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May 10, 2016

Present: Gordy, Tom, Steve, Fred, Al, Ken, Dave, Aubrey, Tim and Paul

Absent: Lisa and Chuck Guest: Dale Pernula and Doug Couvelier

- I. Call to order and introductions.
- II. Minutes: Fred moved, and Tim seconded to approve the March and April minutes with typo amended. Approved unanimous.
- III. Discussion:
 - a. Planning Department Updates: Dale reported on the RFI, stating that Gary Christensen had done some research then left so another staff will be taking this on. (Not sure who yet). He noted that the BoCC adopted a work program for the department which included completing the SMP and the Comp Plan update first (Which should be end of June early July). Dale said they needed to then work on the jurisdiction requirement before they got to the RFI. That would involve a conversation on the CAO during the 7/17 update and needs to include a clearing ordinance. After some discussion it appeared that the RFI maybe will be done in combination with the County taking over forest practices within UGAs. The FAB discussed the cluster development ordinance asking Planning to take a look at the Os-PA requirement with respect to practicing forestry. They felt this designation should not be limited to restrictions of the Cao, but if forestry is being practiced it should be the Forest Practice Rules(FPR) (WAC 222). Dale commented that Betsy is working on the SMP and taking to the DOE about using FPRs where forestry is being done. The FAB highly recommended that no conditional use permit should be required when putting in a bridge for a forest practice road and again the FPR should apply. Fees should only have to be paid once. As for the 2017 update for the CAO Dale said the channel migration zone will need to be readdressed.
 - b. TFW update: Kendra gave an update of the 2-day meeting in Spokane. Day one was a field trip that looked at cultural resources, fire burn for forest health and tribal practices when harvesting. The meeting included the unstable slopes Proposal Initiation, the SLM template, budge work, e-fishing report and a CMER update. DOE had expressed concerns with falling behind with the Clean Water Assurances and stressed that this could affect the HCP.
 - c. TFW tour: Steve stressed that he did not want the tour to be a Weyerhaeuser tour and the subcommittee was working on the locations.
 - d. Federal lands: Both the PILT and the SRS were moving forward for funding. FAB wants to find a way to be more proactive and find alternatives ways to fund these .i.e. by managing the forests even if it is only to keep them healthy.
- IV. Adjourn: 9:15 a.m.