

Custer-Gallatin National Forest Working Group (CGWG)
MINUTES; Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017 (1:00PM)
Livingston, Montana

Time	Topic	Lead	Outcomes
1:00 PM	Opening and introductions; Agenda discussion, Meeting materials:	Prinkki / Atwood	Welcome, introductions, agenda reviewed
1:05	Consent Agenda: Minutes, Financial report/disbursements	Prinkki / Atwood	Vote on consent agenda items
1:10	Membership seats/applications; Guides; Mike Colpo	Prinkki / Atwood	Review and vote on membership applications;
1:20	North Bridger Farm Bill Committee	Eisen / Committee members	North Bridger subcommittee report
1:50	Smith-Shield Project post decision strategy;	Prinkki	Smith Shields; CGWG file Declaration in conjunction with DNRC/AG's Office
2:00	North Hebgen Project	North Hebgen Committee	Update on project implementation and litigation
2:20	Pryor Mountains Subcommittee	Prinkki	Reorganize
2:30	Custer Gallatin National Forest; Forest Plan Revision	Virginia Kelly and Mariah Lueschen	FPR status report: Wilderness recommendations and W&SR recommendations
3:00	Custer Gallatin Forest Service Plan Revision Outreach	Prinkki / All	Further Work on CGWG Community Outreach events
3:15	Individual member organizations activities report	Prinkki/Atwood	Discuss members represented organizations activities are that could affect the CGWG
3:45	Federal Legislative update	Cistero / Christensen	Information
4:00	October meeting plan	Prinkki	Agenda, location, homework
4:10	Close, if not sooner		

Attendance:

John Prinkki
 Jim Hart
 John Bailey
 Jerry Furtney
 Barb Cestero
 Hilary Eisen
 Joe Skinner
 Jeff Schmidt
 Margo Magnant
 Mike Harris
 Kerry White
 Mike Colpo
 Jackie Musgrove
 Steve Caldwell
 Earl Atwood

Mary Erickson
 Don Bachman

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Prinkki at 1:05 pm. Park County Commission was acknowledged for the provision of the meeting room.

Membership: Mike Colpo, candidate for representation of the Montana Guides and Outfitters Association, was present. He introduced himself and provided a summary of his background and motivation for participating as a Working Group member. Mike is a licensed outfitter, having provided commercial guide and outfitter services within the Custer Gallatin for many years. After a short period of question/answer by the members, Joe Skinner moved the acceptance of Mr. Colpo's application for membership, seconded by Steve Caldwell. CARRIED

North Bridger Forest Health Project: Hilary Eisen reported that the FS project team had conducted an open house event the previous week. She discussed the scoping document process and the timeline for CGWG to develop and submit comments. Mary Erickson indicated she would discuss scheduling with the District office to allow the Working Group an opportunity to submit comments immediately after the December 13, 2017 meeting, which would afford the North Bridger Committee time to develop prior to, and all members to review and approve at the December meeting.

Smith-Shields Forest Health Project: Steve Caldwell provided information on the steps taken by Park County on filing Amicus brief and Declarative Statements in support of the Smith-Shields project. The process was completed one day ahead of the deadlines for filing. Steve will package additional information and circulate to CGWG members.

North Hebgen Project: Not much has changed on the project since the last report. Joe Skinner asked the Group for their thoughts on whether CGWG would take an official position regarding intervention on expected lawsuit(s) on this or other projects that we have developed support and recommendations. There continues to be a question about whether the CGWG has, or can have, legal standing that would allow legal intervention.

John Prinkki suggested the Group arrange a presentation on how various levels of legal intervention can be supported. Scott Brennan has such a presentation that might be helpful. Will try to set this up for the November meeting.

Montana Forest Collaborative Network: The 2nd Annual Montana Forest Collaboration Network (MFCN) Workshop "OVERCOMING ADVERSITY & CONFLICT" will be held in Missoula on November 6-7, 2017. John Prinkki asked members if anyone would be interested in attending to represent CGWG at MFCN. Jeff Schmidt moved to authorize John Prinkki's expenses to attend the MFCN event on November 6-7, seconded by Margo Magnant. CARRIED

Updates from members on individual organization activities were given by each member around the table.

Next meeting: November 8th, Bozeman