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**Minutes
May 31, 2017**

Present: Dave, Fred, Chuck, Lisa, Tim, Aubrey, Gordy, Steve, Paul and Ken
Absent: Tom and Al Guest: Doug Couvelier

- I. Introductions and announcements: TFEW will be having their two-meeting next week in Spokane with presentations on salvage from fire and SLO on east side template.
- II. Discussion:
 - A. TFW: The Forest Practice Board directed a technical committee be assembled to analyze and interpret databases to inform potential habitat break points. The FPB the OCH recommendation to essentially continue current practices with some clarification and continued studies to ensure areas are not missed. They also accepted Policy's FHAM (habitat assessment methodology) and to continue to use established break points.
 - B. RFI: Dave discussed the meeting before the County Commissioners regarding RFI. He noted that the way the presentation was made to the commissioners by PDS it appeared to create more confusion. He said he tried to explain the proposal but felt all of the necessary information had not gotten out. The FAB spent time talking about what they thought should now be their recommendation on what was now being proposed. The confusion appears to now be wide spread and the fear is that something that is not supportive of forest practices, which use the DNR forest practice rules, will be adopted. The FAB only wanted to help those individuals who wanted to have small tree farms or simply to harvest trees off their land in a sustainable practice to do so rather than to have the land converted to development uses. The FAB believes that if landowners found they could make some income and keep their lands forested rather than making income through development it would be a much better scenario all the way around. They discussed the implications to the County financially from development and the loss of an important resource. The FAB talked about mechanisms on how to use forest practice rules with a subdivision by creating an overlay, which would utilize forest practice rules instead of the CAO if the land was to stay in forestry. They talked about their frustration that grading ordinances and the adoption of the rules for taking on forest practices within the UGA was being confused with the RFI.

III. Adjourn: 9:10