role

- Pursuant to the CFLRP award an All Lands collaborative effort has sprung up to try to coordinate actions on public lands with efforts that have been ongoing on private lands for years. The coordinators of that effort invite the NBFC to describe their role in this effort so that others can better understand how we fit in with the other people working in this arena.
- See notes captured on the actual slide
(should be attached here)
- Notes captured were a bit too long. A subcommittee will word-smith and bring results back to the full group.

Caitlin Rushlow

- The Wallowa County NRAC presentation of the DRAFT new Natural Resources Plan
- See slide show & new Plan
- Over twenty years ago, the NRAC emerged in response to the ESA listing of the spring Chinook Salmon. Their first project was a "Salmon Plan" co-authored by the County and the Nez Perce Tribe. This process was an update of that 90's era Plan.
- It provides advice, and shows where resources may exist to help upgrade management practices. It is not a regulatory document. It will become part of the Wallowa County Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
- Since the Plan was passed in the 90's it's been the touchstone for attracting millions of dollars to the local area for habitat restoration. There is more high quality habitat in Wallowa County than is being occupied. The problem is that the fish are having a hard time getting to Wallowa County.
- There is a very strong emphasis on monitoring to verify that the good ideas are happening.

- Wallowa County NRAC has existed for over 25 years.
Aiming to create a comprehensive and complete database of all projects they've worked on
- Kathleen Cathey suggested that they should talk about some innovative work they did with Malheur County re: salmon; that there might be opportunities.

Zones of Agreement

- Again, notes were taken in the body of the document.
Not all issues were resolved.
Jeff recorded the names of those interested in working out details, and will set up sub-committee meeting times to work out details. If possible, those subcommittees will bring recommended language back to the full group in April.

Adjourn: Noon