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February 7, 2011
Minutes

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

Absent: Tim, Chuck, Lisa, Gordy

Guest: Doug Couvelier, Carly Rancho, John Cooper, Paul Wagner, Sam Chang, Kirk Johnson

1. Minutes: No quorum
2. Discussion Items:
 - a. Legislative bills- HB 1583, Hydraulic, HB 5211 and companion House bill, HB 1302 broader peer review. Sending e-mail alerts to everyone appears to be the best way to get current information out.
 - b. Federal lands and forest practices- Ken drafted a recommended strategy as to how to approach elected officials and forest supervisors. This was in preparation for a meeting with Congressman Larson. This would then be presented to the BoCC for their review and approval. FAB will review and discuss at next meeting.
 - c. County Code Updates: Carly, John presented proposed updates. John pointed out that the FAB will not think that sections 63, 65, and 68 are timber friendly. He said he was proposing changes (Same as last time around) because he didn't feel County code was consistent with the RCW 78.44 17 (d)(4). A person by the name of Ryan in Olympia is who John was working with. Carly said this will be going to the public in early March and can't promise there will be time for another FAB meeting. The schedule does not appear to have time for the FAB to meet again to discuss any concerns, support or alternatives so will need to take individual actions. The concern from the FABs perspective is that the gravel pits are necessary for operations and building roads generally as part. This will cost the State (and Trusts) money to permit and the landowners. FAB members believe this is supposed to only affect reclamation work. It will have unintended consequences. Many times rock is moved to different parcels owned by the same landowner.
 - d. Envision Presentation: Kirk Johnson from Planning gave a PowerPoint presentation of the work being done by the Citizen's Advisory committee. He asked for FAB members who would like to take this presentation for other foresters and help explain what is going on. Paul suggested taking it to the Timber Fish and Wildlife (TFW) meeting.
3. No Action Items
4. Adjourn 8:57 a.m.