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**Minutes  
9/12/18**

Present: Aubrey, Steve, Fred, Al, Dave, Paul, Chuck and Gordy Guests: Dan Berentson and Dan McCarty from Public Works

- I. Minutes Tabled to next meeting for clarification on buffer
- II. Updates: The FAB asked Dan B to give an update on the bridge project on the Finny. Dan said they are still working on getting grant money. Forest Jones would have more information on that. They was a discussion about the culvert law suit (there were no injunctions on counties like on the State) and the number of culverts the forest industry has replaced over the last decade. Dan commented that the county wants to prioritize their replacements. Forest industry has spent millions on culvert replacements on their lands...counties and state have not kept to the timeframe.  
Discussion about county owned properties that are on forest lands or that have timber that needs to be managed. FAB comments that with forest fires and forest health this should be something the county should consider managing. There could also be some revenue for the county. It was pointed out that perhaps there could be some work with the tribes on since this could be a concern of theirs as well.  
  
There was discussion regarding the ballot proposal for a change in county government structure. The proposal is to go to 5 part-time commissioners with a charter. Freeholders would be elected. This would mean that our commissioners would not be able to serve on state appointed boards...like Commissioner Janicki on the Forest Practice Board.  
  
The reintroduction of grizzly bears and the potential impacts. Some bears will travel 200 + miles. FAB does not believe this is a good idea.  
  
FERC relicensing is coming up and this may be a place to have a conversation asking for culvert money as a mitigation. If lands are put into easements then they must be managed.  
  
Kirk Pearson's new job may help working federal lands since it is to help rural communities under 20,000.
- III. Talked about Vickie Christensen being appointed as the new Chief of Forest Service .... The Good Neighbor policy and the involvement of the DNR in trying to get some federal forest lands harvested. The Omnibus 2018 bill and potential projects in Skagit County. There is one in Chelan.
- IV. Blanchard: Talked about the celebration and the speakers on Blanchard. Talked about some of the parcels that have been sold and are under consideration for Core replacement lands.
- V. TFW: updates on the SLO template and the Type N charters being adopted. There will be meetings every other week with the hope of finding consensus and taking a it to the FPB. The studies for the Hard rock are limited and there are questions about the study sites with respect to the impacts of the 2007 storm and the blow downs.
- VI. Next meeting will try to coordinate with WFPA coming to give an presentation to the BoCC.
- VII. Adjourn 9:04 a.m.