

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Forest Service**  
**May 29, 2019**  
**10:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present was Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were U.S. Forest Service Representative Kerry Arneson and U.S. Forest Service District Ranger for the Coeur d'Alene District Daniel Scaife.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

**Discussion with Dan Scaife, District Ranger, USFS regarding the Honey Badger project to improve conditions on Kootenai County public lands (Discussion)**

USFS (United States Forest Service) District Ranger Daniel Scaife provided the Commissioners with maps outlining the Honey Badger project area. He introduced U.S. Forest Service Representative Kerry Arneson and said she was the project planner for the district.

Mr. Scaife stated his department had been working hard to keep the public informed about this project. He explained the purpose of the project was to improve ecological and social conditions to meet desired goals described in the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Land Management Plan and listed the primary targets.

- Establish and maintain resilient forest stand structure and species composition.
- Reduce potential for high-intensity wildfires while promoting desirable fire behavior characteristics and fuel conditions.
- Maintain or improve water quality and aquatic species habitat.
- Provide sustainable recreational opportunities.

He described the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process, which requires federal agencies to do environmental assessments and analyses for projects. He said they were trying to keep stakeholder communities' requests a priority as well. He asked the Commissioners to think about how they would like to be involved with the projects and how they would like to receive communications. He also asked if there were other groups he should contact.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan suggested that he contact the Hayden Lake Improvement District, Cedar Mountain Group and Friends of Rural Timberlake.

Mr. Scaife explained what activities would be taken to improve different areas in the mapped project location. Ms. Arneson described the work being done with different trail riding groups to create or improve approved trails and eliminate unapproved ones. Mr. Scaife assured the Board that public meetings would be held soon.

**D. Public Comment (Discussion):** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County-related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There was no public comment.

**E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk

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