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Minutes
June 11, 2012

Present: Dave, Paul, Chuck, Aubrey and Gordy
Absent: Tim, Tom, Steve, Lisa, Fred, Al and Ken
Guest Doug Couvelier

- I. Minutes. FAB members present reviewed the minutes, but since there was not a quorum a vote could not be taken.
- II. Discussion Items. Dave apologized for getting the agenda out late. He did not hit the send key and it went into his draft file and did not realize that until late this past weekend.
 - A. Northern Spotted Owl. There was follow up discussion and the comment letter that the Commissioners sent to Congressman Doc Hastings at the field hearings on this topic was read out loud. It reflected the information the Commissioners received at the May 22, 2012, work session they had with the FAB and other agencies. Kendra noted that the BoCC had said they would also be writing a letter to the USFW Services as part of the public comment period and includes the same message they did for the field hearings. The FAB said they would be writing individual letters as well. Kendra reminded them that the cutoff date for public comments is July 6, 2012. For those who did not see the presentation it can be viewed on TV21 on the Skagit web page. FAB asked that the address for the comment letters to be sent to them.
 - B. Fish Forest Policy. Kendra was unable to attend the June meeting. There was a vote taken at Policy on the Type N streams and PIP that needed input from the Northwest region. A discussion followed regarding backup for the times that Kendra will not be able to attend. The issues were those that were discussed at the last FAB meeting and partially presented by Curt Veldhuisen.
 - C. Sherman Request. The FAB revisited the request Ms. Sherman had regarding her property and the ability to build a single family home. The FAB did not have the correct information at the last meeting. She is not requesting to subdivide, but rather to build a single family home. The FAB once again indicated that they are not the ones responsible for the code that requires building within 200 feet of a county road. They noted that they are divided on the notion of allowing residential development within the Industrial Forest. Some believe it provides some security and a watch for fires, while others are fearful that residents may not like living next to harvests. There is also concern that the lands would be converted from forest management. If there were a way to ensure full management around the residences, then this would not be as large of an issue. If a person lived off county roads and emergency vehicles were the issue then they would need to sign some statement acknowledging they are out of range... so something to that effect. They then talked again about how the development needs to go into the Secondary Forest and to promote (Conservation and Reserve Developments) CaRDs so that conservation easements could be put into place to hold the line. Commissioner Dahlstedt has gone on record saying he wants to work it out using a TDR program.
 - D. Planning. The FAB wants to extend an invitation to the new planning Director to attend the next meeting. They also want to know the next steps for the RFI and how they can help.
- III. Adjourn. 8:50 a.m.