

**Lincoln County Resource Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Notes  
September 1, 2004

**Members Present:**

**Group A**

Lee Disney  
Ken Stevens  
Steve Garrett\*

**Group B**

Wayne Hirst  
Peter Kitts  
John Bosworth\*

**Group C**

Gary Huntsberger  
Bruce Vincent  
Russ Hudson  
Marianne Roose\*

**Members Absent:**

Tony Johnson *excused*  
Keith Glover  
Tim Ryan *excused*

Robyn King *excused*  
Tim Linehan *excused*  
Bill Martin

Rita Windom  
Eileen Carney

\*Designates replacement members

**Forest Service Present:**

Bob Castaneda – Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Malcolm Edwards – Libby District Ranger, Russ Gautreaux – Three Rivers Ranger District, Betty Holder – Fortine District Ranger, Barbara Edgmon – RAC Coordinator and Sandi Mason – Facilitator.

**Public Present:**

None

**Meeting Notes:**

Meeting was held at the Historic Raven Ranger Station

Lee Disney led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. The minutes from the August 4, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

Bob Castaneda asked that a committee be formed to prepare a display of the Lincoln County RAC successes in collaboration and project accomplishments for the State-wide County Commissioners meeting on October 16, at Ruby's Inn in Missoula.

Committee members will be:

Russ Hudson  
Steve Garrett

Robyn King (volunteered earlier)  
Lee Disney

Barbara Edgmon will schedule the meeting with the committee and provide a selection of photos to choose from.

Marianne Roose advised that a display would be a good tool for presenting RAC accomplishments to the Congressional delegations in support of the re-authorization of Public Law 106-393.

Betty Holder provided an update on the Wolverine Cabin project that was approved for FY04. Betty asked that the RAC allow up to \$1,400 from the approved funds be used to transport a Historic Preservation expert to the cabin site to give an opinion and estimate of costs for this project. Due to time constraints and other commitments the expert is only available for 1 day to conduct the review. This does not allow enough time to hike into the site. RAC agreed this would be a good use of funds.

Bob Castaneda will prepare a proposal that would allow a certain percentage of leeway for utilizing money within the allocated funds for an approved project. The RAC will review at the November meeting.

Mark Romey informed that as projects are completed the District Rangers will certify that the work has been done, Forest Service Budget and Finance and Contracting sections will assure all the bills have been paid and the DFO will report back to the RAC if there are excess funds to apply to other projects.

The applications for appointment to the RAC are due to the Forest Service Washington Office on January 5, 2005. Application packages will be distributed at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Solicitations for applications will be conducted. All current RAC members must reapply. The DFO, RAC chair and County Commissioners will review applications before they are submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Lee Disney has received a request from Sue Kappalis to present a computer program that utilizes satellite imaging to develop a model of the effects of a proposed action. The RAC suggested this presentation be done at the statewide meeting for greater exposure.

Bob presented a draft of a "letter to the editor" to high light the great collaborative work that is being accomplished by the RAC. Lee Disney and Marianne Roose (working with Rita Windom) will provide quotes that will be included in the letter.

Russ Gautreaux advised that the SST at the Upper Ford Ranger Station, which was approved for FY05, could be installed immediately. Since the FY05 money will not arrive until November or December and the final costs/carryover for FY03 & 04 projects will not be known until after mid October no activity can take place at this time. RAC will review at the November meeting.

Bruce Vincent provided a history of the Historic Raven Ranger Station and a tour of the facility and work that has been accomplished.

Next meeting will be Wednesday November 4, 2004. The meeting will start at 6:00pm at the Supervisor's Office in Libby.

Next meeting topics will include:

- Update on approved projects including funding status
- Applications for RAC positions will be distributed

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Notes by Barbara Edgmon  
September 2, 2004