

Public Lands Coordination Commission

October 25, 2011

PLCC Commissioners present: Frank Green, Zane Odell, Dennis Atwater, Slim McWilliams, and Matt Clark, Travis Greenlee, Rob Yates alternate.

Montezuma County Commissioners present: None

Citizens Present: none

Federal Agency Representatives:
Forest Service; Mark Lambert & Debbie Kill.

7:00 PM Meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited & ground rules established.

First item of business was approval of agenda & minutes. Minutes were approved.

Re-appointments to the PLCC were discussed. Travis Greenlee was appointed to take Rob Yates place and Rob Yates was appointed as an alternate in place of Ginger Black. Dennis Atwater, Matt Clark and Frank Green were re-appointed.

PLCC officers were discussed. It was moved and seconded to keep officers as they are at the present time. Motion passed.

Mark Lambert the new interim District manager for the Forest Service introduced himself and reported that it looked like there may be a new District Ranger appointed by the end of December or shortly thereafter.

Over view of Alternative D was provided by Debbie Kill. Debbie pointed out some of the areas where the PLCC members had made suggestions on maps during the map exercise during the comment period. Input from the PLCC (and other members of the public) was reviewed and of the suggestions were able to be carried forward. Debbie identified several roads that were to be left open. Debbie noted the areas where the public land managers wanted the least number of roads and maximum area for big game habitat. Debbie noted that the area was selected because of the location of winter range and critical winter range as well as transition habitat. Debbie also noted that the road to Benchmark was proposed to be left open all the way to the top, but propose to leave Glade Mountain and Beef trail closed.

Debbie noted that the Thomas & Glade Mountain area had always been closed to cross country travel. Those areas have compliance problems. Those areas have also had seasonal restrictions.

Debbie also described two loops within the Salter Y area. Those areas did not have any open roads in the prior proposal. However after field checking the USFS added two loops. Another loop area suggested on the PLCC map was field checked but the routes

were grown in and not well used. In addition the habitat was determined to be vital therefore the loop was not carried forward in that area.

Dispersed campsites were reviewed and some areas were left open farther up the spur roads to allow for camping. The Sawmill road was also reviewed and it was decided that the area would be left open for dispersed camping and ways to restrict damage to the meadows in the area would be considered.

The potential for loops were considered to be important and roads that made good loops were given more consideration.

Some road were reviewed and left open farther out onto main points but the roads were often proposed to be closed before they dropped into the drainages.

The Glade OHV trail was adjusted so that it would run south of Glade Canyon rather than down in Glade Creek. This was done to avoid conflict with the ranching operation at this location.

A trail connection was proposed for non-motorized use from Dolores to House Creek.

Approximately 20 miles of road was added in Alternative D. Travel would still be restricted to designated areas. Except for 300' distance for dispersed camping. There will still be areas where closure barriers may be moved back past the 300' area for dispersed campsites during the implementation phase.

Game retrieval will be proposed in the areas previously designated as "F" areas. Game retrieval is to be used for the act of retrieving game and would require a punched carcass tag. Game retrieval would be allowed from archery through 4th rifle season.

CANM Maps were reviewed and meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.