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Minutes April 10, 2019

Present: Chuck, Aubrey, Fred, Steve, Ken, Tim, Gordy, and Dave    Guest: Doug Hooks from WFPA

- I. Introductions. Doug, who is known by all for his work at the DNR and now at WFPA explained his new role as the DNR liaison for WFPA. He will continue as the CMER co-chair for a few more months. He may be up in our region more frequently and wants to hear concerns about operations in this area.
- II. Minutes: Ken moved and Tim seconded to approve. Approved Unanimous.
- III. General Comments: In response to Doug's wanting to know concerns:
  - a. Dave- After hearing that some groups want to just increase buffers, he commented that the best defense is a good offence. Need to change the approach. 1. For example, width of buffer (based on height and site class) needs to be re-examined. He would concede that 75' for shade and no other basis for additional widths. The question is how to get this back on the table.
  - b. Ken said he has concerns about the grizzly bears being re-introduced.
  - c. It was asked...what is getting worse every year? Dealing with new geologist. Ken noted that it was determined that OSO was NOT preventable, and the community still doesn't know that. Other FAB members talked about fish being planted in streams that then become fish streams that need to be buffered.
  - d. Communication between regions needs to be improved.
  - e. DNR had no legal liability in the OSO event.
  - f. Does the DNR get to go onto private land to look around? With respect to this, what does the maintenance of roads look like? Is this to minimize delivery? Is this to see if there are reasons for Notice to Comply orders? Concern there is no room for being responsive.
- IV. Updates from WFPA:
  - a. Carbon discussion has been a good one this session and good for industry now. Trump, Oregon and California are all in alignment.
  - b. They have very little access to Hilary Franz.
  - c. Clean Water Assurances are up and DOE needs to decide what they are going to do with those not yet met. However, if they look at the big picture they really have been fairly successful.
  - d. Type N charter has been developed and will go to the FBP at their May meeting. This will look at various studies so as to understand to full picture. Technical folks will be involved from all caucus. T
  - e. he DNR has scheduled a "new" Principal's meeting in June.
  - f. There will be a new AMPA and interviews coming up.
  - g. Want to look at actions that really can help, such as stromwater treatment, road blockages.
  - h. Noxious weed board: Optimize to work with industry
  - i. Burn Permits: Smoke management and escapement. Proactive outreach is good. There is a burn portal on-line.
- V. Adjourn 9:10 a.m.