

**Meeting of the Board of
County Commissioners
Tri County Forest Group
Friday May 25th, 2018 1:00 PM**

**Location: Tri county Economic Development District 986 S Main St. Colville, WA 99114
Meeting Room**

Introduction of Attendees:

1. Amanda Rowton, Clerk of the Board, commissioners@co.ferry.wa.us
2. Mike Blankenship, Ferry County Commissioner
3. Nathan Davis, Ferry County Commissioner
4. Stan Christie, TCMRA
5. Matt Scott, Vaagen Bros Lumber/ NEWFC
6. Johnna Exner, Ferry County Commissioner
7. Steve Kiss, Pend Oreille County Commissioner
8. John Boyd, NEWT
9. Tim Coleman, KRCCG
10. Gloria Flora, SOS & NEWFC
11. Dave Hedrick, Ferry County Conservation
12. Kinsey Coots, TEDD
13. Mike Paulson, CMR representative
14. Bob McKellar, DNR NE Region
15. Maurice Williamson
16. Scott Nielsen, Cattle Producers of WA
17. Travis Fletcher, Colville National Forest, twfletcher@fs.fed.us
18. Jesse Mullen, Statesman Examiner

Introductions

Commissioner Blankenship opened the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Additions to the agenda

Topic: Conservation non-motorized recreation proposal, Tim Coleman

Conservation non-motorized recreation proposal

Tim Coleman distributed information "Colville National Forest Travel Management Planning update" June 2007. He discussed the travel management proposal screening process. He said that the conservation community has given and given and participated in collaboration. The conservation community is unhappy with the fact that this meeting isn't going to be a collaborative process and because there will not be a voting process the conservation community isn't going to participate in this group, only observe. Advisory capacity is not what they were hoping for.

Scott Nielsen disagreed with the amount of use that is increasing. The ATV people lost way more than they gained.

Tim Coleman showed a map that outlined an area they wanted to see non-motorized only.

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Travis Fletcher said that it is a mixed use trail.

Tim Coleman said it's what they want (non-motorized) because they want solitude.

Gloria Flora said not every use for every acre. They don't want to have a loud motorbike come around the corner.

Travis Fletcher asked how this fits in the TCMRA proposal.

Tim Coleman said they have put 15 years of support and invested. They don't feel like they are getting compensatory support.

Matt Scott discussed collaboration and how they are two roads parallel (conversation) where eventually you get to a place where you can agree on.

Maurice Williamson said he didn't hear a specific ask from Tim Coleman.

Tim Coleman specific ask is for a wilderness bill in the Colville and he wants to hammer out an agreement.

John Boyd said he had ridden the Rail Trail. The area of the Golden Tiger Pathway was rough on the surface and rough to ride. He wanted to know what part would meet his needs with a smoother surface. He would like to protect the crest.

Commissioner Blankenship said no consideration was given, no opportunities for motorized. All that is asked from the motorized community is to connect existing routes for motorized. Adding ATV's to an already motor traveled roads makes sense. He said he is not here to trade; he is here to protect public access. We will continue to meet and provide a place for public input.

Stan Christie said we used to be able to ride anywhere. In 2005 the travel plan the ATV community was kicked off. He said he doesn't want to ride the crest. He just wants his WATV license recognized.

Forest Service update

Travis Fletcher is anticipating the recommendation of the Tri County Forest Group. Following the code of regulations/law, this situation looks like an administrative decision for the USFS not a NEPA.

Forest Plan Revision

Travis Fletcher said the anticipated release day is August 31, 2018. There will be a 60 day objection period. Jim Pena is retiring July 3, 2018. There was a short discussion on the next regional forester.

Matt Scott Letter

Commissioner Steve Kiss and Matt Scott had gone through this letter. Matt sees this group coming together over policy issues. The draft letter is in the file.

Bob McKellar discussed access to forest lands through DNR.

Maurice Williamson said it is a thorny and long road.

Gloria Flora suggested clarifying ownership in the letter.

Matt Scott DNR & Forest Service would be the ownership.

Bob McKellar said it's usually a private land owner.

Matt Scott is going to consider Gloria Flora suggestions and get out a new draft.

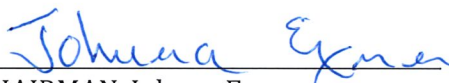
Commissioner Blankenship asked for people to consider the Bulldog Project for the next meeting as we will have it on the agenda next time.


Matt Scott discussed the Chewelah A to Z kickoff.

Stan Christie discussed the TCMRA ride last weekend at Sheep Creek.

The next meeting is going to be June 22nd, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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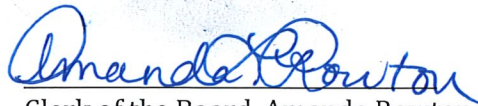

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Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton