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Minutes for December 5, 2005...two meetings

Present: Dave, Andy, Dick, Gordy, Aubrey, Tim, Chuck, Paul, Al, Lisa.

Guests: Chuck Kallman, Gary Christensen, Oscar Graham, Guy McNally and Faith Rolland

Staff: Kendra

Meeting I

I. Introductions: FAB members and guest

II. Blanchard Mt. – FAB needs to comment in next 2 weeks; re-vamp letter to commissioners and send to DNR. There will be time to comment again once we see what DMR is presenting.

Tim – Multiple use – can this be applied to State lands for beneficiaries

Paul – Not primary intent of DNR but do give it a lot of weight

Dave – Never felt it is a conflict with recreation and should say this again

Dick – Follow HCP! Most operable ground they have

Gordy – Volunteered to be on committee to re-write letter

Dick – Volunteered as well.

III. Comp Plan update – Gary C gave background along with Guy M on the 7 year update. Described the process and the roles of the various committees/boards and Planning Commission.

Dave – group worked very hard in reviewing and making some amendments

Gary C – Thanked Dave for going before the PC and articulating what the FAB did and felt. They would have to deal with differing reviews: 15 member steering committee, PC and BOCC. Present at this meeting today to reassure you and put your fears aside. BOCC told Planning (PDS) that all ideas need to be brought forward. Goes to BOCC in Jan. for their ok as to problem solve.

Gordy – will FAB see final doc before it goes out to see if comments got in or not

Gary C – No there not be time...We worked with Kendra on edits

Kendra – Have shared comments back and forth with Paul to bring before the FAB today, but we were told that we had a 'couple of days' timeline to review and bring comments back to Planning (PDS)- they received comments requesting FAB language be included. The FAB meets once a month and can't take action without a prior meeting. Paul and I were responding to what changes the PDS made when they deleted language the FAB had previously proposed. Language was circulated amongst the FAB i.e. Conservancy/Easements. Have not seen that any comments that were sent to consultants or PDS were included...no acknowledgement to date.

Guy – Steering Comm. 2 – 4 weeks to review before final comments

Andy – Gordy is right, we want to see what you've put in since you cut it out once and now saying it is being put back in

Gary C – Doing best with time and resources that we have. Not necessarily the final doc. – The Steering Co is the final review

Dave – Presented reasons why CIP and 50% buffers were recommended

Al – Sat in good faith with other organizations to hammer out some language – and now the language may change and a breach of faith occurs from the other organizations

Gordy – Not Fair!

Gary C – Kendra should have shared

Kendra – e-mails were shared with the FAB, including the first one stating that boards such as the FAB and AAB were to be given weight in their recommendations. I was not aware that the FAB language was to be deleted, just knew that PDS had their own viewpoint and thought that everything was going to be included.

IV. Faith Rolland, Trust for Public Lands (TPL): National land trust generates revenue through donors who can act quickly...different from the Nature Conservancy. Wanted to inform the FAB of the TPL role they play in protecting the landscape and forest practices and what they have available. They are willing to buy development rights and still have working forests. They give the land back to the Forest Service.

Discussion on how the Forest Service does not manage their lands any more.

V. Meeting Adjourned 9:15 a.m.

Meeting II

I. Meeting opened 9:20

Discussion and Action on proposed language to the Comprehensive Plan.

Gary – Red Flag:

- 50% density/ 2nd forest buffer

Paul-moved to all IF have a 2nd buffer by changing IF to 2nd if necessary

Tim- seconded

Guy- proposed as alternative

Paul amended and Tim gave a second.

All approved

Discussion on proposed changes to the new draft plan that Desiree sent to Paul and Kendra and then Kendra and Paul made changes to get to the steering committee package...these were for clarification of the FABs language and the language for the easements. FAB in agreement to all of the changes.

II. Adjourned @ 11:00 a.m.