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**Minutes
December 3, 2007**

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

Absent: Tom, Aubrey, Dick and Lisa.

Guest: Kevin Zobrist, WSU ext.

** no actions taken due to lack of quorum**

- I. Discussion on attendance. Dave will give Tom a call. Aubrey snowed in and Lisa and Dick are on vacation.
- II. Letter to DOE on the aquatics...log storage/transport: Gordy has been in touch with the Dunlaps. He was able to get them connected with Senator Haugen. There is another letter besides the one that the FAB is sending, being delivered to Graham with lots of facts about the consequences of eliminating this activity. The FAB sent a letter to DOE and cc'ed Senator Haugen, John Mankowski and the BoCC.
- III. Low Impact Harvest: Al and Ken have been composing a letter. Agreement that the letter should just simply support the concept being proposed. Ken and Kendra will work on it based on the direction from the FAB. Lots of small landowners and necessary to reduce the burden associated with the typical application. If no critical areas are present then this should be a very simple process. FAB to vote on this next meeting.
- IV. Fish and Wildlife Commission: This is similar to the Forest Practice Board because it manages a resource but with a very narrow group as a board. One of two categories of landowners are impacted by the outcomes of this group. It comes back to the Forestry and Ag industries to change their direction. Need to continue to work on this to see if there is a way to become involved. Important that all perspectives are presented for consideration.
- V. FFR policy: Kendra reported on the CMER workshop held at the end of November where the discussion was aimed at getting clarity as to what projects and programs should be highest priority...time, money and staff all considerations. Do they need to re-evaluate the tract they are on given any new directions from the Forest Practice Board? See this as an opportunity to have some input if the FAB is interested.
- VI. Rural Forest Initiative (moratorium): Dave talked to the BoCC. It was suggested that the FAB propose a code amendment. Dave and Ken are going to work on one and share it with the FAB next meeting.
- VII. Annual WACD (Washington Association Conservation Districts): Al gave an update of the Farm Bill. This is the first time forestry has had its own section in the bill and not combined with another. It provides funding for fire, and healthy forest as well as stewardship programs. Unfortunately it does not appear that it is going to be approved...time is running out.
- VIII. Stewardship programs: Kevin from WSU shared the programs. Snohomish & Skagit have been the only two counties to provide funding support to WSU for

Kevin's position. There are stewardship workshops...9 weeks long. They will teach how to write your own plan. Mid-March in Burlington. Also, some individual workshops.

IX. Adjourned 8:58 am.

NEXT MEETING AT THE NEW OFFICE January 7th 7:00 a.m.

Just past the cemetery and behind the Mexican restaurant. Park on the north side and go up the steps. I will show you where the meeting room is located...

Happy New Year!!!!