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Minutes January 8, 2007

Present: Chuck, Gordy, Paul, Dave, Fred, Lisa, Aubrey, Ken, Dick. Staff, Kendra
Absent Al, Tom, Larry.

Guest: Guy and Oscar from PDS and Will Hamilton

Dave made a note to contact Tom to make sure he knows where the meetings are being held.

Motion made by Paul and seconded by Gordy to approve the December minutes.
Approved.

Discussion items:

- I. Type N waters. Kendra gave an update from FF Policy meeting. Gary Graves from the DNR had included the NW Region proposal to the four other alternatives being discussed by the subcommittee. Discussed the need to better refine the proposal and meet with other stakeholders to get their feedback.
- II. CAO. Paul told the FAB that Oscar warned that PDS staff made some changes to the CAO regarding harvest within riparian zones. The FAB needs to review. Guy stated that the mapping deliberations with the PC had started. Jan 11th will be the forestry proposals. FAB commented that no one would be able to be present at this late date. Guy discussed a fire/IF map he was having GIS create. Would be a good tool.
- III. Policy Direction. FAB agreed that with a new Commissioner on board that they need to make sure communications are open. Would like to have Com Dillon attend the next meeting. Gordy and Lisa will dust off talking points and have ready for next meeting. Want to find out what the BoCC direction for the FAB will be.
- IV. Conversions. Oscar shared his conversation with John Cooper in PDS regarding the policy created in 2003 to allow harvesting without being subject to the 6 yr moratorium if the area is called out and not to be

converted. He wanted to find out more details and would let Kendra or Dave know the out come. Discussion ranged on why this policy made sense to promote forestry not stifle it. The question as to whether it should apply to the whole parcel or not was debated. Oscar asked 1. should this apply to Cascade Ride, 2. How big of a deal is this to the FAB and 3. should this be applied to all designations. How does a COHP fit in??? Answer it doesn't.

- V. Blanchard Mt Update. Ken gave his impression of where things stood and Kendra gave perspective from a beneficiary perspective. About 1600 ac will be taken out of production of the 4800, with compensation. It seemed to boil down to a spiritual debate not one as to the adequate protection or the lack of recreation. Will Hamilton offered his perspective, stating that this has been difficult and that the common ground appears to be the desire to not have any forest land conversions to development.

Adjourned 9:00.

Next meeting February 5, 2007.