

## **Public Lands Coordination Commission**

Meeting Minutes April 5, 2011

PLCC Commissioners present: Drew Gordanier, Frank Green, Zane Odell, Dennis Atwater, Slim McWilliams, Matt Clark

Montezuma County Commissioners present: none

Citizens Present: None

Federal Agency Representatives: None

7:05 PM Meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited & ground rules established.

First Item of business was approval of agenda & minutes. Agenda & Minutes were approved adding discussion of the GAP to the agenda new business.

Old business was discussed.

A letter forwarded from the Forest Service was discussed that provided opinion on coordination.

Updates were given on BOCC actions. The BOCC passed a new resolution setting membership of the PLCC to 7 members and two alternates. Slim McWilliams was appointed as the seventh member and Casey McClelland and Ginger Black were appointed as alternates.

Updates were given on the request for SOPA information. No information has been provided yet.

Updates were given on the US Waters issue. It was reported that no new information has yet come forward and that a release of the guidance document was still pending.

Updates were given on the New Forest Planning Rule. Dennis Atwater read a letter that described the new planning rules as peeling an onion. Everyone was still in the process of reviewing the document and trying to identify changes in philosophy and how it will impact the planning process. A comparative review is the goal. Matt Clark noted that for us the new rule seems to try to put more control at the local district level but also noted that there are many things in the new rule that are not defined.

Updates were given on the Wild lands Secretarial order. Dennis Atwater read a letter regarding the McCarthy Proposal to reverse the Secretarial Order 310. It was reported that a County in Utah has filed suite against Secretary Salazar that based the complaint on the inability to coordinate.

Updates were given on the idea of sending a coordination letter to all of the other agencies. Dennis Atwater reviewed a letter that he had previously written. Discussion

was had regarding how to change the letter to make it appropriate for other agencies. The protocol letter that was outlined by the American Stewards of Liberty was discussed. It was noted that a new cover letter that was more agency specific is needed. It was also noted that language relating to FLPMA would not be suited for notifying state agencies that we are a Coordinating County. Discussion was had on the wording of the letter so that it covers state agencies as well.

A motion was made to send a letter on to the BOCC recommending that they present a coordination letter to the BLM and CANM at their earliest opportunity. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

More research will be done on state statues before recommendations are made regarding sending the coordination letter to the CDOW.

Dennis Atwater gave a brief report on the BOCC meeting from Monday which was attended by the Forest Service and the Colorado Division of Wildlife. There was discussion regarding RS 2477 then the Forest Service and CDOW came in. Discussion focused on mainly on Motorized Game retrieval, and RS 2477 roads.

Discussion then shifted to the comment period that is supposed to be re-opened for the Glade Boggy Draw Management area. It was suggested that the BOCC provide input as soon as possible in effort to reach consistency before the process is re-opened to the public.

It was recommended that a memo be sent to the BOCC that encourages them to provide comment to the Forest Service before the process is opened up for public comment.

The Comprehensive Plan was then discussed. It was noted that there appears to be some gaps within the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Code. Discussion focused on codification of the Comprehensive Plan and how the Land Use Code can be modified to help protect economy and access to public lands. It was noted that none of the economic viability of the county is written into the Land Use Code.

The PLCC plans to meet with the Planning Commission on the 28th to discuss gaps within the two Plans.

Meeting Adjourned 8:48

