

## **Cache Creek LRUP Notes, February 8, 2006**

The following is a summary of the Cache Creek LRUP meeting held at the Wander Inn on February 8, 2006. 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 Leith McKenzie.

### **Attendees:**

Leith McKenzie, Kamloops Forest District, Stewardship, Meeting Chair  
Jeff Leahy, Operations Manager, Kamloops Forest District  
Trace DeBoer, Bar M Ranch  
Brian Parke, Brand 88 Ranch  
Paul Ford, Ashcroft Ranch  
Terry Schalles, Rancher  
Jim and Andy Farmer, Gardens Creek Ranch  
Neil and Dave Antoine, Bonaparte Indian Band  
Mike Dedels, Kamloops Forest District, Range  
Steve Schell and Jason Hardisty, Kamloops Fire Zone  
Zoran Boskovic, BCTS  
Ken Wolfe, West Fraser  
Nancy Morris

### **Introductions and Expectations:**

Everyone introduced themselves.

Chair requested any expectations for the meeting:

- Steve Schell is there to look at fire access, Pine beetle fire hazard and discuss fire rehab work
- Jason is looking for more experience with public presentations
- Nancy looking at logging in area, hoped to be able to find maps online
- Jim Farmer concerned with Pine beetle killed trees and need to protect fences, also with boom and bust for range with lots of harvesting then planting.
- Andy is concerned with the loss of the RaPP process, particularly with multiple licensees. How do they know who is operating in their area (referral process).
- Terry Schalles wants to know about anything happening on his rattlesnake Hill range. Concerned about the referral process with other activities, i.e. Racetrack.
- Neil and Dave looking at what's happening in the area to take info back to Bonaparte Band.
- Trace DeBoer was there mostly for discussions with the Forest licensees. This was done before and after meeting
- Ken Wolfe there for opportunity to review plans
- Paul Ford remains concerned with tree stocking levels, especially on grassland edges.
- Brian Parke there to look over plans

## **Licensee Presentations:**

- **Zoran Boskovic, BCTS**

Only current development in this area is the Robertson Creek. Most harvesting in Pine east and north of Kamloops.

- **Ken Wolfe, West Fraser**

Some harvesting in Hat Creek and McLean Lake. They are also after Mountain Pine Beetle, although they are still finishing up some old green wood permits before they expire.

## **Agency Presentations**

- **Steve Schell, Kamloops Fire Zone**

Steve reviewed the year end reports for 2005 and 2004 , covering wildfire areas, costs and causes. Usually 50/50 lightning to people, but more people caused in 2005 Also discussed Protection accomplishments in working towards Filmon Report recommendations, fuel modification and under-burning, as well as rehabilitation of 2003 wildfires.

- **Jason Hardisty, Kamloops Fire Zone**

Jason discussed the Hat Creek Burn and entertained a few questions about potential for fires in beetle killed stands. Costs limit controlled burning

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

Reviewed the following items to be going out in newsletter later in February.

Range Use Plans:

Range will be sending out approved plans with maps over the next couple of months. Ranchers need to know what is in their plan and amend as necessary.

Range Branch move:

Now headquartered in Kamloops under Dave Borth and will be working on Pine beetle initiative, grazing leases and invasive plants among other things.

Improvements:

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

Livestock ownership policies:

See newsletter for info

Compliance and Enforcement:

Reviewed Laila's role and the need for ranchers to be involved and follow or amend RUP's(Range use Plan).

## Concerns

### Improvement protection:

- Ranchers are very concerned with potential impact of dead pine forests and harvesting on their fences. Provincial initiative will look at:
  - Boundaries lost to harvesting, fences required to replace boundaries
  - Impact of logging on existing fences
  - Impact of leaving dying Pine, including within Parks. Potential to log fence right of ways.
- Ranchers note that fences need to be repaired professionally. Loggers are generally not good fencers.

### Forage supply

- Concern that with extensive harvesting there will be a flush of forage for 10-20 years, then it will be lost when plantations come up. Any increases will be short term.

### Invasive Plants

- Noxious weeds remain a large concern and ranchers note that there has been little control
- Feeling that Forest licensees have little responsibility. *It was pointed out that it will be addressed by licensees in FSP's (Forest Stewardship Plans).*

### Forest/Range planning

- Concern that with multiple licensees it is difficult to know who is operating in an area.
- Licensees, especially the smaller tenures do not seem to be following the old RaPP(Range and Plantation Plan) planning process that required discussions with the ranchers.
- Licensees have an interest in planning with ranchers, especially as breached barriers need to be identified before appraisal to allow for fence funding.
- LRUP's help with the process, but other timber tenure holders should be involved.

### Meeting Summary

All points written on the flip chart were covered in discussion and presentations