

## **Cache Creek LRUP Notes, February 17, 2005**

The following is a summary of the Cache Creek LRUP meeting held at the Wander Inn on February 17, 2005. The Open House commenced at 18:00, with about 10 attendees prior to the meeting. Meeting started at about 19:00 and went a bit overtime, until 20:30. Minutes prepared by Mike Dedels and reviewed by Dave Piggin.

### **Attendees:**

Dave Piggin, Kamloops Forest District, Stewardship etc., Meeting Chair  
John Dormer, Pacific Bentonite Ltd.  
Trace DeBoer, Rancher  
Grant Gray, Rancher  
Brian Parke, Rancher  
Paul Ford, Rancher  
Terry Schalles, Rancher  
Mike Dedels, Kamloops Forest District, Range  
Terry Green and Tom Blank, Kamloops Fire Zone  
Ron Letham, BCTS  
Kane Copley, West Fraser  
Herman Alec, Xax'lip  
Chester Alec, Xax'lip  
Mike Lorimer, Integrated Woods for Ainsworth, Sk7ain  
Len Quiring, Ashcroft Band  
General Public with undeciphered signature

### **Introductions and Expectations:**

Everyone introduced themselves.

Chair requested any expectations for the meeting:

- Trace DeBoer was there mostly for discussions with the Forest licensees. This was done before and after meeting
- Terry Schalles would like to know if there are any plans for Rattlesnake Park. No known plans for Park. Gave Terry contact numbers and sent him the website link the next day
- Brian Parke had concerns with Blustry exploration and wanted to know more about Bonaparte FRA area. Dave referred Brian to Mike Cathro for updated exploration info. Got some info on the FRA from West Fraser.
- Paul Ford has general concern with the amount of planting that will happen on McLean Lake with Burn and Beetle harvesting. Also concern with site prep and planting on the grassland edge of some beetle blocks along Medicine Creek. Had some discussion on need to plan use with the Forest Service, and hopes that increased openings will allow cattle to spread out, lowering impact.

## **Licensee Presentations:**

- **Ron Letham, BCTS**

Not much happening on the Robertson Creek and Finney areas. Some development in Highland Valley

- **Mike Lorimer, Ainsworth and Sk7ain**

Harvesting PA wood, mostly in the Highland Valley area on beetle areas.

- **Kane Copley, West Fraser**

They are also after Mountain Pine Beetle

They have now purchased Weldwood, so there will be some office changes in April.

### **There was quite a bit of discussion regarding Mountain Pine Beetle, questions answered by licensees and Dave Pigg:**

- Was cold snap enough to kill MPB? Not in this area, possibly in the Peace. Weather patterns dictate that we should get such a cold snap every 20 years or so.
- Any biocontrols for MPB? Nothing currently effective. Some discussion on Douglas fir beetle, trap trees, MSMA etc.

## **Agency Presentations**

- **Terry Green, Kamloops Fire Zone**

Terry reviewed the year end reports for 2003 and 2004 , covering wildfire areas, costs and causes.

Also discussed Protection accomplishments in working towards Filmon Report recommendations, fuel modification and under-burning, as well as rehabilitation of 2003 wildfires.

Handed out FireSmart pamphlet and had some discussion on building protection.

Discussed proposed Harry Lake controlled burn. Hope to get at least one of two phases done this spring, depending on the weather.

- **Mike Dedels, Forest Service, Range**

### Range Use Plans:

Range will be working with the ranchers to ensure that Range Use plans are in place for 2006, which will mean issuing over 200 over the next 2 years in Kamloops and Headwaters Districts. Ranchers have gotten plans in for most areas. These plans are being prepared now for 2006 so that consultation and referrals can get done.

### Tenures:

The only new tenure is a Permit being given to the Bonaparte Band under their FRA for the Maiden Creek West Unit formerly grazed by Minnabarrietts. The Band will be required to have a range use plan, the same as other licensees.

Improvements:

There was significant fencing for burned fences and barriers done on the Venables fire in 2004, with fencing to be completed in 2005.

Weeds:

Forest Service funding is going to the Southern Interior Region who will do a containment program, primarily on newer weeds. Government will continue with biological control.

There is talk from Region about a program with highways for Hat Creek in 2005. Will work with ranchers in hat Creek if that happens.

**Meeting Summary**

All points written on the flip chart were covered in discussion and presentations. Herman Alec wanted to know if they could get help with their range use plan. Mike told him that they should be able to get some guidance from Cascades District. Some ranchers have used contractors, but the plans are fairly simple now.