

Blue Mountains Forest Partners
Full Group Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2008, 4pm – 7pm
The Federal Building – FS Juniper Room

Present: Maia Enzer, Alden Boetsch, Mike Billman, Ted Merrill, Lou Gillette, Roy (FS), Mat Carter, Diane Browning, Curt Qual, Jeff Maben, Art Andrews, Brooks Smith, Bob Parker, George Meredith, Eric Wunz, Emily Platt, Dave Traylor, Charolotte (FS), Ryan Falk, Charlie O’Rorke, Glenn Johnston, Elaine Kohrman, Mark Webb, Dave Hannibal

Minutes from October 25, 2007 Full Group meeting

Minutes unanimously approved

Dad’s Creek Subcommittee Presentation and Discussion

Please see attached notes from Dad’s Creek Subcommittee Meeting

Conference call will be held to finalize discussion of some outstanding issues. Please contact Emily Platt at Emily@gptaskforce.org or 503.221.2102 if you are not on the Dad’s Creek Subcommittee, but would like to participate in the discussion.

Idea to hold a field trip to see the Dad’s Creek marking once it’s done proposed. Group liked idea.

BMFP Operations advancements

Members of the BMFP Operations Committee will meet with the Forest Service on February 7 to discuss:

- Formal introduction to the Operations Committee and explanation of our role and function within the BMFP.
- Ways to increase collaboration regarding community outreach and education.
- Learn about plans and activities the Forest Service currently has that involve restoration, stewardship contracting, and biomass utilization and the role that the BMFP can play in those.
- Learn more about other collaborative efforts the Forest Service is involved with in this and adjacent communities and how we can be supportive and complimentary of those efforts.
- Discuss the role that BMFP can play in broader aspects of the Land and Resource Management Plan and in formulation and execution of landscape scale activity plans.
- Discuss possible sources of funding to support projects, especially restoration, fuels reduction and other elements that would not be expected to be adequately self funding.
- Discuss possible sources of funding to support collaboration between the Forest Service and the BMFP including areas in which the Forest Service may be able to provide financial support to the work of the BMFP.

Progress update on local BMFP coordinator job description and review of next steps:

- Titcomb Foundation: \$4k approved
- Title III funding: George and Mark talking about next steps and possibility of funding.
- Need at least \$15k total to fund the position for one year
- Financial update
 - BMFP has about \$9k in bank. Haven’t spent any money since the Science Forum
 - Will probably cost about \$2k to put on the Economics Forum
 - Will probably cost about \$1.5K to do a follow-up event to the Science Forum
 - BMFP fundraising/outreach event to share information about what group is doing, priorities and what money is needed for with the public. Event could be held in spring/summer and include a field trip to one of the project areas (prob. Dad’s Creek) and then have a potluck dinner fundraising event in the afternoon/evening.

Update on Planning for the Economics/Stewardship Contracting Forum

Mike Billman will begin doing individual outreach to people who have expressed an interest in being involved in the forum. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Mike.

Description of FS SE Galena Project

- Purpose of presentation to let BMFP know the project is coming up. FS is interested in working informally with the BMFP (perhaps a subgroup of people from the Full Group) to get feedback and advice from as the project moves forward.
- This would not be a BMFP project
- Project area and interest/capacity have varied since the late 1990s.
- There are now about 8,000 acres included in the project area.
- Much of the information and analysis is already on hand from a previous EIS process
- FS plans to get scoping on project out in late spring/early summer 2008

Restoration Principles

- Group will review copies of restoration principle examples distributed before and at meeting.
- Group will revisit idea of creating BMFP restoration principles at next Full Group meeting in March

Lower Shirttail Damon Project Update

- FS will draft out a project timeline and some time to begin involving group
- Right now plan is to do analysis in 2008-2009 and implement in 2010
- There could be an opportunity to do a site visit this summer
- A Prairie City ID team will probably take the lead on this project.

Additional Updates

- George Meredith and Bob Parker (OSU Extension) will talk about opportunities to do some joint private landowner outreach with BMFP, OSU, and Oregon Dept. of Forestry.
- The BLM is interested in treating their land next to the Dad's Creek area. They are planning on using some of the information used by BMFP.

Declaration of Commitment

- 9 additional people signed the document at the meeting bringing the total number of signatories to 27.

Next Full Group Meeting Scheduled for March 20, 2008