**LASSEN COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC. (LCFSC)**

**LCFSC DIAMOND MOUNTAIN INITIATIVE**

**WORKING GROUP MEETING**

Monday, April 6, 2015

5:30 PM

Susan River Fire Protection District

705-145 Hwy 395, Johnstonville, California

The LCFSC Diamond Mountain Initiative meeting was called to order at 5:24 pm on April 6, 2015 at the Susan River Fire Protection District Office, 705-145 Hwy 395, Johnstonville, California. Attendees were Hannah Tangeman, Don Hansen, Lorraine Forester-Hansen, Jim Barry, Dave Junette, Ryan Hilburn, Mark Shaffer, Terre Pearson-Ramirez, Bobette Jones, Karl Todd, Carol Keefer, Scott Rosikewicz, Tony Shaw, Lloyd Keefer, Dan Douglas, Tm Esgate, and Cathy Dirden.

1. Welcome and Introductions: LCFSC Managing Director Tom Esgate welcomed all and asked for introductions.
2. Planning Discussion – The location of the DM Motorway was confirmed; it runs under the USFS line. Bobette identified areas for mechanical commercial harvest but still needs a complete survey to include slope, access, aspen stands, etc.; it will not be limited. Group discussion on opportunities outside the area, hand work, thinning where mechanical work can’t be done. Karl Todd will have the BLM forester look at the 2 BLM units and email copies to all. Tom and Dave Hayes met to discuss the NEPA status; a Draft done by Ann Carlson was provided. The archeological survey indicates completion in some areas; Terre needs to analyze 900 data points; it requires 2 contiguous years of info. She’ll determine what else needs to be done. Eileen Carey, LCFSC contracted Environmental Specialist, led Tahoe Basin Forest NEPA Initiatives and is very capable of handling the details. One key person is preferred that can stay on task and won’t be pulled off for fires, etc. He hopes she can identify other types of contractors to assist pull together what’s needed for the budget during July-Sept. He hopes to have Eileen here in May to meet with the Group; it may cost more than $75,000. He’s hopeful Dave Hays can find other resources to assist. Tom would like to have a checklist of tasks; as good an assessment as possible. The Group discussed timber sales, saw logs, chips, match requirements; using the timber component to cover some costs of work; relocating/realigning roads. Terre will include timber areas identified and surveyed within the boundary. Bobette sees a great opportunity for Stewardship. A field trip will be scheduled in lieu of the next Group meeting. Terre suggested using a “doodle poll” to determine everyone’s availability in May. USFS may include experts in hydrology, wildlife, fuels, ecology and timber

1. Prescriptions Discussion – Ryan/Beaty plans to continue their current process; some area above the Motorway will need hand treatment under THP; some areas are CEQA cleared; and hand treatments may need to be finalized in the HLPZ area. Hannah stated HLVRCD put a grant app in next to Beaty property that is halfway completed. There are also private parcels in the area.
2. Treatment Funding Discussion:

Phase I – HLVRCD and LCFSC have CFSC grant applications in process that don’t require prior CEQA; it can be completed after the app is done.

Phase II – Project ready to go (shovel-ready?) – Mark Shaffer will check to see what private properties may make good candidates .

WWUI – LCFSC will do the application for the private lands.

RAC – Washington is in the process of funding the RAC (Secure Rural Schools), however no one is currently cleared to be a RAC member and it needs to have 15 members per RAC.

USFS Funds – Green House Gas projects – per Scott Rosikewicz, SRA funding may come up again.

1. Other – Cal Fire has funding for private land although funds must go through a non-profit organization. Bill Wickman/Plumas is a possible contact.

Beaty is in the process of learning about carbon/GHG calculation with one in-house expert.

Cal Fire – DM Motorway looks like the best location with regard to access and creating turnarounds. Concerns with roads washing out. These concerns will be discussed during the Field Trip. Mark Shaffer can identify routes and groups of people that previously allowed access.

1. Adjournment: The Group adjourned at 6:28 pm. The Field Trip dates and time will be announced once the doodle poll is completed. Cathy will email the link to all.