

Custer-Gallatin National Forest Working Group (CGWG)

Meeting MINUTES; Wednesday, JUNE 8, 2016 (1:00 PM)

Park County Admin. Building, 414. E Callender St., Livingston, Montana

Time	Topic	Lead	Outcomes
1:00 PM	Opening and introductions; Agenda discussion, Meeting materials:	Prinkki	Welcome, introductions, agenda reviewed
1:05	Consent Agenda: Minutes Financial report/disbursements	Prinkki/Atwood	Vote on consent agenda items:
1:10	Membership applications; Tribal seat	Prinkki/Atwood	Review and vote on membership applications Consider addition of Tribal seat
1:15	Local Government Center	Blake Christensen / Prinkki	Forest Plan Survey CGWG Members Define scope of work/calendar
2:15	North Hebgen Project Committee report; Draft comments	Skinner / Brennan / Warden	Review draft comments for the North Hebgen Project
2:45	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Darcy Warden	Comparison of current eligible rivers and GYC proposals
3:05	Shields Farm Bill Project	Marty Malone	Project update
3:15	Custer Gallatin National Forest	Mary Erickson Virginia Kelly	Keeping up to date on Forest Plan Revision and specific projects
3:45	DNRC: Forest In Focus and Good Neighbor Authority	Matt Arno Craig Campbell Mo Bookwalter	Forest in Focus update Good Neighbor Authority opportunities
4:15	July Meeting agenda	Prinkki	Determine location, time and content
4:30	Close, if not sooner		

Attending:

Brent Sinnema
 Bill Wallace
 Mike Christianson
 Dan Clark
 Blake Christensen
 Kerry White
 John Beaudry
 Scott Brennan
 Kevin Germain
 Darold Zimmer
 Jerry Furtney
 Hillary Eisen
 Ian Jones
 Jim Hart
 Darcie Warden
 Mike Penfold
 Marty Malone
 John Prinkki
 Earl Atwood

Mat Pitzer
 Jeremy Carpenter
 Molly Watters
 Nancy Schultz
 Barb Beck
 Virginia Kelly
 Mary Erickson

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Prinkki at 1:00 PM.

Consent agenda including May 2016 minutes were adopted. Motion-Malone, 2nd-Wallace

No new membership applications have been received.

Blake Christensen, MSU Local Government Center presented the compiled results from the member survey conducted since the May, 2016 Meeting. Survey synopsis to be added to the CGWG online library.

North Hebgen Committee Report: Scott Brennan reported the draft Environmental Assessment has not yet been released by the Forest Service, but is anticipated around June 15th. The Committee will meet next on June 21st in Bozeman at 3:00, and will begin its work on drafting comments for adoption by CGWG.

Wild and Scenic Rivers: An updated Wild and Scenic Rivers Chart was distributed by Darcie Warden. John Beaudry also handed out a scaled map showing private/public ownership details in the Wild and Scenic River corridors.

Smith Shields Project report: Marty Malone reported on work to organize the Smith Farm Bill Committee. The Forest Service Strike Team spent a week in this area and met with Alex S. Hopefully the Strike Team will be available to meet with the Project Committee when it comes together. Mary Erickson provided an explanation of the Strike Team evaluation and where the process stands.

Forest Plan Revision: Eight public meetings and three webinars are scheduled for the next three weeks. These will focus on a community conversation format with small groups to identify key concerns in each area. Each event will run approximately 3 hours. There will be fewer meeting locations this round, primarily due to the geographic area to be covered.

Scott Brennan reported that Federal Advisory Committee representatives for Quiet and Motorized Recreation will be in Bozeman July 25th. Details of the visit will be researched with further information brought to the July meeting.

The Coalition of Forested Counties has reorganized to become more involved in public policy. A summit will be held in Missoula on October 19/20, which corresponds with Tom Tidwell's visit to the area. John Prinkki plans to attend, and requested approval from the members to utilize CGWG funds to cover his lodging expense for the event. He will use a county car so will only need funds for the hotel. Marty Malone moved approval, seconded by Kevin Germain. CARRIED

The July meeting will be held in Bozeman on July 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.