

Martin Mountain LRUP Notes, February 7, 2005

The following is a summary of the Martin Mountain LRUP meeting held at the Pritchard Community Hall on February 7, 2005. The Open House commenced at 18:00, with only a few attendees prior to the meeting. Meeting started at about 19:00 and went a bit overtime, until 20:45. Minutes prepared by Mike Dedels and reviewed by Dave Piggin.

Attendees:

Dave Piggin, Kamloops Forest District, Stewardship etc., Meeting Chair
Harold Turner, Rancher
Mike Lehman, Rancher
Don Swift, Community Association
Kathy Danchuk, BCTS
Lewis F. Fox, Rancher
Ted Johnson, Rancher
Bill and Shirley Brommeland, Ranchers
Dave Tremblay, Gilbert Smith Forest Products
Marino Bordin, Interfor
Larry Henry, Weyerhaeuser
Mike Dedels, Kamloops Forest District, Range
Steve Schell, Kamloops Fire Zone
Lee Milne, Rancher
Stuart Dick, Land Resources, Neskonlith Band ????
Dawn Morrison, Harper Lake Restoration Project
Wilson A., Neskonlith Band
Beverly Manuel, Neskonlith Band
Arnie Jack, Secwepemc

Introductions:

Everyone introduced, then introduced again with arrival of 5 First Nations attendees at about 19:30.

Dave noted that Tolko not in attendance as Weyco has taken over their area.

Expectations:

Chair requested any expectations for the meeting. Bud Fox wanted to know what logging was going to happen in the area. This was discussed briefly and is summarized under Licensee presentations

Old Business:

The minutes were read briefly. The only old business brought up was boundary fencing near Raspberry Creek. Concern was forwarded to Mike Dedels and discussed under Range.

Licensee Presentations:

- **Kathy Danchuk, BCTS**

Kathy said that BCTS is basically chasing beetles currently, so planning is done fairly quickly. No blocks currently on Martin Mountain, some BCTS blocks were done on McGillivray Fire.

At this point the First Nations Attendees came in and were introduced. Dawn asked if signing the sign-in sheet meant that this meeting constituted consultation. Dave said No, LRUP's are public information meetings. Arnie asked about growth rates for beetle populations and if most of the logging was clearcutting. Dave said beetles were expanding rapidly and that logging varied with forest type.

- **Dave Tremblay, Gilbert Smith**

They have harvested about 25 ha. of MPB patch cuts in the Martin Mountain area. They also have 3 developed blocks in the Ivor Creek Road area and 2 on the Raspberry.

- **Marino Bordin, Interfor**

They are also after Mountain Pine Beetle, primarily in the Adams Lake area.

- **Larry Henry, Weyerhaeuser**

They have no active permits east of Highway 97. Larry has not spent much field time in this area since the Tolko transfer was finalized later in 2004. They are also targeting beetle wood.

- **Dave Piggini, Forest Service**

Noted that there are also numerous NRFL's covering the District for beetle harvest and the Small Scale Salvage program is active.

Bill Brommeland asked if these loggers could harvest on grazing leases. Dave said that they would need to discuss with the leaseholder first.

Agency Presentations

- **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.

Dawn M. questioned the consultation process, feeling that it misses out on many of the users of the land. She was told that we would contact the Chief and/or Resources reps as designated by the Bands to do consultation. It would be best if Band members could work through their Band Councils. They are very concerned with Resource activities in their area and have Herb Hammond doing a report for the Harper Lake Restoration Society. It was mentioned that this may lie outside of our District so they should contact Okanagan Shuswap.

Range Act changes and Training

Changes to the Range Act will likely be finalized this spring, with training to follow.

Improvements:

Future project funding is not known. There is funding available to replace fences and natural barriers destroyed in the wildfires of 2003. The Forest Service will finish off fencing this year

Fence Maintenance agreements need to be worked on.

There was some discussion about the Laveau /Raspberry boundary. Mike D. said that breeched boundary issues are between the Grazing and Forest Licensees, with Range getting involved with boundary location. Dave Tremblay says that Forestry involvement does continue, and it was agreed that C+E monitors whether fences are completed as appraised. There is some question as to whether there are outstanding appraisal funds with Tolko to do fencing in this area. It was agreed that Range should get ranchers and Forest licensees from Kamloops and Ok-Shuswap together to look at barriers in the Raspberry area. Mike suggested that the desire for fencing may be limited due to maintenance responsibilities, to which Lee Milne agreed.

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.

Keep watching for newer weeds, including Field scabious, Perennial pepperweed and Rush skeletonweed.

Ecosystem Restoration:

Hope to carry out burns in Hat Creek, which has been logged with commercial spacing, in early April.

• **Steve Schell, Kamloops Fire Zone**

Steve 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.

Meeting Summary

All points written on the flip chart were covered in discussion and presentations. Arnie Jack wanted to know more information about beetle wood volumes, so logging volumes over the District were discussed and Arnie was invited to call Dave for further info.