

Notes from the Forest Stewardship Committee Meeting  
March 25, 2009  
Carson City, Elko, Las Vegas

This was the first time using video teleconference for the meeting. The feeling is that it worked well and will add Ely to the October meeting.

18 people attended the meeting

John Watermolen gave an over view of what has been happening with the Forest Stewardship Program since the last meeting.

Some of the highlights were:

- NDF has about \$28,000 to implement projects from a Forest Stewardship plan. There is a 75/25 cost share
- NDF monitored 13 completed projects in 2008 and will be monitoring 9 in 2009
- NDF and Nevada NRCS office are working on creating a cooperative funding agreement/MOU for forestry related projects in Nevada. This will allow landowners to apply for EQIP funding for forestry related projects. NRCS representatives mentioned that they currently don't have criteria to rank forestry related projects and are awaiting guidance from the national office. There is also a difference of forested land definition. NRCS uses 25% canopy cover as there definition and the USFS and NDF uses a 10% canopy cover or potential for forest lands. There may be further discussions on this.
- NDF presented and update on their State Wide Forest Resource Assessment- NDF has finished phase 2 (Input from the public and share holders) and starting phase 3 (NDF review of comments and other state assessments. NDF hopes to have the Assessment done by October 1, 2009. Some of the comments that were made - Washoe County is redoing their Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) which might want to be added. It was brought up regarding a soils data set to include arid land as a potential for forested lands. NRCS also mentioned that they would be will to help identify the most suitable soils to use as a soil layer in the GIS analysis.
- NDF announced that they were redesigning their web site and will have better information on all NDF projects

There was a short break and then John presented information about the Forest Legacy program and then group ranked the projects.

- Mentioned that Bowers Mansion ranked high enough to get some funding but would not know the amount until after October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Mentioned that the Ash Canyon Gateway is complete- Carson City has received the grant funds
- There was a power point summary of all three projects that were submitted-
  - A conservation easement for 270 off of Toll Road,
  - A fee title for 200 acres in Carson City
  - Phase 2 of the Bowers Mansion project

- The ranking process was somewhat confusing but people worked through it. The ranking criteria came from Idaho, and were modified to fit Nevada's program. The feed back on the ranking criteria is that it needs to be refined and made easier to understand.
- A suggestion was to make sure that maps are available- Note due to the crash of NDF's GIS server the files of the created maps was lost and weren't able to be recreated and finished in time for the meeting.
- Another suggestion was to have the project briefings on line about a month before the meeting, for people to review and then also have a Question and Answer period for the sponsors of the project to be able to address any issues related to the projects.

The attendees thought the meeting went well and liked the use of video conferencing.  
The next meeting will be in the fall of 2009