

**Meeting of the Board of  
County Commissioners  
Tri County Forest Group  
Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 1:00 PM**

**Location: Tri county Economic Development District 986 S Main St. Colville, WA 99114  
Meeting Room**

**Introduction of Attendees:**

1. Amanda Rowton, Clerk of the Board, commissioners@co.ferry.wa.us
2. Nathan Davis, Ferry County, ndavis@co.ferry.wa.us
3. Mike Blankenship, FC Commissioner District 3, 6jment@gmail.com
4. Johnna Exner, Ferry County Commissioner District 1, jexner@co.ferry.wa.us
5. Steve Parker, Stevens County, sparker@stevenscounty.wa.gov
6. Stan Christie, TCMRA
7. Gary Nielsen, TCMRA
8. Bob Whittaker, Ferry County, misterbobbywhittaker@gmail.com
9. Merrill Ott, TCMRA
10. Joshua White, USFS, jpwhite@fsfed.us
11. Mike Herrin, USFS, mherrin@fs.fed.us
12. Dick Dunton, NEWFC
13. Bill Way, NEWT, lbway321@gmail.com
14. Holly Weiler, WTA
15. Rob Sendak, WWRC
16. Dave Hedrick, Ferry County Conservation District
17. Tiana Luke, Conservation NW/NEWFC, tluke@conservationnw.org
18. Tim Coleman, KRCG/NEWFC, tcoleman@kettlerange.org
19. Kinsey Coots, TEDD
20. Jeff Koffel, TEDD, jkoffel@teddonline.com
21. Andrew Engell
22. Don Dashiell, Stevens County Commissioner

**Introductions**

The meeting was opened at 1:10 PM.

Discussion was held on the letter that was worked on in the September meeting regarding the South Fork of Boulder project.

Commissioner Blankenship discussed the impacts of the road closure and the consensus and expansion of the letter to suit most of the stakeholders needs.

Commissioner Parker discussed the general letter of support for the Alternative B from the last meeting held in September. Commissioner Parker appreciated the email feedback from the stakeholders that created a good dialogue for enhancements.

There was a concern about an area that encompasses an established groomed snow mobile trail.

Tiana Luke gave a presentation on the field trip. She discussed water qualities and aquatic impacts. She said that we need to broaden our vision passed the one road. She discussed the alternatives she prefers based on her concerns. She mentioned that they might have to do some "horse trading" to suit everyone's needs.

Tim Coleman discussed how we need to work in collaboration to suit their needs. What kind of benefits? What kind of problems? These issues need to be looked at. From a non-motorized perspective they are working hard to collaborate.

Merrill Ott asked about the disabled access.

Stan Christie discussed the Disability Act and how there is very limited access for disabled hunters.

Gary Neilsen discussed what he saw on the road. He said there were not a lot of failures on the road. He asked if it was possible for Tiana & Tim to sign on if we change some words.

Merrill Ott clarified that they are asking for analysis.

Tiana & Tim agreed.

Josh White said without having a specific action it would be hard to do analysis. He discussed the different options for an action to study analysis.

Bob Whittaker retracted his yes for the letter as he had previously stated in September.

Tim Coleman discussed the opportunity that can happen with the NEPA that is going to be done.

Josh White discussed the economy of being there now. The action is very important when it comes to the analysis.

Commissioner Parker suggested doing a minority report. It would be a subset.

Mike Herrin suggested that we manage our expectations. If the analysis comes out favorable, is there an expectation that the Forest Service would go with the analysis. What is this group's expectation, to fix the road or not fix the road?

Tim Coleman said you have to mitigate.

Mike Herrin said what if my analysis doesn't agree with your expectation?

Commissioner Parker said the other side of the coin is this should have been fixed 19 years ago. It is time to reestablish that road. We aren't asking with any expectations from us. We would like the road fixed and a proper job of NEPA.

Bill Way said it sounds like we aren't so far away from each other. This group is sending a recommendation letter to the Forest Service.

Mike Herrin said multiple decisions can come out of the analysis. Josh While can make a stand alone decision for the South Fork of Boulder. Then people can still discuss the analysis where more decisions can be made.

Merrill Ott asked if we set up a request for analysis for a portion of closure from old stage coach trail to stickpin, Bulldog would remain open. 500 road to 800 road to Deadman creek, the north half would have access at the South Fork of Boulder. Could we see the analysis with these caveats?

Tiana Luke said it depends on the analysis.

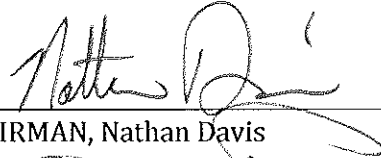
Josh White said he feels that they have a robust amount of information to make their analysis with. He said he would also be willing to set aside some time to look at maps to see if there is something else other than Albion hill we can do.

Stan Christie said the original intent is: are we going to fix South Fork of Boulder. It is not mine to give away. How can we trade that? There is a purpose and need to have that road redone.

Mike Herrin said even if everyone came to great agreement, we are going to listen to the rest of the public.

The next meeting is going to be November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

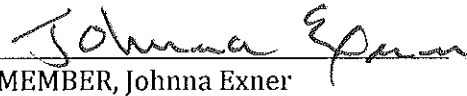
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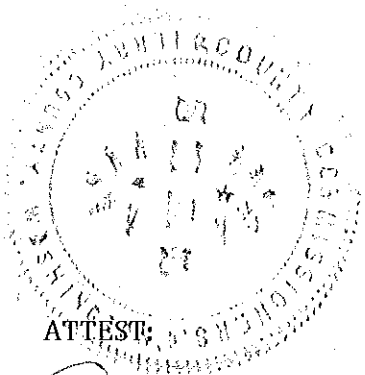
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