

**Special Meeting of the Board of
County Commissioners
Tri County Forest Group
Friday November 9th, 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. Josh White, USFS
5. Stan Christie, TCMRA
6. Merrill Ott, CNF OHV Ambassadors
7. Franklin Pemberton, USFS
8. Silas Rappe, TEDD, srappe@teddonline.com
9. Scott Nielsen, Cattle Producers
10. Rodney Smolden, USFS Colville
11. Matthew Scott
12. Maurice Williamson
13. Andrew Engell, Rep Cathy McMorris-Rodgers
14. Mike Petersen, Lands Council
15. Craig Newman, Colville NF

Call to Order

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting at 2:10 p.m. The attendees introduced themselves.

Forest Service update

Rodney Smolden gave an overview of the objections and listed the 20 comments that have been received. There is eight days left before the objections will be published. Each person will get a letter regarding their standing. They will schedule dates to come to Colville. Mike Petersen asked about the objection meetings and how they will be handled. Rodney Smolden said he is unsure about how the objection will be dealt with.

Josh White said the Orient watershed decision was signed this week. We are moving forward on the draft Environmental Assessment Bulldog project & Boulder Creek Project. Sherman stewardship is going well and is in full swing. We are also doing work on the Kettle Crest trailhead. We are harvesting logs off the wedge. The Walker project is coming to close and the A-Z project is in full swing. USFS is decommissioning some roads from timber harvest.

Rodney Smolden asked what the group would think about free permits for firewood and Christmas trees. The consensus was favorable.

Forest Plan Revision

The timeline is a 90 day resolution period. Everyone who has their name on a letter will be contacted. Merrill Ott asked about an update on a travel management plan. Craig Newman said that it stays the way it is. Merrill Ott asked if we were going to meet through the winter.

Commissioner Davis said we will skip December and schedule for January.

Maurice Williamson said it would be useful to try to make unification with other groups. Merrill Ott discussed recreation and the FPR. He said we could use the forestry group to collect input. It is a good time to do this in 2019. Craig Newman said we are making sure there are loop opportunities for all user groups. There is a limited capacity for recreation. Kristen Ackerman has been hired to help with this. Craig Newman will send Amanda Rowton her email address. She is creating a data base. Mike Petersen discussed Pend Orielle County trails in recreation and special interest groups.

Discussion was held on the grazing comments. Scott Neilsen said that Chance was handling that side of it. He also said that La Claire Creek has been a problem for the cattle producers.

Merrill Ott will email the TCMRA newsletter to Amanda Rowton. Merrill Ott discussed wanting to see better access to the forest service.

Open discussion was held regarding forest land and issues.

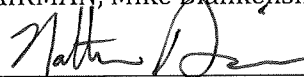
The meeting closed at 3:00 pm.

January 31st, 2019 at 1:00 pm is the next Tri County Forest Group meeting.

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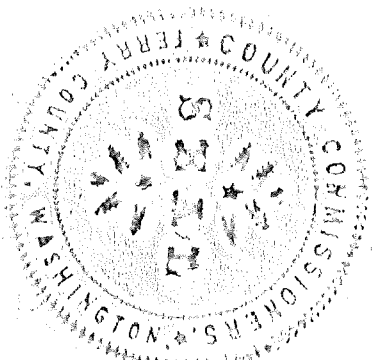
CHAIRMAN, Mike Blankenship



VICE CHAIRMAN, Nathan Davis



MEMBER, Johnna Exner



ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton