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**Minutes  
January 11, 2017**

Present: Dave, Fred, Al, Gordy, Paul, Steve, Lisa, Chuck, Aubrey, Ken and Tim

Absent: Tom

Guest: Commissioner Janicki, Doug Couvelier, Ryan Walters, Kirk Johnson, Julie Nichol from the Planning Department

- I. Minutes: Kendra forgot to bring due to prep
- II. Discussion Items:
  - a. Updates: Fred's retirement party today!!! Aubrey has a new job with Great Western. Paul is now retired!!!!
  - b. Blanchard: Lisa Janicki noted that the paper had contacted her regarding Blanchard and she had told them that the legislators had to figure out how to fund the remainder of the costs to protect the core as agreed upon by the settlement agreement. They have a responsibility. She said that Mitch Friedman had talked to Ranker since it didn't appear that Ranker was going to support the totally funding request (Ranker basically said ...get in line.) Ken added more background since he was on the original committee who developed the settlement agreement. There were several "legs" to the agreement, which now have been lost in the discussions. i.e. working on opening up USFS lands and promoting Blanchard as a working forest and educational landscape.
  - c. RFI: The Planning Department team on this project reported back to the FAB on what they have revised in their proposal for an RFI. Ryan asked the FAB background information questions. Talked about lands where this would not apply, i.e. RI. They do not think this can be applied to subdivisions, which they are seeing very few recently due to water availability litigation. Paul commented that this ordinance should apply to any area where a house will be built and where one wants to practice forestry. Size or zoning should not be a factor. There was discussion on the requirement of having a stewardship plan. The FAB reiterated what they said at their last meeting regarding a plan. Planning wanted to do some more research. Planning staff said that if they decide a plan should be required than they will bring back their new proposal rto the FAB. If one is not going to be required, then they may go straight to the Planning Commission with their proposal. That meeting is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. State Lands: Public meeting with the DNR was last night on the marbled Murrelet. It was set up as an educational forum.
- III. Adjourn: 9:20