



**SKAGIT COUNTY FOREST
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Minutes

February 8, 2010

Present: Dave, Steve, Paul, Ken, Lisa, Tom, Fred, Chuck, Al, Aubrey

Absent: Tim, Gordy

Guest: Carolyn Kelly (Conservation District) Samantha Chang (USFS)

I. Call to Order/Introductions

II. Approval of minutes and meeting agenda. Motion made by Paul and seconded by Ken to approve the December minutes. Passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded by Paul to approve the January minutes with the following amendments:

- Under III a. The acronym TRD to TDR (transfer of development rights) PDR to Purchase of Development Rights; Delete the last sentence
- Under IV b. add last names: peter Goldmark, Miguel Perez Gibson

Passed unanimously.

III. Public comments/correspondence received. None received.

IV. Action Items: None.

V. Discussion Items:

a. **“Platted after 1960” update-** Kendra reported that the bill had support from all who heard it and that it had passed out of the senate. The next place would be to Rules. It would be a good idea for everyone to follow up with a call to the representatives to help keep it alive.

b. **The Nature Conservancy (TNC) tour update-** Committee met to discuss the topics and tour route. The tour will be on Sierra pacific lands near Camp 18. There will be three major topics with answering of the TNC’s questions that they sent via e-mail. The tour will be able to experience some harvesting (but not sure if there will be any cable logging). The tour will start at the Sierra pacific mill at 8:45. The TNC was still trying to get a bus. It will last until 1:00 with a snake/lunch provided by TNC.

c. **Climate change** – Ryan Walters noted that the County is still taking comments. The FAB had some concern over a comment made in the paper regarding carbon from mature and old growth trees. Ryan assured the FAB that the comment did not reflect what the climate committee had agreed to. He noted that he would send a copy of the draft document to the FAB members.

Discussion continued regarding the positive attributes from silvacultural

practices. The FAB would like to see those add to the report the Climate Committee is working on.

d. TFW Policy update- Kendra noted the DNR 2010-2014 Strategic Plan was out and the public hearing for this area had already passed. The due date for comments is the 19th of February. Kendra had updated the County Commissioners and they had requested that a letter written endorsed by the FAB. Due to the short turn around time (and County closure) Kendra will mail a draft letter to the FAB for their review and comments with the understanding that they need to get back to her ASAP. Concerns were about the lack of recognition of the Forest board Trust and the trust/trustee relationship; the need to generate revenues for the trusts; additional uses under aquatics need to be addressed (shellfish growers and log transport); emphasize the need for science (adaptive management) to determine what needs to be done on the ground; and the lack of transparency due to the comment period being so short.

e. Assessment of the conversion of working forests in Skagit County- no report.

f. RMAP accomplishments.- No report.

VI. Informational Items: Ken noted that May 13th is the Society of American Foresters big meeting in LaConner.

VII. Future Agenda Items: Next meeting March 15th. Conversions. Nooksack wild and scenic river.

VIII. Adjourn: Moved by Fred 9:01.

Next meeting March 15th, 2010.