

**Special Meeting of the Board of
County Commissioners
Tri County Forest Group
Friday August 24th, 2018 1:00 p.m.**

**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. Johnna Exner, Ferry County Commissioner
3. Nathan Davis, Ferry County Commissioner
4. Mike Blankenship, Ferry County Commissioner
5. John Conner, Resident
6. Seal Morgan, Stevens County property owner
7. Marilyn Wilson, Stevens County
8. Patty Ambacher, Stevens County
9. Timothy Ambacher
10. Mary Paul, Stevens County
11. Eleanor Mattice, Stevens County
12. Bob McKellar, DNR
13. Carol Vrba, Resident
14. Mike Slater, Resident
15. Josh White, USFS
16. Gloria Flora, NEWFC
17. Mike Petersen, Lands Council
18. Joe Duran, Stevens County
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20. Steve Parker, Stevens County Commissioner

Call to Order

Commissioner Blankenship opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. The attendees introduced themselves.

Hancock Forest Practices

Lorna Moffat gave a presentation and a handout to the group regarding Hancock forest practices. There is a concern regarding clear cutting. Several people in the audience made comments.

Bulldog Project

Josh White said nothing has changed. Draft environmental assessment will take place next spring.

Support Letter

Commissioner Blankenship discussed the letter that was sent to support the motorized trail presentation by Merrill Ott and Gary Neilsen. Josh White discussed the mixed motorized use analysis. They are working out the process draft motor use on the website. It is not likely to show up until next spring.

USFS update

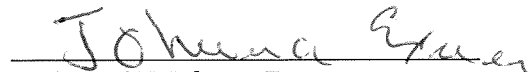
Josh White reported that we are firmly in fire season. We are luckier than most. There are two fires in his district with lines. They are not contained at this time. Most of the current smoke is due to a Canadian fire. The smoke is good for our fires as the smoke stifles the fire in our area. They are still working on Trout lake which was their first good neighbor contract. Discussion was held on Sherman fuels reduction and the final hearing on the A to Z project. Also, finding a logger has been the challenge people are facing.

Forest Plan Revision update


On Monday the USFS will be debriefed. The second week of September the USFS will be reaching out to the Commissioners. Josh White reported that the Regional Forester (Glen) is on board with Eastern Washington.

The next Tri County Forest Group will be held October 26th, 2018 at 1:00pm.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



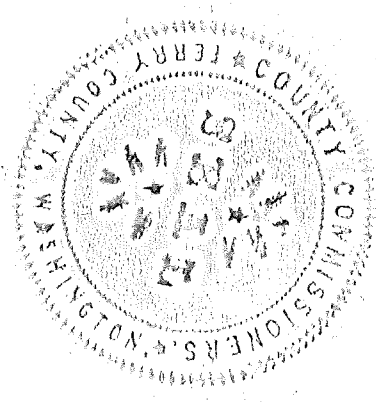
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ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton