



Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council

August 6, 2020
Coeur d'Alene, ID

MEMBERS PRESENT

Knute Sandahl, ILRCC Chair, State Fire Marshal	Madeline David, Idaho Tree Farm Program
Mike Wolcott, ILRCC Vice-Chair, Association of Consulting Foresters	Lori Paul, Idaho Office of Emergency Management
Amanda Eagan, US Forest Service	Mauri Knott, Latah County
Bill Bosworth, Idaho Fish & Game	Robin Miller, The Nature Conservancy
Janet Valle, US Forest Service	Norris Boothe, Coeur d' Alene Tribe
Danny McBride, US Forest Service	Janet Funk, Idaho Tree Farm
Elaine Clegg, Association of Idaho Cities	Gerry Bates, Urban and Community Consultant
Jeff Handel, Nez Perce Tribe	Rita Chandler, USFS Fire & Aviation Management
Hannah Sanger, City of Pocatello	Gordon Sanders, Idaho Forest Owners Association
Frank Edelmann, Idaho Department of Fish & Game	

IDL STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT

Ara Andrea, Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief, IDL	Andrew Mock, GIS Analyst, IDL
Tyre Holfeltz, Fire Prevention & Risk Mitigation Program Manager, IDL	Jeff Lau, North Idaho Shared Stewardship Coordinator, IDL
Tom Eckberg, Forest Health Program Manager, IDL	Michael Beaudoin, Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager, IDL
Karen Neorr, Forest Legacy Program Specialist, IDL	Diana Rauschenbach, Data Coordinator, IDL
Craig Foss, Division Administrator, IDL	Corrie Ivey, Grants Project Coordinator, IDL



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At 8:37 a.m. the meeting began with Zoom protocol and etiquette tips along with roundtable introductions:

Knute Sandahl welcomed the group and announced he has been appointed to the Governor's Shared Stewardship Advisory Group.

Ara gave FAB/State of the Bureau overview. We have received our federal fiscal year 2020 State and Private Forestry grant awards that administratively fund our programs, as well as one awarded LSR grant, seven Western States Fire Managers grants, and eight Hazardous Fuels Reduction grants. Unofficially, we received word that we may be awarded a FEMA \$500K grant award. The grant application focuses on treatments on private grounds within our shared stewardship priority landscapes. Confirmation is expected in November. Additionally, we received equal or slightly higher funding for Forest Health, Forest Stewardship, Urban & Community Forestry, and Forest Legacy administrative funding through the Consolidated Payment Grants.

The ILRCC webpage is being updated, a new link and password will be sent to members in the near future. Several ILRCC members are retiring this year and there are several whose terms are expiring at the end of this year. Corrie Ivey has been reaching out to these members.

Idaho Department of Lands has just finished flying the position for a statewide Shared Stewardship coordinator position replacing duties previously contracted to Peg Polichio. This will be an IDL employee. We already have Jeff Lau, the Shared Stewardship Coordinator for north Idaho, and Lynn Oliver, the Shared Stewardship coordinator for south Idaho, working as Forest Service employees in our IDL offices. Next month, IDL hopes to hire two foresters who will be working 50/50 on Good Neighbor Authority and Shared Stewardship work, one to cover the north priority landscape and the other to cover the south.

Ara also informed the group of the quadrennial Forest Practices water audit currently in progress.

Craig Foss stated that the Governor's appointed Shared Stewardship Advisory Group met in Idaho last week. There are four committees within the Shared Stewardship Advisory Group: Principals Committee, Opportunities Committee, Metrics (KPIs) Committee and a Communications Committee. Curtis Elke, Idaho NRCS State Conservationist and Shared Stewardship Advisory Group member, has expressed interest in possibly partnering with us to assist us with staffing. IDL is currently in the process of



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developing an agreement with NRCS that would help fund the Statewide Coordinator as well as the two GNA/Shared Stewardship forester positions. The funds may be used across both federal and private lands.

Ara presented a mock version of the Forest Action Plan/Shared Stewardship ESRI Hub website and demonstrated its functions.

Karen Neorr gave a PowerPoint overview of the Forest Legacy Program projects and permanent reauthorization of the Great American Outdoors Act and explanation of \$900 million permanent allocation for the Land & Water Conservation Fund as well as increased Forest Legacy Program project funding. States now can submit \$20 million project grants (previously \$10 million). Since February 2020 IDL has closed on 5 conservation easements, all in Boundary County. This brings the total to 54 conservation easements covering over 100,000 acres.

Bill Bosworth from Idaho Forest Group introduced himself. ILRCC voted him on to the Forest Legacy Program Subcommittee in Gregg Servheen's vacant spot.

Tom Eckberg gave an overview of the 2020 revised Forest Action Plan Resource Assessment (which had already been sent out to this committee for review a couple of weeks prior). Amanda Egan asked about using newer than 2011 NLCD datasets. Tom Eckberg said that 2011 was the latest data available when development of the Resource Assessment began.

Tyre gave an overview of the Forest Action Plan Strategies document. Two new appendices were added, one on Shared Stewardship and an updated Forest Legacy appendix. Michael Beaudoin noted that he and Amanda Egan need to be added to Appendix C. Additionally, Michael Beaudoin and Amanda Egan would like UCF "Education" broken out from other programs in the goals of the Strategies. Elaine Clegg offered to review this draft and re-word it.

Craig stated the National Association of State Foresters has been working on State & Private Forestry program performance measures with Timmons group. Did we consider these things/datasets in our assessment? Craig requested that Tyre follow up with Lowell Ballard (Timmons) about his work with the western-states fire-reporting data. Janet Valle and Ara Andrea shared some cross-pollination that has occurred with the new Modernizing Forest Stewardship accomplishment metrics.



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Elaine Clegg discussed the importance of the Treasure Valley data showing the impacts of planting shade trees in the right locations, resulting in energy-cost reductions. Ara Andrea said we needed a solid dataset showing the correlation between strategic tree placement and resultant energy savings. Elaine will try to supply this. Tyre will include it in the Strategies document; maybe in an appendix.

Elaine moved to approve the document with newly proposed changes and potential additions. Robyn Miller seconded. All approved. All members gave thumbs-up.

Craig Foss gave recognition to exiting ILRCC members. Robyn Miller is moving into the Deputy Executive Director position at TNC. Janet Funk of ITFC, Gordon Sanders of IFOA and John DeGroot of the Nez Perce Tribe are stepping down at the end of the year. Knute Sandahl will be stepping down as Chair and will remain on as a member. Mike Wolcott will be the new Chair as of 2021.

Elaine Clegg moved to adjourn, and Janet Funk seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 PT.